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(Captain Donovan T. Lickteig)

placing effective and damaging fire on it, killing one (1) Japanese Officer and six (6) men and damaging an enemy tankette. The remaining enemy later withdrew. Captain Lickteig's daring action, gallantry and fine leadership undoubtedly conserved many lives among the men of his organization and contributed substantially to the advance on, and capture of, the objective of the battalion--the town of Manaoag. Home address: Mr. John Lickteig, (father), Wesley, Iowa.

Second Lieutenant RALSTON D. MCKEE, (01712963), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Malasin, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 January 1945. At 2200 this date, an enemy force of one tank followed by three 90 mm guns opened fire on our position. The second round hit one of our trucks used as a prime mover for 57 AT gun which was loaded with 57 mm and small arms ammunition and set it ablaze, endangering the lives of approximately 30 men. The blaze silhouetted our entire position making movements visible to the enemy located but 250 yards to the front. Lieutenant McKee, realizing the danger to his men from exploding ammunition, accompanied by another, climbed onto the blazing truck, exposing himself to enemy machine gun fire, proceeded to unload all of the ammunition. About three minutes after the vehicle had been unloaded it burst into flames. Lieutenant McKee's daring action and utter disregard for his own safety undoubtedly precluded many casualties among his men. Home address: Mrs. June M. McKee, (wife), 1438 Hamo Place, Northeast, Mason City, Iowa.

Major JOHN T. WILCOX, (0414894), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Hill #355, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. In an infantry attack, supported by a platoon of tanks, against formidable enemy positions on Hill #355, our forces were subjected to heavy hostile mortar fire. Major Wilcox, Commanding Officer of the Second Battalion, continually exposed himself to enemy observation and fire with total disregard for his own personal safety to direct the tanks. Coordination between the tanks and infantry called for vigilant supervision and Major Wilcox, in the face of terrific enemy fire, maintained this contact personally. Major Wilcox's indomitable courage and devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to the Battalion's advance of approximately 600 yards overrunning an elaborate system of enemy fortifications. Home address: Mr. Thomas R. Wilcox, (father), 319 Wolcott Hill Road, Wetherfield, Connecticut.

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #43

ORIGINAL ORDER -

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.....276

4 June 1945.

AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant RAYMOND W. PARROTT, (20151447), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #35, 18 September 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND W. PARROTT, (20151447), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lottie Valley (mother), Alburg, Vermont.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Sergeant ARNOLD A. HOWARD, (34822217), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division as published in General Orders #138, 28 April 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Sergeant ARNOLD A. HOWARD, (34822217), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Opal H. Howard, (wife), Route # 2, Chickamauga, Georgia.

3. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class ROBERT W. CARVER, (42003497), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division as published in General Orders #63, 1 April 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class ROBERT W. CARVER, (42003497), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nora Carver (mother), 129 Glenwood Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey.

4. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class JAMES R. LECOUNTÉ, (38064984), Infantry, by Headquarters 31st Station Hospital, APO 502, as published in General Orders #1, 4 September 1943, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class JAMES R. LECOUNTÉ, (38064984), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bossie L. LeCounte, (mother), Route #1, Renfrow, Oklahoma.

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5. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class HERBERT C. LESTER, (35363850), Infantry, by Headquarters XIV Corps, APO 453, as published in General Orders #105, 2 August 1943, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of DA 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class HERBERT C. LESTER, (35363850), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Kay Ban Ban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Lester (mother), Route #4, Bloomington, Indiana.

6. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class ALEXANDER G. MARTINEZ, (38351924), Infantry, by Headquarters 54th General Hospital, APO 565, as published in General Orders #9, 24 February 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of DA 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

*Revoked by 50721 25 Sept 1945*  
~~\* Private First Class ALEXANDER G. MARTINEZ, (38351924), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Kay Ban Ban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Victoria G. Martinez, (mother), Serrillos, New Mexico.~~

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.... 275

ORIGINAL ORDER

4 June 1945

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Sergeant FERRY J. BERNAS (36622941), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 1 March 1945 to 14 May 1945. After the initial phase of the operation, Sergeant Bernas was appointed Chief of Section of a 105-mm howitzer, M-7, serving as an M-7 gunner. In this capacity, he led his self-propelled mount and gun crew in a vigorous manner. On several occasions he engaged the enemy in caves and pillboxes at almost point-blank range, and in one particular instance he knocked out a Jap 105-mm gun while the Jap crew was in the act of loading the piece to fire on our infantry as well as Sergeant Bernas' M-7 gun which was in plain sight of the Japs. Sergeant Bernas, by his vigorous leadership, has been an inspiration to all the men with him, and had imbued in them a confidence to follow him. Home address: Mrs. Antoinette Bernas (mother), 1830 Wisconsin Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant KENNETH CROWLEY (31024204), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Hill 805, near Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 May 1945. Sergeant Crowley and a five-man patrol had a mission to combat five Japs previously reported in the vicinity of his company's area. As the patrol approached the enemy, a 75-mm Jap field gun was detected in a well-fortified position. Sergeant Crowley then received orders from the platoon leader to maneuver to the rear of the gun and attack the position. With total disregard for his personal safety he and his crew moved to the gun, killed the entire Jap crew and destroyed the field gun. The destruction of this gun contributed immensely to the success of the immediate operation, particularly because of its position in the rear of friendly lines where it could have inflicted heavy casualties had it not been for the courageous action of Sergeant Crowley and the combat patrol. Home address: Mr. Ernest Crowley (father), Atlantic Highway, Wells, Maine.

Corporal JOHN N. DEPUE (36622310), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 14 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. May DePue (mother), 624 Pacific Street, Bakersfield, California.

Corporal DANIEL B. HORNBAC (37724386), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 9 January 1945 to 14 May 1945. Corporal Hornback, a new replacement as a 105-mm howitzer gunner, adapted himself immediately to his new situation, took hold of his new job and performed his duties in a superior manner. On one occasion, a Jap 105-mm

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gun was reported firing into our forward supply lines. While the enemy gun continued to fire, Corporal Hornback's M-7 gun was brought up into position, in plain sight of the enemy gun crew, and Corporal Hornback engaged the target. The speed with which he engaged his target enabled him to fire the first round before the enemy had time to fire back. Corporal Hornback's first round was a direct hit on the enemy gun which silenced it. On other occasions, Corporal Hornback has engaged targets with speed and accuracy and has greatly assisted the advance of the infantry. Home address: Mrs. Glad Emma Detar (mother), 1202 Spruce, Coffeyville, Kansas.

Technician Grade V HAROLD W. HOWDENES (37464285), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 9 January 1945 to 14 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lois M. Howdenes (wife), 212 South Prairie Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Second Lieutenant ROLAND A. LE CLERC (O-2007484), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Hill 805, near Igo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 11 May 1945. Lieutenant LeClerc led a five-man patrol with a mission to combat five Japs previously reported in the vicinity of his company's area. As the patrol approached the enemy, a 75-mm Jap field gun was detected in a well-fortified position. Lieutenant LeClerc chose to maneuver his patrol to the rear of the gun and attack the position. With total disregard for his personal safety he led his crew around to the gun, killed the entire Jap crew and destroyed the field gun. The destruction of this gun contributed immensely to the success of the immediate operation, particularly because of its position in the rear of friendly lines where it could have inflicted heavy casualties had it not been for the courageous action of Lieutenant LeClerc and his combat patrol. Mrs. Alphonsine LeClerc (mother), 10 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Augusta, Maine.

First Lieutenant CLINTON F. LEE (O-1291840), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 14 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nona Lee (mother), Shullsburg, Wisconsin.

Captain KEITH T. MURRAY (O-568 459), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea and at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 17 December 1944 to 7 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Keith Murray (wife), General Delivery, Montpelier, Vermont.

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #13

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.....274

4 June 1945.

SECTION I - - AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS #65.  
SECTION II - AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL  
SECTION III - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. So much of Paragraph 1, General Orders #65, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, dated 2 April 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class ARVEL J. WILLIAMS, (37521748), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

SECTION II

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named Officer and Enlisted Men:

Sergeant JAMES (NAN) ARMELLO, (31022914), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Lawrence Armello, (father), 11 Cherry Street, Middletown, Connecticut.

Sergeant ROLAND E. LANCASTER JR., (20147164), Field Artillery, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Posorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Della Lancaster, (wife), RFD #7, Bangor, Maine.

Private FREDERICK W. MEYER, (36315687), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Munda, New Georgia, Solomon Islands on 27 July 1943. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Meyer, (wife), 1320 North Central Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private WADE L. MORTON, (38604492), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Luna, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Laura D. Morton, (mother), Star Route, Tarzan, Texas.

First Sergeant HAROLD J. PATTERSON, (20143964), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Luna, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Reba L. Patterson, (wife), 421 Curran Avenue, Brookhaven, Mississippi.

First Lieutenant JOHN R. RAVKA, (O-464672), Field Artillery, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Posorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth M. Ravka, (wife), East River, Oswego, New York.

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Technician Grade IV JULIUS P. PETRIE, (37163625), Field Artillery, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at San Jacinto, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Julia Petrik, (mother), 3803 Potomac Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Private MURRAY A. STEIN, (33596856), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bolac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 May 1945. Home address: Mr. George Stein, (father), 5743 Virginian Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Technician Grade V LAWRENCE J. SUTTON, (20146494), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at San Fabian, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Julia O. Sutton, (mother), 16 Pleasant Street, Bangor, Maine.

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Private First Class ARVEL J. WILLIAMS, (37621748), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bobonan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Imb Williams, (mother), Hayti, Missouri.

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Private JOSEPH F. WILLINGS, JR., (38650290), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Apo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Betty Lou Willings, (wife), Star Route, Seymour, Texas.

SECTION III

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1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class ARVEL J. WILLIAMS, (37621748), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in Section II, General Orders #274, 4 June 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class ARVEL J. WILLIAMS, (37621748), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Imb Williams, (mother), Hayti, Missouri.

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 702

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.... 273

3 June 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER 4

SECTION I - AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR  
SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 5, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Sergeant RUSSELL E. FITZGERALD (31022797), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea and at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 1 August 1944 to 10 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Reynolds (aunt), 843 Montank Avenue, New London, Connecticut.

First Lieutenant JOHN J. HIGGINS (O-2043076), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 March 1945. In a fierce attack on enemy strong positions, Lieutenant Higgins' company succeeded in securing a foothold on a high cliff far in advance of the battalion. As a result of this advance the supply line to the company was unprotected and subject to enemy attack. Aware of this, Lieutenant Higgins, supply officer of the battalion, organized and personally led a supply party of native carriers to bring much-needed supplies to the company and evacuate the wounded. Approximately one-third of the way an enemy force attacked and disorganized the carrying party. Quickly, Lieutenant Higgins led four of his best men down through a deep ravine and destroyed the trail block, killing four Japs and capturing their rifles and ammunition. After reorganizing his party he continued on his mission and successfully delivered the supplies and made a return trip evacuating several wounded men. It was because of Lieutenant Higgins' quickness of thought, splendid leadership and intrepidity that the hazardous mission was successfully accomplished. Home address: Mrs. Amelia V. Higgins (wife), 43 Devens Street, New Britain, Conn.

Private First Class JAMES W. RIDDLES (34100886), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 May 1945. Private Riddles' company had driven approximately one company of Japs out of a recently prepared bivouac and was searching out the position when the company was attacked by intense enemy machinegun fire. Inasmuch as the company had no time to establish a defense, Private Riddles, in his alertness and aggressiveness, and without orders, moved his light machine gun without tripod to the crest of the hill and, while holding the gun in his hands, placed heavy fire on the attacking enemy and repulsed the attack with only one casualty to his company. Private Riddles' brave act undoubtedly saved his company a number of probable casualties and aided in setting up a formidable defense. Home address: Mrs. James W. Riddles (mother), Route #1, Tunnel Hill, Georgia.

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Staff Sergeant LEO N. SWEENEY (20134811), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea and at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 August 1944 to 19 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rose A. Sweeney (mother), 263 Lake Street, Saint Albans, Vermont.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant CEYLON J. PRESCOTT (20151301), Signal Corps, by this headquarters, as published in General Orders #21, dated 11 May 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant CEYLON J. PRESCOTT (20151301), Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Sergeant Prescott, in charge of a wire crew, had just completed laying two circuits across country by hand to the regimental switchboard and was returning to his company when he and his crew were pinned down for one hour by Jap tank fire. During the day his crew was pinned down four times by Jap artillery fire. It had become known to Sergeant Prescott that casualties had been left lying in the open, on the ground, by stretcher bearers who had been carrying them. Immediately, and without regard for his own safety, while enemy shells were still falling, he loaded the stretchers on to Jeeps and had them removed to safety. Because of this brave act by Sergeant Prescott, the lives of several men were saved from possible death in the exposed area. Home address: Mrs. Ramona Prescott (wife), 7 Highland Street, Whitefield, New Hampshire.

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HEADQUARTERS 43d INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.... 272

ORIGINAL ORDER # 272

3 June 1945

SECTION I ---AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART  
SECTION II---AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named recipients:

First Sergeant DONALD T. BISSON, (20145600), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hattie Bisson, (mother), 21 Court Street, Snowhegan, Maine.

Staff Sergeant OLIVER J. CESA, (33270691), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bolac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rosinia Cesa, (mother), Box #52, Kersy, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class WILFORD A. CRAWFORD, (38470028), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Betty Crawford, (wife), Box 244, El Centro, California.

Private First Class JOHN T. HARRIS, (36746716), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Fox Ridge, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Stanley Harris, (father), 18 Otsewa Street, Plainfield, Illinois.

Private First Class MORRIS R. JAMES, (38669093), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Connie James (wife), Box 665, Hampton, Arkansas.

Private First Class LOUIS W. MAGRAMES, (35556752), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen E. Magrames, (mother), 408 West 8th. Street, Mishawaka, Indiana.

Private First Class RAYMOND F. McGRATH, (13097613), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary McGrath, (mother), 623 Sanderson Street, Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class FRANKIE J. MORRIS, (39477873), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eva Morris, (wife), c/o Bill Fortly, Wesola, Missouri.

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Staff Sergeant ARTHUR THOMPSON, (20152624), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Lincayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret A. Thompson, (mother), 10 Avenue "B", Riverside, Rhode Island.

Staff Sergeant ROLD G. THOMPSON, (36201618), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Bolac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Reva E. Thompson, (wife), 509 Plum Street, Newton, Kansas.

Sergeant WILLIAM G. VOSBURGH, (36873673), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Marle J. Vosburgh, (father), 2117 Francis Avenue, Flint, Michigan.

Private First Class VERNON WELCH, (34634969), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action in the vicinity of Bolac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Annie S. Welch, (mother), Route #1, Winona, Mississippi.

AMEND. BY GO #444 *July 14, 1945* SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to First Lieutenant THEODORE A. TESTER, (O-1308831), Infantry, by Headquarters ~~43d Infantry Division~~ ~~as published in General Orders #222, 2~~ ~~18 May 1945~~, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant THEODORE A. TESTER, (O-1308831), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emily G. Tester, (wife), Box 163, Sunnyside, Washington.

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION

APO #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
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ORIGINAL ORDER # 42

3 June 1945

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Captain ROBERT A. BRUCE (O-354729), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea and at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 20 December 1944 to 10 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Winona Bruce (wife), Saffell, Arkansas.

Private First Class ANDREW P. CRUM (37382556), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 15 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Gilos Bomer Crum (father), Mexico, Missouri.

*Rev. by G.O. # 289-7 June 45*  
~~Private First Class LIONEL R. OUELLETTE (31027591), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 May 1945. Private Ouellette led the advance of his platoon through enemy territory in the jungle as first scout in the vicinity of the dam. Upon locating an enemy bivouac area he successfully and surprisingly led his platoon to within thirty yards of the bivouac area. When the platoon was in position to attack, Private Ouellette opened fire on the enemy, killing two. After a brief engagement the platoon succeeded in driving the enemy from the bivouac area. On numerous occasions, Private Ouellette, as first scout, led the company into surprising attacks on the enemy during the recent campaign. Private Ouellette performed his duties with enthusiasm and bravery, skillfully applying the element of surprise to beat the enemy, and his actions were both inspiring and encouraging to the men with whom he served. Home address: Mr. Andre Ouellette (father), 937 Sabattus Street, Lewiston, Maine.~~

First Lieutenant JOSEPH VALDES (O-1307143), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 11 April 1945. As ammunition and pioneer officer of an infantry battalion, Lieutenant Valdes constantly provided the troops with an adequate supply of munitions. During the operations, the battalion was frequently deep in enemy territory, with its companies widely separated. The supply lines often passed through unprotected areas and were subject to frequent ambush by Jap patrols. In spite of these difficulties and the frequent lack of communications, Lieutenant Valdes made daily contact with each of the companies and filled all ammunition requirements. His excellent judgment in anticipating the need for critical items was, to a large extent, responsible for the success of the battalion's missions. The initiative and

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devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Valdes were an inspiration to the officers and men of the battalion. Home address: Mrs. Katherine D. Valdes (wife), 9 East 28th Street, Bayonne, New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM D. WHITLEG (34231822), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bigti, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. A platoon of an antitank company was ordered to establish a road block which, after it was completed, became subject to heavy enemy artillery fire. The intensity of the fire was so great that it was necessary for the platoon to move to another position. Sergeant Whitleg, platoon sergeant, without regard for his personal safety, exposed himself to the heavy fire in order to properly supervise the movement. When the movement was completed, Sergeant Whitleg not only made three trips under the heavy fire to the platoon's former position to treat and help evacuate the wounded, but was also instrumental in removing his antitank guns and equipment to safety. The devotion to duty and courage displayed by Sergeant Whitleg reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Eva Whitleg (mother), General Delivery, Bionville, Louisiana.

First Lieutenant THOMAS B. WORK (O-1292628), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 8 April 1945. With a firm determination to hold some high ground recently seized from the enemy, one rifle company was ordered to the rear to open the route of evacuation and supply, thereby weakening the holding force on the high ground. Lieutenant Work, S-2 of a battalion, exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, and moved around the perimeter to supervise the readjustment of the perimeter. His organization of the depleted forces enabled the battalion to repel two strong enemy counterattacks during the ensuing night with heavy losses to the enemy. The devotion to duty and coolness under fire displayed by Lieutenant Work reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Robert P. Work (father), Dixon, Tennessee.

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AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class MARVIN E. FLOYD, (34577818), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. Home address: Mr. John W. Floyd, (father), Route #1, Ripley, Tennessee.

Sergeant BUFORD E. GRIFFIN, (6925571), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Frances I. Griffin, (wife), Monroe, North Carolina.

Private ROBERT L. JONES, (44012411), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Kay Ban Ban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Fannie Hedgpeth Jones, (mother), Route #1, Nashville, North Carolina.

Private SEYMOUR P. LENCOFSKY, (33691224), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Lencofsky, (mother), 636 West Grant Avenue, Duquesne, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class HORST L. LUDWIG, (37567323), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emma M. Ludwig, (mother), Estelline, South Dakota.

Private JAMES E. MCPHERSON, (34969643), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Kay Ban Ban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Geneva H. McPherson, (wife), General Delivery, Roseboro, North Carolina.

Private First Class CARMEN S. OVERSTREET, (34286965), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Willie A. Overstreet, (mother), 2513 Finley Street, Nashville, Tennessee.

Private ROBERT E. NORRIS, (35817796), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Amanda C. Norris, (mother), 756 Contra Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT L. RICHARDS, (32597748), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Miriam Richards, (mother), 534 Beveridge Road, Ridgewood, New Jersey.

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Private First Class ANONIO (HEN) SANDOVAL, (38458907), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Kay Ban Ban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Pauline H. Sandoval, (mother), General Delivery, Seguin, Texas.

Private First Class ADRIAN S. SEBASTIAN, (38508412), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lula Sebastian, (mother), Route #1, Brinkley, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE D. SMITH, JR., (10113039), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Dewey G. Smith, Father, 230 Seventh Street, Chester, Pennsylvania.

Corporal RUSSEL M. TIMMONS, (36447005), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Shirley Timmons, (wife), 408 Callender Avenue, Peoria, Illinois.

Private First Class JOSEPH F. VENUS, (36299173), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hermina Venus, (mother), 3529 Plankington Avenue, Cudahy, Wisconsin.

Private First Class HAROLD R. WEAVER, (36445063), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Weaver, (mother), 1132 East Cedar Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Private First Class CHARLES L. WOOD, (32857806), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emma Wood, (mother), RST #1, Heuvelton, New York.

Staff Sergeant WELTON B. WOODARD, (20812214), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Benjamin W. Woodard, (father), Route #3, Quitman, Texas.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 42, WD, 1918), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Technician Grade V NORMAN D. ABRAMS (39292033), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Hill 600, Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. The attack on Hill 600 by Corporal Abrams' company resulted in many casualties who had to be evacuated immediately. Corporal Abrams, of his own volition, assisted in evacuating wounded across two ridges to a gully where an ambulance waited to take them to the aid station. Although unarmed, and with total disregard for his life, Corporal Abrams voluntarily made two trips through heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, in spite of the fact that during the fire fight which was still in progress, one officer and two enlisted men were killed and many more wounded. The courage and determination of Corporal Abrams were undoubtedly instrumental in saving the lives of some of his comrades. Home address: Mr. Harold Abrams (father), 6666 Reseda Boulevard, Reseda, California.

Staff Sergeant FREDERICK A. BREEN (31020249), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Hill 900, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 January 1945. Given the mission of building a line on Hill 900, Sergeant Breen's platoon found itself on a hill covered with enemy barbed wire entanglements. At this point a man became a casualty from a sniper bullet. Sergeant Breen, the platoon guide, immediately went to the rescue of the wounded man and attempted to cut him loose from the entanglement. Due to the heavy sniper fire which was now directed at him, with a bullet passing through his canteen and another hitting the buckle of his cartridge belt, Sergeant Breen was forced to leave. In another attempt Sergeant Breen succeeded in reaching the wounded man under a hail of bullets and brought him to cover only to discover that the man was no longer alive. Sergeant Breen's heroic act in boldly braving the intense enemy fire and placing the life of his comrade above his own, exemplifies the highest standards of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Thressa Berry (sister), 89 Currier Street, Barre, Vermont.

First Lieutenant LEWIS E. EWERS (O-888264), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Sacobia Ridge, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. Lieutenant Ewers' company was giving supporting fire to the battalion in its attack on strong enemy positions. One platoon, situated on a bare knob, was under constant enemy machine gun fire, followed by a barrage of mortar fire. As a result, our men were ordered to seek more tenable positions, leaving behind three wounded men. Lieutenant Ewers, Executive Officer, unhesitatingly responded to a call for volunteers to evacuate the wounded men and, with the aid of three men, moved across one hundred yards of open ground in line of enemy machine gun fire and evacuated one casualty. He then returned with another litter and evacuated the second casualty, repeating the same procedure to

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evacuate the remaining casualty. Each time Lieutenant Ewers crossed the open ground he was fired upon by the enemy but miraculously escaped uninjured. By volunteering for a dangerous mission and the courage with which he completed it was an inspiration to all the men in Lieutenant Ewers' company. Home address: Mrs. Myrno Ewers (wife), Soldier's Grove, Wisconsin.

Technician Grade V HAROLD NMI LINNELL (20129204), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. A platoon of the Antitank Company supported the infantry in establishing a road block at the road junction of a highway. These positions were under constant enemy surveillance and artillery fire from enemy positions in the nearby hills. In the fire fight that ensued, the squad leader and a gunner of an antitank gun were wounded. Corporal Linnell, ammunition bearer, without regard for his safety, exposed himself to enemy fire and manned the antitank gun until the enemy attack was repulsed. In spite of the wounds received in the fight he drove three trucks onto the road, supervised the loading of casualties and drove one truck loaded with casualties to the rear. During all this time he was exposed to heavy enemy fire. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Linnell aided substantially in frustrating the enemy attempt to penetrate the perimeter, and undoubtedly saved the lives of several seriously wounded men. Home address: Mrs. Tholma L. Linnell (wife), 2813 Main Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut.

Corporal CARROLL J. SOUCIE (20147197), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of San Jacinto, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 January 1945. The leading wave of an infantry company was pinned down in an open rice field by well-directed fire from several Jap 75-mm guns. It was necessary to destroy the guns in order to allow the infantry to advance. Corporal Soucie, a member of a forward observer party, realizing the need of radio communications with fire direction, set up his radio in a forward observation post. Exposing himself without regard for his own safety, he successfully established radio communications. During all this time he worked under extreme pressure and heavy enemy artillery fire directed at him. Several rounds burst along the path which he was pursuing and one round, which burst only ten feet away, killed his assistant. Corporal Soucie's act of heroism was unquestionably instrumental in the success of the advancing infantry, and the radio communications established by him enabled the officer with him to silence one enemy gun by our artillery fire. Home address: Dorothy M. Soucie (sister), 29 Kings Court, South Brewer, Maine.

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SECTION I - AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL  
SECTION II- AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART (PAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class RAYMOND D. ACREY, (34397944), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mona Vann Acrey, (mother), Route #1, Cedar Bluff, Alabama.

Private First Class LEVI C. BARNES (37532700), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Guy E. Barnes, (father), 1503 North Kansas, Springfield, Missouri.

Private First Class FRANK V. BOOTH, (33439755), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude Booth, (mother), Box 51A, RFD #1, Clararton, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class THOMAS NMM DISNEY (35084413), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ella Disney, (mother), 447 Bank Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Private FRANK (NMM) DUBLA, (37596220), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Dubla, (mother), Route #1, Box 482A, Duluth, Minnesota.

Private HAROLD J. DWYER, (42144666), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret P. Dwyer, (wife), 102 Maple Street, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Private First Class NORMAN L. ERICKSON, (20947174), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Evelyn I. Erickson, (wife), Star Route, Bonner's Ferry, Idaho.

Sergeant LOUIS B. O'CONNELL, (20145123), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Vanguu, New Georgia, Solomon Islands on 4 July 1943. Home address: Mrs. Mary O'Connell, (mother), 127 First Street, Lewiston, Maine.

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SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant RUDOLPH J. CHAMPAGNE, (20144790), (then Private First Class), Infantry, by Headquarters XIV Corps, APO #453, as published in General Orders #104, 1 August 1943, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant RUDOLPH J. CHAMPAGNE, (20144790), (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Adolph Champagne, (father), 65 Mt Vernon Avenue, Augusta, Maine.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant RUDOLPH J. CHAMPAGNE, (20144790), (then Private First Class), Infantry, by Headquarters XIV Corps, APO #453, as published in General Orders #104, 1 August 1943, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant RUDOLPH J. CHAMPAGNE, (20144790), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Adolph Champagne, (father), 29 Mt Vernon Avenue, Augusta, Maine.

3. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant NORMAN F. NEWCOMBE, (20145756), (then Sergeant), Infantry, by Headquarters XIV Corps, APO #453, as published in General Orders #105, Paragraph 1, 23 July 1943, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant NORMAN F. NEWCOMBE, (20145756), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bobonan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Pearl H. Newcombe, (mother), 47 Spring Street, Gardiner, Maine.

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SECTION I--AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL  
SECTION II-AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class PAUL P. BELANGER, (20144659), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Home address: Mr. George Belanger, (father), PO Box 377, Sanford, Maine.

Private WILLIAM C. DIXON, (36693735), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Dixon, (mother), 1510 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class GEORGE W. MC QUEEN, (34807825), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ella K. McQueen, (mother), 5501 Avenue K, Central Park, Birmingham, Alabama.

Private First Class ANTHONY (TONY) REMBISZ, JR., (52328191), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Anthony Rembisz, (father), 1 Reid Street, South River, New Jersey.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private WILLIAM C. DIXON, (36693735), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #267, Section I, 2 June 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private WILLIAM C. DIXON, (36693735), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Dixon, (mother), 1510 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private WILLIAM C. DIXON, (36693735), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #267, Section I, 2 June 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45 as amended. The citation is as follows:

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Private WILLIAM C. DIXON, (36693735), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Kay Ban Ban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Dixon, (mother), 1510 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois.

3. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class GEORGE W. MC QUEEN, (34807825), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in Section I, General Orders #267, 2 June 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class GEORGE W. MC QUEEN, (34807825), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Tacbihan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ella K. McQueen, (mother), 5301 Avenue K, General Park, Birmingham, Alabama.

4. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class ANTHONY (MAM) REMBISZ, JR., (32323191), by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in Section I, General Orders #267, 2 June 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class ANTHONY (MAM) REMBISZ, JR., (32323191), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Tacbihan, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Anthony F. Rembisz, (father), 1 Reid Street, South River, New Jersey.

5. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class ANTHONY (MAM) REMBISZ, JR., (32323191), by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in Section I, General Orders #267, 2 June 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class ANTHONY (MAM) REMBISZ, JR., (32323191), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Anthony F. Rembisz, (father), 1 Reid Street, South River, New Jersey.

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SECTION I - AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR  
SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private First-Class LEE M. BILLINGS (20144292), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 6 May 1945. As driver and messenger for the regimental message center during this entire period, Private Billings performed outstanding duty. He volunteered to drive almost continuously from dawn to dark in maintaining courier service with the battalions which had been scattered over great distances. Though fired upon by enemy snipers and driving through enemy artillery fire to get through to the battalions, Private Billings never hesitated in his task and always performed this duty in a most exemplary manner. Private Billings' above superior performance of duty was a major factor in the rapid distribution of vital orders, maps and instructions to subordinate elements, and aided substantially in the efficient operation of the regiment. Home address: Mr. Harry S. Billings (father), Bryants Pond, Maine.

Sergeant GLENN E. BRIGGS (31001994), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 4 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Chester A. Briggs (father), New Haven, Vermont.

Captain FRANK W. BURNS (O-332896), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of San Fabian, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 February 1945. Captain Burns was artillery liaison officer working with an infantry regiment almost during this entire period. Being at the front lines almost all this time, he frequently conducted artillery fire and performed his duties in an above superior manner. On one occasion the regimental command post and the field artillery battalion command post were being heavily shelled by Jap 75-mm guns. Captain Burns, who could hear the Jap shells pass overhead, and in spite of being exposed to enemy small arms and mortar fire at great risk to his life, radioed "Pistol Pete on the way". Due largely to this warning the Fire Direction Center was able to function in partial safety and enabled to silence the enemy guns approximately one-half hour later. It is highly probable that Captain Burns' action saved several lives in the two command posts. Home address: Mrs. Frank W. Burns (wife), Center Street, Fort Fairfield, Maine.

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Corporal CLARENCE A. McLEOD (20146998), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lumban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. Corporal McLeod advanced with a point consisting of eight men and five officers, whose mission was to prevent the enemy from destroying a vitally important bridge, the destruction of which would have impeded operations for days. It was essential to the success of the men that this bridge be saved as the river which it spanned was too deep to ford and its banks unsuited for a pontoon structure. When the point reached the bridge the enemy attacked with heavy small-arms fire. Corporal McLeod, sensing the critical situation, dashed forward with utter disregard for his own safety, and from an exposed position engaged the oncoming Japs in a fire fight. He personally killed one Jap and had in other instances killed three more. Corporal McLeod's heroic act inspired the other men so greatly that they soon disposed of the Japs from the vicinity of the bridge, thereby making it secure. A search of the bridge revealed that the enemy prepared it for demolition. Corporal McLeod's act of heroism contributed immensely to the saving of the bridge. Home address: Mr. Edmund H. McLeod (father), 5 Elm Street, Old Town, Maine.

SECTION II


1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant DANIEL J. KEARNS (20125585), Signal Corps, by this headquarters, as published in General Orders #21, dated 11 May 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant DANIEL J. KEARNS (20125585), Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 13 February 1945. Sergeant Kearns was in charge of a wire laying team, and during this period his duty was to lay circuits from Division to an infantry regiment. Under his command he had twelve men with two vehicles and it was always his responsibility to extend the lines when the regiment moved. He often performed his task under enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire. There were times when Sergeant Kearns, in repairing broken lines, was pinned down again and again but continued his work with the greatest determination. Due to Sergeant Kearns' superior work, communications were always open. Home address: Mrs. Cora Kearns (mother), 15 Spruce Avenue, Cranston, Rhode, Island.

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.....265

ORIGINAL ORDER

2 June 1945.

AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Corporal TOMMIE D. GLENN, (18018503), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 May 1945. Home address: Mr. George W. Glenn, (father), Route #2, Tahoka, Texas.

Private First Class WALKER W. GRIFFIN, (34635243), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bolao, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Era M. Griffin, (mother), Route #3, Houston, Mississippi.

Technician Grade V WALLACE C. HALEY, (38278487), Field Artillery, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Will Haley, (mother), Gatesville, Texas.

Private First Class POLIE G. HOLDER, (34788548), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bolao, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Inez Holder, (wife), RFD #1, Box 125, Trenton, Florida.

Private DEWEY F. HOWARD, (39730043), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bolao, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bernice N. Howard, (wife), Post Office Box 305, McFarland, California.

Private MICHAEL O. KREBS, (39469079), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 January 1945. Home address: Mr. John J. Krebs, (father), White Bird, Idaho.

Corporal HOWARD S. MALLET, (31256655), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise Mallet, (mother), 58 Arthur Avenue, Athol, Massachusetts.

Sergeant ALEXANDER (NMI) MARDOVIN, (35356061), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ilo Alava, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Mardovin, (Mother), 2245 West 45th Street, Gary, Indiana.

Corporal GLEN T. MILDENHALL, (39918112), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bolao, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lillah Nicholas Olsen, (Mother), 74 South 50th West, Provo, Utah.

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Private First Class WILLARD L. MOTT, (37314217), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Taciban Hill, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Elmer Mott, (father), Browning, Montana.

Private HANS (NMN) PETERSON, JR., (37748440), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bolac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Peterson, (wife), Route #3, Grand Island, Nebraska.

Private JULIEN J. FREMEAUX, JR., (6269779), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Saobia Ridge, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jean V. Fremaux, (wife), 437 East 19th Street, Port Arthur, Texas.

Private WILLIAM A. RAWN, (37777127), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bolac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Rawn, (mother), Box #203, B.H.O.D., Igloo, South Dakota.

Private ROBERT N. SLEDZ, (15127316), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Norzagray, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edna M. Sledz, (mother), 351 East 214th Street, Euclid, Ohio.

Private First Class IRVIN F. SPOONER, (38407638), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bolac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Irwin Nester Spooner, (father), Route #1, Box 280, Prague, Oklahoma.

*Revoked by 20675 18 Sept 1945*  
\* ~~Private First Class STANLEY J. SZYMANSKI, (13059454), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hellen Szymanski, (mother), 514 Cato Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.~~

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.....264

ORIGINAL ORDER

1 June 1945.

SECTION I - - AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS #200, #206, & #230.  
SECTION II - AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL  
SECTION III - AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART (CAM-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. So much of Paragraph 1, Section II, General Orders #200, this Headquarters, dated 17 May 1945, pertaining to the award of the Bronze Cam-Leaf Cluster to Staff Sergeant KENNETH A. KAJIENBERG, (31024396), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

2. So much of Paragraph 1, General Orders #206, this Headquarters, dated 18 May 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class Q. T. PRUITT, (37257144), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

3. So much of Paragraph 3, Section II, General Orders #230, this Headquarters, dated 22 May 1945, pertaining to the award of the Bronze Cam-Leaf Cluster to Private JAMES R. JOHNSON, (34773252), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

SECTION II

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class Q. T. PRUITT, (37257144), (then Private), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Rendova, New Georgia, Solomon Islands on 2 July 1943. Home address: Mr. William D. Pruitt, (father), Amorel, Arkansas.

Private First Class GEORGE E. FLETCHER, (36747054), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Flora Fletcher, (mother), 618 Springfield Street, Paris, Illinois.

*Rev. by Ho 443 - July 7, 1945*  
\* Private First Class WENWAY G. GROS, (28495277), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Aline Gros, (mother), 220 Louisiana Avenue, Westwego, Louisiana.

*award returned by Ho 429 4/3/45*  
\* Private BLIAS J. HALL, (37975311), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Rigi, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alma Hall, (mother), Elkport, Iowa.

*Rev. by Ho 443 - July 7, 1945*  
\* Private RAYFIELD L. HECHT, (6489796), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bamban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Genevieve Hecht, (wife), 421 North Church Street, Gibson City, Illinois.

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Private First Class DAVID LOREDO, (38540107), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bambang, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Loreda, (mother), 3705 Eddie Street, Houston, Texas.

Private WELMUT L. LOUIS, (39587157), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bambang, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Barbara M. Louis, (mother), Box #5, Wiggins, Texas.

SECTION III

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class Q. T. FRUITT, (37257144), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in Section II, General Orders #264, 1 June 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class Q. T. FRUITT, (37257144), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Concepcion, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. Home address: Mr. William D. Fruitt, (father), Armorel, Arkansas.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class ALBERT C. BRAUN, (19179180), Infantry, by Headquarters XIV Corps, as published in General Orders #98, 1943 series, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class ALBERT C. BRAUN, (19179180), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Poseric, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gladys Braun, (mother), 3200 South Hoover Street, Los Angeles, California.

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION

APD #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.... 263

1 June 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 5, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class TOT E. JOHNSON (39575357), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Palacpalac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. The enemy succeeded in breaking through the perimeter line of Private Johnson's company and had occupied the foxholes previously occupied by an 81-mm mortar platoon. From these positions the enemy was able to pin down the infantry with grenades, rifles and machine guns. Private Johnson, without orders, volunteered with five others to rout the enemy from these positions. The party reached the enemy positions, killed eight Japs and captured two light machine guns. Due to the brave and voluntary action of Private Johnson and the other five men, the infantry battalion was able to successfully reorganize its perimeter and evacuate the wounded. Home address: Mrs. Isah Fayo Johnson (wife), 1158 Clay Street, Redlands, California.

Private First Class JOSEPH P. KELLY (39209270), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Palacpalac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. The enemy succeeded in breaking through the perimeter line of Private Kelly's company and had occupied the foxholes previously occupied by an 81-mm mortar platoon. From these positions the enemy was able to pin down the infantry with grenades, rifles and machine guns. Private Kelly, without orders, volunteered with five others to rout the enemy from these positions. The party reached the enemy positions, killed eight Japs and captured two light machine guns. Due to the brave and voluntary action of Private Kelly and the other five men, the infantry battalion was able to successfully reorganize its perimeter and evacuate the wounded. Home address: Mrs. Norma Marie Kelly (wife), 3440 West Viewmont Way, Seattle, Washington.

Private First Class VINCENT J. MARKOWSKI (32853291), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Morling Hill, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 January 1945. Private Markowski, a gunner, advanced with the infantry attacking force against strong enemy positions on the hill. As they proceeded over the crest of the hill the enemy opened up with heavy mortar, grenade and small arms fire, inflicting heavy casualties on the men, temporarily halting their advance and forcing them to take cover on the reverse slope of the hill. Private Markowski, with three other men, volunteered to move forward over the crest of the hill and to evacuate several seriously wounded men. Under heavy enemy fire, and within grenade-throwing range of the enemy positions, the rescue party succeeded in removing the wounded men to safety. This heroic act on the part of Private Markowski was to a large extent responsible for saving the lives of several wounded men. Home address: Mrs. Alexandria Markowski (mother), 48 Union Street, Poughkeepsie, New York.

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Corporal PRIMO J. VALERIANO (20131880), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bamban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. While Corporal Valeriano's company was occupying a ridge, it was subjected to intense and accurate machine gun and knee-mortar fire of the enemy. It was necessary for Corporal Valeriano, a wireman in the 81-mm mortar platoon, to expose himself to this heavy fire in order to maintain communications between the mortars and the forward observation post. He also remained exposed and aided the forward observer to direct mortar fire on enemy positions. The devotion to duty and coolness under fire displayed by Corporal Valeriano helped substantially in the destruction of numerous enemy troops, and prevented further casualties to our men. Home address: Mrs. Rose Valeriano (mother), 198 McClintock Road, New Britain, Connecticut.

Private First Class SAMUEL R. WATKINS (36452709), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Morling Hill, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 January 1945. Private Watkins, a gunner, advanced with the infantry attacking force against strong enemy positions on the hill. As they proceeded over the crest of the hill the enemy opened up with heavy mortar, grenade and small arms fire, inflicting heavy casualties on the men, temporarily halting their advance and forcing them to take cover on the reverse slope of the hill. Private Watkins, with three other men, volunteered to move forward over the crest of the hill and to evacuate several seriously wounded men. Under heavy enemy fire, and within grenade-throwing range of the enemy positions, the rescue party succeeded in removing the wounded men to safety. This heroic act on the part of Private Watkins was to a large extent responsible for saving the lives of several seriously wounded men. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Watkins (mother), Egypt, Arkansas.

Private First Class WILLIAM H. WHITE (20129177), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. A platoon of the Antitank Company supported the infantry in establishing a road block at the road junction of a highway. These positions were under constant enemy observation and artillery fire from enemy positions in the nearby hills. During the enemy shelling a truck loaded with ammunition and gasoline was hit by an enemy shell and caught fire. Private White, a driver in the antitank platoon, with utter disregard for his safety, immediately left the protection of his foxhole and, under heavy fire from the enemy, succeeded in putting out the fire. He remained exposed to enemy fire for approximately ten minutes in order to extinguish the flames. This heroic act on the part of Private White undoubtedly prevented heavy casualties among members of his platoon and saved much valuable Government equipment which was later used to good advantage. Home address: Mr. Homer O. White (father), 20 High Street, Rockville, Connecticut.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

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APO #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER,....262

1 June 1945.

ORIGINAL ORDER -

SECTION I--AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS #135 & #256  
SECTION II-AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. So much of Paragraph 1, Section II, General Orders #135, this headquarters, dated 28 April 1945, pertaining to the award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private RALPH A. DADIGAN, (20907778), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

2. So much of Section I, General Orders #256, this headquarters, dated 29 May 1945, pertaining to the award of the Purple Heart Medal to Technical Sergeant LOYD D. TURNEY, (37103859), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private RALPH A. DADIGAN, (20907778), Infantry; by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #29, dated 1 November 1943, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private RALPH A. DADIGAN, (20907778), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Mahon (NAT) Dadigan, (father), Route #2, Box 60, Kingsburg, California.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to First Lieutenant RAYMOND W. GRIGGS, (0-1291107), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #8, dated 22 January 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows.

First Lieutenant RAYMOND W. GRIGGS, (0-1291107), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emma J. Griggs, (mother), North Troy, Vermont.

3. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant SAMUEL E. KORACH, (16100020), Infantry, by Headquarters Island Command, APO #709, as published in General Orders #11, dated 10 September 1943, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant SAMUEL E. KORACH, (16100020), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Herman L. Korach, (father), 5211 Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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~~\*4. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private ETHEL B. MC LONDON, (34019582), Infantry, by Headquarters Infantry Command, APO #709, as published in General Orders #19, dated 1 October 1943, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:~~

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~~\*Private ETHEL B. MC LONDON, (34019582), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mt. Caymanuman, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 April 1945. Home address: Mr. George McLendon, (father), Box 368, Mendenhall, Mississippi.~~

5. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class EDWARD W. RIMKUS, (36534086), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #63, dated 1 April 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 45d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class EDWARD W. RIMKUS, (36534086), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen Rimkus, (mother), 326 Chartiers Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

6. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant LLOYD D. TURNEY, (37103859), Infantry, by Headquarters USNB Hospital #2, APO #972, as published in General Orders #47, dated 3 August 1943, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Technical Sergeant LLOYD D. TURNEY, (37103859), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pot Pot, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. May Turney, (mother), Route #2, Harrison, Arkansas.

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
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1 June 1945

SECTION I - AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR  
SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), A Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant WILBUR L. ENGLE (33483987), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Morling Hill, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 January 1945. Sergeant Engle, Antitank Platoon Sergeant, advanced with the infantry attacking force against strong enemy positions on the hill. As they proceeded over the crest of the hill the enemy opened up with heavy mortar, grenade and small arms fire, inflicting heavy casualties on the men and temporarily halting their advance, forcing the men to take cover on the reverse slope of the hill. Sergeant Engle, with three other men, volunteered to move forward over the crest of the hill and evacuate several seriously wounded men. Under heavy enemy fire, and within grenade-throwing range of the enemy positions, the rescue party succeeded in removing the wounded men to safety. This heroic act on the part of Sergeant Engle was to a large extent responsible for saving the lives of several seriously wounded men. Home address: Mrs. Lillian M. Engle (mother), 224 South Third Avenue, West Reading, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ALLEN J. HOPPER (39468946), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Morling Hill, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 January 1945. Private Hopper, ammunition carrier, moved with the infantry attacking force against strong enemy positions on the hill. As they proceeded over the crest of the hill the enemy opened up with heavy mortar, grenade and small arms fire, inflicting heavy casualties on the men and temporarily halting their advance, forcing the men to take cover on the reverse slope of the hill. Private Hopper, with three other men, volunteered to move forward over the crest of the hill and evacuate several seriously wounded men. Under heavy enemy fire, and within grenade-throwing range of the enemy positions, the rescue party succeeded in removing the wounded men to safety. This heroic act on the part of Private Hopper was to a large extent responsible for saving the lives of several seriously wounded men. Home address: Mr. Rex T. Hopper (father), Farmington, Washington.

Master Sergeant EDWIN N. PIERCE (20134433), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area during the period 28 February 1943 to 21 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ida G. Pierce (mother), c/o Sydney G. Pierce, Westport, Massachusetts.

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First Lieutenant GEORGE E. VINNEDGE (O-1288652), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 7 May 1945. Lieutenant Vinnedge, commanding the Defense Platoon of the Division Headquarters Company, displayed most superior leadership and knowledge of military tactics during the recent campaign. Lieutenant Vinnedge had the responsibility of establishing, coordinating and maintaining the immediate defense of the Division command post. In the interest and safety of the command post, he personally led daily patrols through the surrounding hills which implicated the imminent encounter with the enemy. During these patrols numerous Japs, comprising small reconnaissance demolition parties, were killed. Difficult terrain and sniper fire complicated the task which was only accomplished by daily "flushing out". On one occasion a report revealed the approach to the general area of a Jap patrol with the probable intent to destroy the Division command post. Immediately, Lieutenant Vinnedge organized his platoon, augmented by a guerrilla detachment, and coolly and aggressively led them to engage the enemy. In the ensuing action he was wounded by enemy fire, receiving temporary first aid only to return to his men to actively engage the enemy until all the Japs were killed or accounted for. Lieutenant Vinnedge's courage, outstanding leadership and his perseverance in a task once started were greatly responsible for the thwarting of a well-conceived plan by the enemy, and his coolness under fire and exceptional ability were an inspiration to all the men under him. Home address: Mrs. Mary B. Vinnedge (mother), 2528 Greens Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Major WILLIAM N. BAILEY (O-264147), Field Artillery, by Headquarters USAFISPA, as published in General Orders #920, dated 8 June 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Major WILLIAM N. BAILEY (O-264147), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January to 29 March 1945. As Executive Officer of a field artillery battalion, Major Bailey superintended the unloading of the battalion upon landing, and took the responsibility of moving the men into position for action. This was done with such dispatch that the battalion was ready to support the infantry approximately two hours after landing. Major Bailey assumed command of the battalion when the battalion commander was on command liaison with the infantry, and due to his skillful and prompt action, the infantry was never without artillery support. Numerous times the battalion positions were under enemy artillery fire but Major Bailey's coolness and expert supervision, without regard for his safety, were an inspiration to his men. Major Bailey's performance throughout the entire operation was most superior. Home address: Mrs. Alice Bailey (wife), 48 Gerald Street, East Providence, Rhode Island.

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HEADQUARTERS 43d INFANTRY DIVISION

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1 June 1945

SECTION I---AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART  
SECTION II--AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF LUSTER)  
SECTION III-AMENDMENTS OF GENERAL ORDERS #196 and 206.

SECTION I

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private JAMES G. CAMPBELL, (34144774), Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Sam Kelly Campbell, (father), Route #3, McKenzie, Tennessee.

Technician Grade V ROBERT J. P. DUBE (31027994), Field Artillery, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alice Dube, (mother), Clair, New Brunswick, Canada.

Private First Class LEONARD M. GARNER, (38256648), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Munda, New Georgia (Solomons Group) on 25 July 1943. Home address: Mrs. Dixie B. Garner, (mother) Route 1, Lampasos, Texas.

Private First Class HOMER LEMONS, (37104552), Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rosie Lemons, (mother), Star Route, Donaldson, Arkansas.

Private First Class RUSSELL J. LOSURDO, (36732248), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Losurdo, (mother), 1521 N. Waller Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class JAMES D. MCGOWAN, (20145375), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle Mc Gowan, (mother), Congress Street, Millinocket, Maine.

Private ELMER C. MURPHY, (35146904), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dora Murphy, (mother), 606 Highland Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Private First Class GORDON M. SPOTTS, (37555033), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lorraine F. Spotts, (wife), 326 Blue Earth Street, Mankato, Minnesota.

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Technician Grade V FRANK S. ZELLER JR., (32635914), Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Frank S. Zeller, (father), 2558 Hering Avenue, Bronx, New York.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Sergeant ADRIAN A. HAGGLUND, (37280856), by Headquarters, 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #70, dated 6 April 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Sergeant ADRIAN A. HAGGLUND, (37280856), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alfhild Johnson, (sister), Salol, Minnesota.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class OMAR M. HUNNEWELL, (31027494), by Headquarters, 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #47, dated 18 October 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private OMAR M. HUNNEWELL, (31027494), Infantry, United States. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Cablong, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hattie Hunnewell, (mother), RFD #4, Skowhegan, Maine.

SECTION III

1. So much of Paragraph 1, General Orders #196, Headquarters, 43d Infantry Division, dated 17 May 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class JAMES L. MCGOWAN, (32045876), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

2. So much of Paragraph 1, General Orders #206, Headquarters, 43d Infantry Division, dated 18 May 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class JOHN A. RUSTAD, (39617385), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

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HEADQUARTERS 43d INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER....259

31 May 1945

SECTION I---AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS #206  
SECTION II--AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL  
SECTION III-AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. So much of Paragraph 1, General Orders #206, this headquarters, dated 18 May 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Purple Heart Medal to Staff Sergeant WILLIS W. ROMERO, (14023092), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

SECTION II

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

*Rev. by G.O. #259-6 Jan 45*  
Staff Sergeant ROBERT L. BILDERBACK, (36054220), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Pearl Bilderback, (mother), R.F.D. #1, Ave., Illinois.

Private First Class EMIL A. GRADHANDT, (39043865), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Valborg Gradhandt, (mother), 133 Judson Avenue, San Francisco, California.

Private First Class HERBERT A. HAMIC, (34033678), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. Home address: Miss Lucy Avans, (cousin), Route #1, Box 47, Factor, Alabama.

Private WILLIAM HOSKINS, (36751700), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Hill #800, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Hoskins, (mother), RR #1, Box 24, Norris City, Illinois.

Private JOSEPH R. LISSA, (36986636), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Lissa, (mother), 1107 Cunningham Street, Rockford, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant MAURICE H. LORD, (31027864), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Maurice Lord, (father), R.F.D. #2, Dover Foxcroft, Maine.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES T. MELLIA, (32961159), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20th Jan 1945. Home address: Mr. Joseph Mellia, (father), 1838 Third Avenue, New York, New York.

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(Awards of the Purple Heart)

First Lieutenant WILLIAM F. SKLUZACEK, (01313455), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Thomas J. Skluzacek, (father), Route 1, Box 92, Lonadale, Minnesota.

Corporal CARLTON L. THURSTON, (20150625), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Glenna L. Thurston, (mother), Route #3, Northfield, Vermont.

Staff Sergeant HARVEY W. WILSON, (34090912), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Munda, New Georgia on 18 July 1943. Home address: Mrs. Martha Wilson, (mother), Route #4, Mt. Airy, North Carolina.

SECTION III

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant MAURICE H. LORD, (31027864), Infantry; by this Headquarters, as published in General Orders #259, dated 31 May 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:


Technical Sergeant MAURICE H. LORD, (31027864), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bataquil Area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Maurice Lord, (father), R.F.D. #2, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant CHARLES T. MELLIA, (32961159), Infantry, United States Army, by this Headquarters, as published in General Orders #259, this date, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant CHARLES T. MELLIA, (32961159), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Mt. Tamuan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Joseph Mellia, (father), 1838 Third Avenue, New York, New York.

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QUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION

APC #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.... 258

30 May 1945  
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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. VI, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Grade III ALBERT E. GLOCKER (39842145), Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period from 11 January 1945 to 15 February 1945. Sergeant Glocker, a motion picture photographer and member of Combat Assignment Unit #10, landed with the infantry troops taking pictures of the action. He accompanied the advance elements and daringly covered their progress in the thick of battle. Throughout the fighting in the hilly terrain, Sergeant Glocker was constantly in the front lines with his camera and in some instances where the situation demanded, fought side by side with the troops. Constantly subjected to enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, his efforts to secure complete unbiased and unstaged motion pictures of actual fighting supported his faithfulness to duty, outstandingly performed. Sergeant Glocker's courage, resourcefulness and initiative are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ellen Glocker (mother), 649 - 4th Avenue, San Francisco, California.

Corporal RAUL H. MALDONADO (38002842) (then Private First Class), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tadke-Sarai from 22 May 1944 to 5 June 1944, at Hoemfoor from 2 July 1944 to 20 August 1944, and at Damortis and Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 January 1945 to 13 February 1945. In the initial campaign, Corporal Maldonado, member of a machine gun section, with the assistance of another man, located and supervised the construction of many battery perimeters, together with the arrangement and setting up of booby traps, many of which were improvised and of his own design. He continuously manned a perimeter post and directed a section of the perimeter under two enemy attacks. Both times he set an example of leadership and courage which were an inspiration to the men under him. During the recent campaign, Corporal Maldonado, with the aid of another man, personally assumed responsibility for the entire perimeter defense and built a field mine provided mines, booby traps and flares which were virtually impassable. Corporal Maldonado's leadership, ingenuity and calmness under enemy fire contributed substantially to the success of three campaigns. Home address: Marie N. Maldonado (mother), 526 Samaniego Street, Tucson, Arizona.

Sergeant PATSY C. SANTELLO (32172266), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy between Damortis and Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 16-19 January 1945. Sergeant Santello was leader of a machine gun squad which was supporting the infantry in a drive to seize a prominent ridge the approach to which was difficult with numerous secondary ridges and surrounded by ravines. Though handicapped by the loss of several men during the

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campaign, and in spite of the heat and rough terrain, Sergeant Santello was able to give close support to the infantry and successfully completed all the fire missions. Enemy sniper, artillery and knee-mortar fire was constant throughout, and on one occasion Sergeant Santello kept his gun firing even though sniper fire wounded two of his men. Enemy artillery observers later spotted the machine gun platoon and opened fire on the positions with a 75-mm gun, damaging two of the four machine guns and seriously wounding a gunner. In spite of this, Sergeant Santello and his squad remained with the gun and completed their fire mission. The enemy was driven from the ridge leaving behind over thirty dead, causing only light losses to our men. Sergeant Santello's untiring efforts and devotion to duty in the face of heavy odds aided substantially to the successful capture of the ridge, and set him apart as an exceptional soldier. Home address: Mrs. Mary Santello (mother), 400 135th Street, Bronx, New York.

Private First Class ERNEST L. SWIFT (36129047), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy between Damortis and Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 16-19 January 1945. Private Swift was ammunition bearer in a machine gun squad which was supporting the infantry in a drive to seize a prominent ridge, the approach to which was extremely difficult with numerous secondary ridges separated by ravines. Though handicapped by the loss of several men during the campaign, and in spite of the heat and climbing over rough terrain, Private Swift kept with his squad close behind and assisted materially to complete all fire missions. Enemy sniper, artillery and knee-mortar fire was constant throughout, and on one occasion Private Swift assisted in keeping one machine gun firing even though sniper fire wounded two of his comrades. On another occasion enemy artillery observers spotted the machine gun and opened fire on them with a 75-mm gun, damaging two of the four machine guns and seriously wounding a gunner. In spite of this, Private Swift remained with the gun, alternately supplying it with ammunition and furnishing rifle protection, until the fire mission was completed. Private Swift's untiring efforts and devotion to duty in the face of heavy odds aided substantially to the successful capture of the ridge, and set him apart as an exceptional soldier. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Swift (mother), RFD #1, Morence, Mich

Staff Sergeant ARNOLD R. WILDERMUTH (20747369)(then Corporal), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wadke-Sarmi from 23 May to 5 June 1944, at Noemfoor from 2 July to 20 August 1944, and at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 January 1945 to 13 February 1945. As a member of a machine gun section, Sergeant Wildermuth, with the assistance of another, located and supervised construction of many battery perimeters, together with the arrangement and setting up of booby traps many of which were improvised and of his own design. He continually manned a perimeter post and directed a section of the perimeter under two enemy attacks. Both times he set an example of leadership and courage which were an inspiration to his men. His untiring devotion to duty and persistent efforts to safeguard battery property during the campaign prevented the loss and damage of valuable items. Sergeant Wildermuth's courage, resourcefulness and initiative are in keeping with the highest standards of the army. Home address: Mrs. Christine Wildermuth (mother), Tripp, South Dakota.

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
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30 May 1945  
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ORIGINAL ORDER - 220

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class CHARLES L. ANDRUS (59914629), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near the Damortis-Rosario Road, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17-18 January 1945. As a radio man and member of a forward observer party attached to an infantry assault company, Private Andrus carried the power pack for his SCR 610-A radio. While the company moved forward up the steep side of Red Ridge, he also moved with them exposing himself to intense machine gun, sniper, and mortar fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private Andrus set up his radio in an advantageous position and established communications to the artillery position, thus bringing effective artillery fire on the hidden enemy. Private Andrus' calmness and complete disregard for his safety, and his complete devotion to duty were an inspiration to the party throughout the entire period. Home address: Mrs. Christina A. Andrus (mother), 908 East 45th South, Murray, Utah.

Private First Class RICHARD E. AYERS (35659035), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy between Damortis and Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 16-19 January 1945. Private Ayers was ammunition bearer of a machine gun squad supporting the infantry in a drive to seize a prominent ridge, the approach to which was extremely difficult with numerous secondary ridges separated by ravines. Though handicapped by the loss of several men during the campaign, and in spite of the heat and climbing over rough terrain, Private Ayers was able to give close support to the infantry and successfully completed the fire missions. Enemy sniper, artillery and knee-mortar fire was constant throughout, and on one occasion Private Ayers assisted in keeping the machine gun firing even though sniper fire wounded two of his comrades. On another occasion enemy artillery observers spotted the machine guns and immediately opened fire on them with a 75-mm gun, damaging two of the four guns and seriously wounding a gunner. In spite of this, Private Ayers stayed with his gun, alternately supplying it with ammunition and furnishing rifle fire until the fire mission was completed. The enemy was driven from the ridge leaving behind thirty dead and causing only slight losses to our men. Private Ayers' untiring efforts and devotion to duty in the face of heavy odds aided substantially to the successful capture of the ridge, and set him apart as an exceptional soldier. Home address: Mrs. Amelia A. Ayers (mother), Box 63, Sandstone, West Virginia.

Private First Class ANDREW NMI BRUTON (32109305), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy between Damortis and Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 16-19 January 1945. Private Bruton was ammunition bearer of a machine gun squad supporting the infantry in a drive to seize a prominent ridge,

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the approach to which was extremely difficult with numerous secondary ridges separated by ravines. Though handicapped by the loss of several men during the campaign, and in spite of the heat and climbing over rough terrain, Private Bruton was able to keep with his squad and assisted materially in completing the fire missions. Enemy sniper, artillery and knee-mortar fire was constant throughout, and on one occasion Private Bruton assisted in keeping his machine gun firing even though sniper fire wounded two of his comrades. On another occasion enemy artillery observers spotted the machine gun platoon and opened fire on them with a 75-mm gun, damaging two of four guns and seriously wounding a gunner. In spite of this, Private Bruton remained with his gun, alternately supplying it with ammunition and furnishing rifle fire until the fire mission was completed. The enemy was driven from the ridge leaving behind over thirty dead and causing only light losses to our men. Private Bruton's untiring efforts and devotion to duty in the face of heavy odds aided substantially to the successful capture of the ridge, and set him apart as an exceptional soldier. Home address: Mrs. Frances Bruton (mother), 463 Park Place, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class ANTHONY F. DISPENZIERI (32172018), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy between Damortis and Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 16-19 January 1945. Private Dispensieri was ammunition bearer of a machine gun squad supporting the infantry in a drive to seize a prominent ridge, the approach to which was extremely difficult with numerous secondary ridges separated by ravines. Though handicapped by the loss of several men during the campaign, and in spite of the heat and climbing over rough terrain, he was able to keep with his squad and assisted materially in completing the fire missions. Enemy sniper, artillery and knee-mortar fire was constant throughout, and on one occasion Private Dispensieri assisted in keeping his machine gun firing even though sniper fire wounded two of his comrades. On another occasion enemy artillery observers spotted the machine gun platoon and opened fire on them with a 75-mm gun, damaging two machine guns and seriously wounding a gunner. In spite of this Private Dispensieri remained with his gun, alternately supplying it with ammunition and furnishing rifle fire until the fire mission was completed. The enemy was driven from the ridge leaving behind over thirty dead and causing only slight losses to our men. Private Dispensieri's untiring efforts and devotion to duty in the face of heavy odds aided substantially to the successful capture of the ridge, and set him apart as an exceptional soldier. Home address: Mrs. Bessie Dispensieri (mother), 337 Ellory Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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HEADQUARTERS 43d INFANTRY DIVISION

A.O. #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.....256

29 May 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER - *all*  
SECTION I---AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL  
SECTION II--AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS #219

SECTION I

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class HARRY RUSSELL JR., (35755604), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bataquil Area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy M. Russell, (mother), General Delivery, Millfield, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant CONRAD ST. ONGE, (20144049), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Palac Palac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Joseph I. St. Onge, (father), 111 High Street, Biddeford, Maine.

Private First Class PAUL C. SHORT, (34821878), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Maggie D. Short, (mother), Route #2, Cedertown, Georgia.

Private PETER J. SHYMSKE, (33680772), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bobonan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Paul Shymske, (father), 2550 Saint Tichon Street, Cleveland, 13, Ohio.

Private First Class HENRY J. SHUSTOCK, (36753840), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Hill #600, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Shustock, (mother), 8847 Houston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class OWEN S. SMITH, (34336263), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Palac Palac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ada H. Smith, (mother), West Tallassee, Alabama.

Private First Class RODOLFO SOTELO, (38460480), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Isabel Sotelo, (mother), Box 33, Realito, Texas.

Staff Sergeant JOHN L. STUMPF, (6944716), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at San Fabian, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Stumpf, (mother), 52 Main Street, Upper Merion, Pennsylvania.

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(Awards of the Purple Heart)

Private First Class PRENTICE H. THOMAS, (56538649), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pot Pot, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Sally Thomas, (mother), Route 2, Box 90-A, Jasper, Texas.

~~REV. BY GO #354 19 June 45~~  
~~Private First Class JACKIE TOM, (39916081), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lara Tom Lee, (sister), Salt Lake City, Utah~~

~~REV. BY GO #262-1 June 45~~  
~~Technical Sergeant LOYD D. TURNEY, (37103859), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pot Pot, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. May Turney, (mother), Route #2, Harrison, Arkansas.~~

Private NELSON T. VANDERLINDEN, (12097808), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bataquil, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Susie Kellner, (mother), Lake Shore Road, R.F.D. #3, Hamburg, New York.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD C. WOOLVEN, (33312920), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bataquil, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Home address: Mr. William Woolven, (father), 7519 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

SECTION II

1. So much of General Orders #219, this headquarters, dated 19 May 1945, pertaining to the award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private HANSEL H. HARPER, (6273665), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

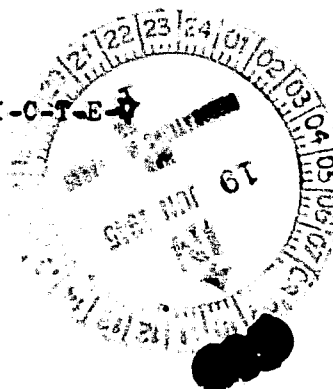
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HEADQUARTERS 43d INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.....255

ORIGINAL ORDER # 2011

29 May 1945

AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class DANIEL J. FRIEL, (20143344), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Sison, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Daniel Friel, (father), The Pinos, Millinocket, Maine.

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH L. GIROUX, (20144105), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Palac Palac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Giroux, (wife), Kimball Avenue, Mexico, Maine.

Private ALLEN J. GREGORY, (35884680), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Mt. Tanavan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Goldio G. Gregory, (wife), Route #1, Box 444, Cortin, Kentucky.

Private First Class EBER L. JONES, (38211589), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Hill 200, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emma Jones, (mother), Route 1, Shongaloo, Louisiana.

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~~X Private First Class CHARLES C. KEEL, (34209667), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Mt. Alava, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Keel, (mother), Alva, Florida.~~

Private First Class EUGENE R. LANDRY, (20144453), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pimugay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945. Home address: Mr. George N. Landry, (father), 198 Brown Street, Westbrook, Maine.

Private ANGELO S. LANZILOTTI, (42144692), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Santa Maria, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Anthony Lanzilotti, (father), 16 Stevens Road #9, Belleville, New Jersey.

Private First Class NILE O. LEWIS, (39384189), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Pearl N. Lewis, (mother), Ada, Oregon.

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(Awards of the Purple Heart)

Private First Class PAUL H. MCAULIFFE, (31358520), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at PotPot, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Sadie McAuliffe, (mother), 156 Country Street, RE. Mansfield, Massachusetts.

Private First Class CHARLES W. MCGRATH, (33626410), Infantry, United States Army. For wound received in action against the enemy at Hill 600, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Winifred A. McGrath, (mother), 111 Vaux Avenue, Tremont, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class WILSON J. MATHERNE, (58494329), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Terosa, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Olivia Matherne, (mother), French Settlement, Louisiana.

Private First Class WILLIAM E. PARKER SR, (37728950), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Lumbang, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Pauline M. Parker, (wife), 706 South Fifth Street, Atchison, Kansas.

Sergeant JAMES W. PHARR, (34081505), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Donnell A. Pharr, (brother), 120 Edgewood Avenue, SE, Atlanta, Georgia.

Sergeant WILLIAM M. QUINTERO, (39018426), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Hill 200, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marie M. Quintero, (mother), 1000 E California Blvd, Ontario, California.

Private First Class ARTHUR M. REYES, (39018510), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary M. Reyes, (mother), 12 Sheridan Street, Corona, California.

Sergeant LESLIE J. RICHARD, (20144189), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Natangalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Richard, (mother), 513 Waldo Street, Rumford, Maine.

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HEADQUARTERS 41 INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.....254

ORIGINAL ORDER

29 May 1945

SECTION I--AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDER #202  
SECTION II--AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART METAL  
SECTION III--AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. So much of paragraph 1, General Orders #202, this headquarters, dated 17 May 1945, pertaining to the award of the Purple Heart to Private First Class ELLIOT E. HOPE, 34091553, Infantry, is hereby revoked.

SECTION II

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Corporal RICHARD W. AUSTIN, (35397266), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 31 January 1945. Home address: Dr. George M. Austin, (brother), 76 High Street, Morgantown, West Virginia.

Private First Class LUICK J. BOYLAN, (37698319), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Mabitac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Evelyn Boylan, (wife) 1144 Clinton, Des Moines, Iowa.

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\*Private First Class JAMES R. BROWN, (32768800), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Hill 600, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lillie Griswell Brown, (wife), 407 Meade Road, Decatur, Georgia.

Private HAROLD E. CAMPBELL SR., (33938325), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Mt. Tanrun, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emma J. Campbell, (wife), Butler, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class LEONARD C. DEJONG, (39916201), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at New BosoBoso Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lena Everett DeJong, (mother), 3715 South 2nd East, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Private First Class JOSEPH J. DOLAN, (31264163), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Malasin, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Dolan, (mother), 52 Central Street, Marlboro, Massachusetts.

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(Award of the Purple Heart Medal)

Private First Class ROMEO S. EGIDI, (35755693), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Mt. Tanawan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Dominick Egidi, (father), 138 Grafton Road, Fairmont, West Virginia.

Private GELSO O. ESTRADA, (38579079), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Hill 1410, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ana G. Estrada, (wife), 402 East Fourth Street, El Paso, Texas.

Private ABEL O. FINK JR., (39 38517), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Tan y Area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise Fink, (wife), 3419 Highland Avenue, San Diego, California.

SECTION III

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class JAMES R. BROWN, (34765300), Infantry, by this headquarters, as published in ~~PAR 9~~ General Orders #23, dated 14 October 1943, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class JAMES R. BROWN, (34765300), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Hill #355, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lillie Griswold Brown, (wife), 407 Hoade Road, Decatur, Georgia.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class ELLIOTT E. HOPE, (34081553), Infantry, by Headquarters, XIV Corps, as published in General Orders #23, dated 14 October 1943, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class ELLIOTT E. HOPE (34081553), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bamban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Callie N. Hopc Foskey, (mother), Route #1, Jesup, Georgia.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

C. P. ROBBINS,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff

C. W. [Redacted]  
Lt. Colonel, Adjutant General's Department  
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
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29 May 1945

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant MELVIN NMI ANDERSON (37078334) (then Corporal), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Madke-Sarmi, Moemloor, and Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the periods 22 May 1944 to 5 June 1944, 2 July 1944 to 20 August 1944 and 11 January 1945 to 27 January 1945, respectively. In the initial campaign, Sergeant Anderson's leadership was a major factor in the frequent and rapid displacements of both his own and other gun sections. During a night occupation of a position under enemy sniper fire he fearlessly exposed himself and used essential night lights, notwithstanding the fact that a man had been killed by a sniper only a short while prior. In another instance when a battery position was entered by an enemy raiding party carrying a flame thrower and dynamite, Sergeant Anderson again set a calm and fearless example in the defense of his section and immediately volunteered to evacuate wounded though it entailed constant exposure on an unprotected road both to friendly fire and fire from the raiding party. Sergeant Anderson's calmness, courage, leadership and devotion to duty played a big part in the successful operation of his firing battery. Home address: Mrs. Sara Anderson (mother), 1108 North Lincoln Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Technician Grade IV WESLEY C. BLANCHARD (38019682) (then Technician Grade V), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Madke-Sarmi from 22 May 1944 to 5 June 1944, at Moemloor from 2 July 1944 to 20 August 1944, and at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 January 1945 to 13 February 1945. As a member of a firing battery, Sergeant Blanchard demonstrated courage, leadership and uncompromising efforts which were an inspiration to the men with him. Frequently during daylight hours, he operated a bulldozer during each campaign and always kept it in fine running order despite the fact that his continual post and effort on the perimeter afforded him little or no sleep. Throughout three attacks by the enemy on the battery position, Sergeant Blanchard successfully defended his post with a calmness and courage of invaluable worth. In the recent campaign, Sergeant Blanchard and another man personally assumed responsibility for the entire perimeter defense and built a field of improvised mines, booby traps and flares which were virtually impassable. The successful operation of the battery was due in great measure to the efforts of Sergeant Blanchard. Home address: Mr. Eugene W. Blanchard (father), 512 West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Sergeant FRANK NMI DeROSA (32171892), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy between Damortis and Cosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 16-19 January 1945. Sergeant De Rosa was squad leader of a machine gun squad

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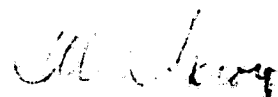
which was supporting the infantry in a drive to seize a prominent ridge, the approach to which was extremely difficult with numerous secondary ridges and separated by ravines. Though handicapped by the loss of several men during the campaign, and in spite of the heat and climbing over rough terrain, Sergeant DeRosa was able to give close support to the infantry and successfully completed all the fire missions. Enemy sniper, artillery and knee-mortar fire was constant throughout, and on one occasion Sergeant DeRosa kept his gun firing even though sniper fire wounded two of his men. On another occasion enemy artillery observers spotted the machine guns and immediately opened fire on them with a 75-mm gun, damaging two of the four machine guns and seriously wounding a gunner. In spite of this, Sergeant DeRosa and his squad remained with the gun and completed their fire mission. The enemy was driven from the ridge leaving behind over thirty dead and causing light losses to our men. Sergeant DeRosa's untiring efforts and devotion to duty in the face of heavy odds aided substantially to the successful capture of the ridge, and set him apart as an exceptional soldier. Home address: Mrs. Colia DeRosa (mother), 143 President Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Corporal ULALIO D. ROBLERO (39F74777) (then Private), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wadke-Sarmi, from 22 May 1944 to 5 June 1944, at Noponfor from 2 July 1944 to 20 August 1944, and at Luzon, from 11 January 1945 to 27 January 1945. Corporal Roblero, as a member of a forward observer party, continuously carried heavy loads over extremely difficult terrain, working tirelessly and uncomplainingly and often without food and water. Many times during the performance of these duties his life was endangered by enemy sniper and mortar fire. During the recent campaign, Corporal Roblero was assigned as cannonear with a howitzer section, which duty he performed with efficiency, also volunteering to maintain the ammunition supply for the firing battery. One night when an enemy raiding party entered the battery position, Corporal Roblero set an example of calmness and courage in defending his section, and immediately volunteered to assist in the care and evacuation of the wounded despite the exposure to both friendly and enemy fire in the darkness. Corporal Roblero's courage, cheerfulness and willing assumption of responsibilities were an inspiration to all who served with him and contributed in a large measure to the successful operation of the battery. Home address: Mrs. Josephine Roblero (mother), 231 Colmore Street, Pico Park, California.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR GENERAL KING:

OFFICIAL:

C. P. ROBBINS  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief of Staff



C. W. GARRISON

Lt. Colonel, Adjutant General's Department  
Adjutant General

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AWARDED BY ORDER OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3 WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant JAMES M. GREENHALGH (39921023) (then Private), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Noemfoor, from 2 July 1944 to 20 August 1944, and at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 January 1945 to 13 February 1945. As a member of a forward observer party, Sergeant Greenhalgh's immediate task was carrying and operating a sixty-pound radio to maintain continuous communications. Burdened with the weight of the heavy radio, he tirelessly carried it over almost impassable terrain and frequently exposed himself to enemy fire, often times carrying on without food and water. As a result of his exceptional performance, communications throughout the first campaign were excellent. During the second campaign, an enemy attack on the battery position caused casualties, including the majority of key men of the Instrument and Fire Direction Sections. Without instructions and orders, Sergeant Greenhalgh immediately assumed the duties of at least three key men and efficiently performed the many tasks incident to the sections. Sergeant Greenhalgh's leadership, intelligence and uncomplaining efforts not only made it possible to maintain a high standard of operation despite the loss of the key men, but also were an inspiration to all the men working with him, and his actions reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Joseph Greenhalgh (father), Nephi, Utah.

Private First Class NILES W. MORTON (20152702), Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Damortis and Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 January 1945 to 14 February 1945. Private Morton was a member of a wire crew charged with the responsibility of establishing and maintaining constant wire communications. Due to the rapidly changing developments demanding extended wire lines, he was called upon to work for periods of thirty-six hours without respite. At times situations existed necessitating wire installations over mountainous terrain by hand, and during these periods Private Morton was not only working under direct observation of the enemy and subjected to artillery, mortar and sniper fire, but was also endangered by land mines and booby traps. The willingness of Private Morton to undertake the hazardous construction projects, coupled with his outstanding courage and tenacity of purpose as a wireman, contributed substantially to the success of the infantry's mission. Home address: Mr. James Morton (father), 18 Quaker Lane, Apponaug, Rhode Island.

Technical Sergeant STEPHEN WMI REITTER (7032607), Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Damortis and Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 11 January 1945 to 14 February 1945. Sergeant Reitter was in charge of a

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wire crew, with responsibility for original installation and maintenance of all communications. Due to the rapidly changing situation and the successful advance of the infantry, new lines were laid each day. In spite of working daily under enemy mortar and sniper fire, Sergeant Reitter ably supervised his crew for as many as thirty-six hours without relief, proving his untiring energy and sense of responsibility. Even with adverse supply conditions, constant wire communications were maintained. With complete disregard for his own safety on many occasions, and with a keen devotion to duty at all times, Sergeant Reitter carried out his assigned task in a most superior manner. Sergeant Reitter's aggressive leadership, personal courage and voluntary conduct gained him the respect of all men working with him, and his execution of duties assigned him are in standing with the highest requirements of his branch of service. Home address: Mr. Joseph Reitter (father), 212 Longview Road, Saginaw, Michigan.

Technician Grade V THODOR NMI SEVERSON (39309715), Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Damortis and Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 January 1945 to 14 February 1945. Corporal Severson was a member of a wire crew charged with the responsibility of establishing and maintaining constant wire communications. Due to the rapidly changing developments demanding extended wire lines, he was called upon to work for periods of thirty-six hours without respite. At times situations existed necessitating wire installation over mountainous terrain by hand, and during these periods Corporal Severson was not only under direct observation of the enemy and subjected to artillery mortar and sniper fire, but was also endangered by land mines and booby traps. The willingness of Corporal Severson to undertake the hazardous construction projects, coupled with his outstanding courage and tenacity of purpose as a wireman, contributed substantially to the success of the infantry's mission. Home address: Mrs. Thora Severson (mother), Route #1, Box 3115, Portland, Oregon.

Private First Class PAUL G. WELLS (33055982), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near the Damortis-Rosario Road, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17-18 January 1945. As a radio man with a forward observer party attached to an infantry assault company, Private Wells moved forward with the party carrying the battery pack of his SCR 610-A radio. He was constantly exposed to intense machinegun, sniper and mortar fire, and on one occasion was slightly wounded by a fragment from a Jap knee-mortar. When Private Wells reached a good observation post he proficiently assisted in setting up the radio which proved highly instrumental in bringing about effective artillery fire on the enemy. Private Wells' calmness and complete devotion to duty were an inspiration to the party throughout the entire period. Home address: Mrs. Mary J. Wells (mother), 444 South 7th Street, Emmaus, Pennsylvania.

BY COMPLET OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

C. P. ROBELINS  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief of Staff

C. W. CAPRON

Lt. Colonel, Adjutant General's Department  
Adjutant General

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29 May 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER

SECTION I - AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR  
SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 5, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private JOE NMI BEDNARSKI (35595159), Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Damortis and Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 January 1945 to 14 February 1945. Private Bednarski, a wireman, was charged with the responsibility of establishing and maintaining constant wire communications. Due to the rapidly changing developments demanding extended wire lines, he was called upon to work for periods of thirty-six hours without respite. At times situations existed necessitating wire installations over mountainous terrain by hand, and during these periods Private Bednarski worked under direct observation of the enemy and was subjected to artillery, mortar and sniper fire, with other dangers from land mines and booby traps. The willingness of Private Bednarski to undertake the hazardous construction projects, coupled with his outstanding courage and tenacity of purpose as a wireman, contributed substantially to the success of the infantry's mission. Home address: Mrs. Mary Bednarski (mother), Box 441, Adena, Ohio.

Technician Grade V CONLEY NMI MCGUIRE (35676912), Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Damortis and Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 January 1945 to 14 February 1945. Corporal McGuire, a member of a wire crew charged with the responsibility of establishing and maintaining constant wire communications, performed his duties in a superior manner. Due to the rapidly changing developments demanding extended wire lines, he was called upon to work for periods of thirty-six hours without respite. At times situations existed necessitating wire installations over mountainous terrain by hand, and during these periods Corporal McGuire worked under direct observation of the enemy and was subjected to artillery, mortar and sniper fire, with additional dangers from land mines and booby traps. The willingness of Corporal McGuire to undertake the hazardous construction projects, coupled with his outstanding courage and tenacity of purpose as a wireman, contributed substantially to the success of the infantry's mission. Home address: Mrs. Pearl McGuire (mother), Route #1, Beattyville, Kentucky.

Private First Class JOHN B. MILLER (34040338), Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Damortis and Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 January 1945 to 14 February 1945. Private Miller was a member of a wire crew charged with the responsibility of establishing and maintaining constant wire communications. Due to the rapidly changing developments demanding extended wire lines, he was called upon to work for periods of thirty-

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six hours without respite. At times situations existed necessitating wire installations over mountainous terrain by hand, and during these periods Private Miller not only worked under direct observation of the enemy but also was subjected to artillery, mortar and sniper fire, with added dangers from land mines and booby traps. The willingness of Private Miller to undertake the hazardous construction projects, coupled with his outstanding courage and tenacity of purpose as a wireman, contributed substantially to the success of the infantry's mission. Home address: Mrs. Jallie P. Bradford (mother), 1125 East 14th Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Grade V AUBREY A. McCARRELL (37356949), Field Artillery, by Headquarters Sixth Army, as published in General Orders #197, dated 13 November 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technician Grade V AUBREY A. McCARRELL, (37356949), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievements in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde-Sarmi, Noemfoor, and Luzon, Philippine Islands during the periods 22 May 1944 to 5 June 1944, 2 July 1944 to 20 August 1944 and 11 January 1945 to 27 January 1945, respectively. As a member of a forward observer party, Corporal McCarrell operated continuously with front-line troops without relief. His immediate task was to carry and operate a sixty-pound radio to maintain communications continuously. On many occasions, when, due to jungle or mountainous terrain, it was necessary for the forward observer to remain far in advance of the infantry lines to adjust fire, Corporal McCarrell volunteered to remain with him despite the increased risk. Though caught in both an enemy ambush and an enemy artillery barrage which necessitated a rapid change of positions by the troops, Corporal McCarrell remained, carefully dismantled and saved his radio, though the time required to do this left him far behind the moving troops. Corporal McCarrell set an example of cheerfulness, untiring devotion to duty and great personal courage under all types of enemy fire, and his uncomplaining efforts contributed immensely to the successful operation throughout the three campaigns. Home address: Mrs. Josephine Swenson (mother), 6614 East 5th Street, Vancouver, Washington.

BY COLONEL OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

C. P. ROBBINS  
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30 June 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 5, WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Grade V EDGAR L. BEITZEL, (33230706), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January to 31 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mabel C. Beitzel, (mother), RD #1, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class WILFRED B. BENNETT, (31024288), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January to 31 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lizzie Bennett, (mother), Lower Main Street, Sanford, Maine.

Technician Grade V METRO M. GOTCH, (33104872), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 May to 20 May 1945. Corporal Gotch was assigned to an Artillery Forward Observer Section attached to the Mfay Force in its operations against Ipo Dam. Due to the rapid advance of our troops in this operation, it became necessary for Corporal Gotch and the men of his section to move their equipment by hand while moving over rugged and difficult terrain. This task was often accomplished while at the stage of physical exhaustion. On numerous occasions Corporal Gotch reconnoitered possible observation posts while under enemy fire. Due to his efficiency and skill, the forward elements of our troops were never without communications. Corporal Gotch's courage, initiative and resourcefulness contributed materially to the successful completion of the Ipo Dam Operation. Home address: Mrs. Pearl Gotch, (mother), General Delivery, Mamacolin, Pennsylvania.

Corporal MELVIN W. PFLUM, (36221745), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine during the period 9 May to 20 May 1945. Corporal Pflum was assigned to an Artillery Forward Observer Section attached to the Mfay Force in its operations against Ipo Dam. Due to the rapid advance of our troops in this operation, it became necessary for Corporal Pflum and the men of his section to move their equipment by hand while moving over rugged and difficult terrain. This task was often accomplished while at the stage of physical exhaustion. On numerous occasions Corporal Pflum reconnoitered possible observation posts while under enemy fire. Due to his efficiency and skill, the forward elements of our troops were never without communications. Corporal Pflum's courage, initiative and resourcefulness contributed materially to the successful completion of the Ipo Dam Operation. Home address: Mr. Irvin Pflum, (brother), 208 Wisconsin Avenue, Tomahawk, Wisconsin.

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Private First Class THURMAN E. SAMPSON, (34913791), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 5 May to 20 May 1945. Private Sampson was assigned to an Artillery Liaison Section attached to the M'ay Force in its operations against the enemy to seize and secure Ipo Dam. Although continually exposed to enemy fire and adverse weather, Private Sampson and the men of his section maintained communications with the forward and rear elements of the Force over difficult and rugged terrain. His untiring efforts enabled the Liaison Officer to devote his entire attention to the conduct of artillery fire. Private Sampson's zeal, enthusiasm, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Lou Sampson, (mother), Route #2, Kingsport, Tennessee.

Private HAROLD (NAN) TESSIN, (37022711), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 5 May to 20 May 1945. Private Tessin was assigned to an Artillery Liaison Section attached to the M'ay Force in its operations against the enemy to seize and secure Ipo Dam. Although continually exposed to enemy fire and adverse weather, Private Tessin and the men of his section maintained communications with the forward and rear elements of the Force over difficult and rugged terrain. His untiring efforts enabled the Liaison Officer to devote his entire attention to the conduct of artillery fire. Private Tessin's courage, enthusiasm, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mamye Tessin, (mother), Caledonia, Minnesota.

Private First Class RAY B. TOWRY, (54270903), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 5 May to 20 May 1945. Private Towry was assigned to an Artillery Liaison Section attached to the M'ay Force in its operations against the enemy to seize and secure Ipo Dam. Although continually exposed to enemy fire and adverse weather, Private Towry and the men of his section maintained communications with the forward and rear elements of the Force over difficult and rugged terrain. His untiring efforts enabled the Liaison Officer to devote his entire attention to the conduct of artillery fire. Private Towry's courage, enthusiasm, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mr. John M. Towry, (father), Route #2, Tullahoma, Tennessee.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

*Harry A. Dosch Jr.*  
HARRY A. DOSCH JR.  
Major, AGD  
Adjutant General

C. P. ROBBINS  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief of Staff



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SECTION I---AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
SECTION II--AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

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Staff Sergeant OLIVER J. CESA (33270691), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14-15 May 1945. Sergeant Cesa, in command of a group of ten men, was engaged in maintaining a distance greater than a hundred yards of his company's perimeter. Throughout the night, the perimeter was attacked repeatedly by an enemy force using heavy mortars, machine guns, grenades and small arms fire. During each attack, Sergeant Cesa rallied his men by words of encouragement, and by his superior leadership succeeded in repulsing the enemy attacks killing seven of the enemy. Sergeant Cesa's superior leadership, outstanding courage, and exemplary performance of duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mr. Joseph O. Cesa (father), Box 52, Kersey, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant CARL A. CIARONI (36315519), (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. Sergeant Ciaroni, in command of a platoon of rifleman, was leading his platoon against an enemy road block. Upon making contact with the enemy, he skillfully deployed his men so as to completely pocket the enemy and make it possible for another platoon in a flanking movement to completely annihilate the enemy. Sergeant Ciaroni's superior leadership in this action undoubtedly saved his platoon from suffering numerous casualties, and was an inspiration to all who served with him. Home address: Mrs. Jessie Ciaroni (mother), 1140 North Monticello Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class ADRIAN U. PACE (36054374), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 April 1945. Private Pace, while manning a 60MM mortar gun, was under intense enemy fire from five different directions. The enemy moved a machine gun nearer to Private Pace's position and began delivering intense fire in direct line with his gun. With total disregard for his personal safety, Private Pace continued firing his mortar and succeeded in destroying the enemy machine gun. He immediately shifted his gun five more times, and delivered such accurate and effective fire that the five remaining enemy gun positions were knocked out. The outstanding courage and coolness under fire displayed by Private Pace contributed in a great measure to the destruction of the enemy attack, and undoubtedly saved his company from suffering

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numerous casualties. Home address: Mrs. Maxie Pace (wife), 215 28th Street, Cairo, Illinois.

**SECTION II**

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant ROMNEY O. GEORGE, (34019175), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #55, dated 29 March 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant ROMNEY O. GEORGE (34019175), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Maluseg, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 March 1945. The patrol of which Sergeant George was a member was proceeding towards its destination in a motor boat when they ran into a Jap ambush. The enemy opened fire at point blank range killing several officers and enlisted men. Sergeant George observed that a member of the patrol had been wounded in the head by Jap rifle fire and was laying unconscious in about four feet of water. With total disregard for his personal safety and the intense enemy fire from shore positions, Sergeant George unhesitatingly went to the assistance of his wounded comrade. With the help of two other men, he held the stricken man upright for one and one half hours behind the slight protection of the beached motor boat. When the opportunity presented itself, Sergeant George assisted in carrying the wounded soldier approximately two thousand yards over difficult terrain under enemy fire to a route of evacuation. The heroism and outstanding courage shown by Sergeant George in this action reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Bonnie George (mother), Route #2, DeKalb, Mississippi.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

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30 June 1945

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 5, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Grade IV HOMER E. DEVENNEY, (36197035), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 5 May to 20 May 1945. Sergeant Devenney was assigned to an Artillery Liaison Section attached to the Mfay Force in its operations against the enemy to seize and secure Ipo Dam. Although continually exposed to enemy fire and adverse weather, Sergeant Devenney and the men of his section maintained communications with the forward and rear elements of the Force over difficult and rugged terrain. His untiring efforts enabled the Liaison Officer to devote his entire attention to the conduct of artillery fire. Sergeant Devenney's courage, enthusiasm, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Caroline Devenney, (mother), 428 North Marshall Avenue, Marshall, Michigan.

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\* Corporal RICHARD MASON, (34089097), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 May to 20 May 1945. Corporal Mason was assigned to an Artillery Forward Observer Section attached to the Mfay Force in its operations against Ipo Dam. Due to the rapid advance of our troops on this operation, it became necessary for Corporal Mason and the men of his section to move their equipment by hand while moving over rugged and difficult terrain. This task was often accomplished while at the stage of physical exhaustion. On numerous occasions, Corporal Mason reconnoitered possible observation posts while under enemy fire. Due to his efficiency and skill, the forward elements of our troops were never without communications. Corporal Mason's courage, initiative, and resourcefulness contributed materially to the successful completion of the Ipo Dam Operation. Home address: Mrs. Anna M. Mason, (mother), Route #1, Homer, Georgia.

Private First Class EDWARD F. MC NELIS, (33247605), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 5 May to 20 May 1945. Private McNelis was assigned to an Artillery Liaison Section attached to the Mfay Force in its operations against the enemy to seize and secure Ipo Dam. Although continually exposed to enemy fire and adverse weather, Private McNelis and the men of his section maintained communications with the forward and rear elements of the Force over difficult and rugged terrain. His untiring efforts enabled the Liaison Officer to devote his entire attention to the conduct of artillery fire. Private McNelis' courage, enthusiasm, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary McNelis, (mother), 403 Fifth Street, Patton, Pennsylvania.

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Technician Grade IV LAWRENCE A. PRUDHONT, (19203454), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 5 May to 20 May 1945. Sergeant Prudhont was assigned to an Artillery Liaison Section attached to the Mfay Force in its operations to seize and secure Ipo Dam. Although continually exposed to enemy fire and adverse weather, Sergeant Prudhont and the men of his section maintained communications with the forward and rear elements of the Force over difficult and rugged terrain. His untiring efforts enabled the Liaison Officer to devote his entire attention to the conduct of artillery fire. Sergeant Prudhont's courage, enthusiasm, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Rose Prudhont, (mother), 3526 Jasmine Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class HAROLD A. REMALEY, (33057539), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January to 10 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emma L. Remaley, (mother), 111 East Foll Street, Summit Hill, Pennsylvania.

Technician Grade V JOHN H. WOERNER, (38556228), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 May to 20 May 1945. Corporal Woerner was assigned to an Artillery Forward Observer Section attached to the Mfay Force in its operations against Ipo Dam. Due to the rapid advance of our troops in this operation, it became necessary for Corporal Woerner and the men of his section to move their equipment by hand while moving over rugged and difficult terrain. This task was often accomplished while at the stage of physical exhaustion. On numerous occasions Corporal Woerner reconnoitered possible observation posts while under enemy fire. Due to his efficiency and skill, the forward elements of our troops were never without communications. Corporal Woerner's courage, initiative, and resourcefulness contributed materially to the successful completion of the Ipo Dam Operation. Home address: Mrs. Cecilo M. Woerner, (mother), 1400 Water Street, Kerrville, Texas.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KING:

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
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ORIGINAL ~~ORDER~~

30 June 1945

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Grade V GLEN B. BULLOCK (37463828), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 7 May 1945 to 21 May 1945. Corporal Bullock, a Wireman in an Infantry Battalion, laid wire under the most hazardous conditions, frequently under heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire. On many occasions the wire lines from the Rifle Companies to the Battalion were broken during the night due to enemy action. Immediately at daybreak Corporal Bullock, with a minimum of protection and at times without any at all, set out and repaired them. In two particular instances, Corporal Bullock detected enemy trail blocks, skilfully evaded the nearby enemy and laid wire around the obstacles so that his Battalion could have direly needed telephone communications. Inasmuch as the only means of communications was by telephone during this period, Corporal Bullock's excellent and outstanding work in maintaining it was most exemplary. Home address: Mrs. Thelma E. Bullock (wife), 311 East 5th Street, Lexington, Nebraska.

Private First Class REX S. FULLAM (20151701), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 7 May 1945 to 21 May 1945. As Radio Operator between his Regimental Command Post and the Battalion Command Posts, Private Fullam performed his duty in a most superior manner. During this entire period the Battalion Command Posts were out of range of direct communications. As a result of this the messages transmitted could not be clearly heard. It then became necessary for Private Fullam to relay them through his own radio. At times Private Fullam served on Out Post duty for the Intelligence and Reconnaissance section of his Regiment. In spite of the many hazards involved, he kept constant and diligent watch at his station. By his untiring efforts and great determination, Private Fullam contributed directly to the successful completion of all messages his Regimental Commander had sent to the forward battalions. Home address: Mrs. Hazel I. Fullam (wife), Box 177, Montpelier, Vermont.

Private First Class JOHN S. GORSKI (36167367), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 7 May 1945 to 21 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Adam Gorski (father), 13153 Klinger Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class CLYDE W. HUMMINGBIRD (38472096), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Private Hummingbird, one of two Loading Scouts of an Infantry Company, went out with a patrol to seize an important position, the occupation of which

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would serve as a point of excellent observation on enemy supply lines and heavy gun positions. Private Hummingbird's outstanding record of patrolling and observing is marked by his immediate participation in fording streams, swamps, and cutting his way through thick, knife-like tall grass in order to efficiently and effectively seek out a route of approach to the objective. Through Private Hummingbird's untiring efforts and amazing skill, his Company was enabled to apply the element of surprise on the Japs and drive them from the objective with a minimum of casualties to our forces. Home address: Mrs. Thelma E. Pack (sister), 3205 Blakely Drive, San Diego(33), California.

Private First Class LESLIE R. KING (35771825), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 1 June 1945. Private King, as Company Aid Man, administered first aid to many of his comrades during this entire period. While his Company was still engaged in combat, Private King suddenly became ill, but regardless of his illness he continued his noble work with outstanding efficiency for long periods of time. From his actions it was apparent that Private King never saw danger ahead of him when called to administer medical aid to a fallen comrade. At times he had to be restrained from running into enemy small-arms fire upon hearing some one call for a medic. It finally became necessary to evacuate him because of his increased illness, but during his brief absence the members of his Platoon repeatedly requested his return as they felt more assured of the best of care in his presence. Private King's display of great courage, coolness under fire and faithfulness to his fellow soldiers earned him the respect and admiration of his Company's personnel. Home address: Mrs. Viola King (mother), Romant, West Virginia.

Technician Grade IV HUNTER M. RUDISILL (53088128), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 7 May 1945 to 15 May 1945. Sergeant Rudisill, a Radio Operator for his Battalion Commander, frequently carried and operated his radio in sniper-infested areas and under heavy enemy artillery fire. During this period under adverse conditions which made travel over muddy terrain most difficult, ~~Sergeant~~ Rudisill, with never a complaint, performed his duty with exceptional courage. At all times ~~Sergeant~~ Rudisill excelled in his work and his outstanding devotion to duty sets him aside as an exceptional soldier. Home address: Mr. Hunter Rudisill (father), 617 Danbury Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
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NUMBER.....405

30 June 1945.

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SECTION I--AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS #201, #242, #264,  
SECTION II--AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL  
SECTION III--AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART (C.M.-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. So much of Section I, Paragraph 1, General Orders #201, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 17 May 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class PETER MASTRANTUONO, (42003269), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

2. So much of Section II, Paragraph 1, General Orders #242, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 24 May 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class MARSELLINO SAUCIDO, (39860484), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

3. So much of Section I, Paragraph 1, General Orders #264, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 1 June 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart Medal to the following named enlisted men, is hereby revoked.

*Revoked by G.O. 429 - July 5, 1945*

~~Private First Class HAROLD S. BERRY, (31018721), Infantry.  
Private ARTHUR G. CURRIS, (39728158), Infantry.  
Private JAMES C. CURRIS, (37775342), Infantry.  
Private ERIAS J. HALL, (37775311), Infantry.~~

SECTION II

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class JOSEPH F. CALEDONIA, (35230676), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rose Caledonia, (mother), 637 Second Street, Warren, Ohio.

Technician Grade IV (then Private First Class) ORESTE R. MARTZIAL, (15077390), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Vangoona, New Georgia, Solomon Islands on 3 July 1943. Home address: Mrs. T. J. Martzial, (mother), 28 West Marion Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

Private First Class JOHN P. PRAVETTONE, (36589053), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rose Pravettone, (mother), 4145 Canton Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class LAWRENCE W. TRIBOUT, (37648033), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Agnes Tribout, (mother), 6033 Horton Place, St. Louis, Missouri.

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SECTION III

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class RICHARD F. CULLENS, JR., (34269360), by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #25, Paragraph I, Section I, 15 February 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class RICHARD F. CULLENS JR., (34269360), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bosoboso, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Fannie W. Cullens, (mother), Route #1, Montrose, Georgia.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class JOHN F. FRAVETTONE, (36589053), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #A05, 30 June 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class JOHN F. FRAVETTONE, (36589053), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Lawa Dan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rose Fravettone, (mother), 4445 Canton Street, Detroit, Michigan.

3. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class MARCELINO SANCIDO, (39860484), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders # 300, 9 June 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class MARCELINO SANCIDO, (39860484), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rosario Lopez, (sister), 6th Avenue, Glendale Arizona.

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was seized.

The courage and skill displayed by the Second Battalion, 172d Infantry in executing a bold maneuver, overcoming tremendous terrain and weather adversities, and smashing the organized defense of a numerically superior foe constitute an outstanding example of infantry action and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the United States Army.

*Leonard F. Wing*  
LEONARD F. WING,  
Major General, U. S. Army,  
Commanding.

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1 July 1945

Under the provisions of Section IV Circular No. 333, War Department, 1943, the Second Battalion, 172d Infantry Regiment is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

On 7 May 1945, following swift night marches to forward assembly areas, the Second Battalion, 172d Infantry Regiment was ordered to envelop the southern flank of the Japanese Ipo Dam defense barrier extending seven miles along the rocky Bigti escarpment and seize the key hill masses twelve miles to the northeast commanding the Metropolitan Highway in the vicinity of Ipo Dam. With a reduced strength of twenty four officers and five hundred sixty two enlisted men, resulting from one hundred twenty days of almost continuous combat since the assault landing on Lingayon Gulf, the battalion attacked six miles over extremely rugged and hilly terrain and in forty eight hours had destroyed the enemy outposts and captured Hill 795 under heavy Jap artillery. At dawn on the 9 of May, the attack continued north without delay, destroyed increased enemy resistance and overran two field gun emplacements to secure Hill 700 from which well organized Jap resistance could be observed one thousand yards to the north on Big Boy Hill to the right front and Spiderhole Hill to the left front.

Admirably employing every supporting artillery piece, mortar, and machine gun, the battalion launched a coordinated attack with two companies maneuvering to encircle the left of the Jap position on Big Boy Hill. The initial flanking company assaulted the Jap flank, turned it, killed thirty seven Japs in their positions, captured several enemy field pieces, and drove the remainder of the enemy to the north and west. Despite heavy casualties sustained from continuous Jap 155 mm. artillery barrages, the battalion immediately drove the second flanking company west through the first against more strongly defended Spiderhole Hill. From positions on Hill 700 the reserve rifle company and heavy weapons company placed highly effective supporting fires north on the crest of the objective enabling the maneuvering company to close with the enemy, killing fifty seven Japs, and seizing positions on the southeastern slopes of Spiderhole Hill. The Jap intent to defend these positions at all costs became apparent by his refusal to be driven from fortifications on the northern slopes and increased intensity of 75 mm, 105 mm, and 155 mm artillery salvos on our newly won positions.

At this phase, the Second Battalion was three thousand yards south of the Ipo Dam with the enemy repositioning his troops from his western front to meet the threat to his vital south flank. This repositioning paved the way for the successful breaking of the enemy frontal cliff defenses in the vicinity of Bigti by the 169th Infantry Regiment. It enlarged the mission of the Second Battalion, 172d Infantry Regiment by placing another enemy battalion between it and its objective. Heavy Jap artillery preparations from both the northwest and southeast were lifted only long enough to permit frequent enemy counterattacks. During the night 12 - 13 May, three more organized Japanese Banzai

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attacks were repulsed by our troops on Big Boy and Spiderhole, with heavy casualties to the enemy. At this critical phase the pre-season rains came, to continue for three days and nights, breaking the eight mile supply and communication lines and necessitating all supply by air-drop. Evacuation to the nearest truck head was eight hours by carrier. The battalion regrouped its depleted elements on its right flank vicinity Hill 815 and in a race against stalemate launched a fierce daylight attack across open terrain against newly reinforced Jap defenses on Red Bank Hill. The leading company had almost reached the crest of its objective when it received murderous cross-fire from high ground on three sides. Enemy machine gun, mortar, 150 mm. artillery and 40 mm. MBI fire were concentrated on the leading units, taking a heavy toll of casualties. However, inspired by innumerable acts of heroism, elements executed a skillful withdrawal under smoke to a defilade position where hasty reorganization was completed. In this action the battalion lost its commander; the three rifle companies had but one remaining officer each, the heavy weapons company none; the average company strength on the line was fifty-one officers and men. The Jap diverted all his artillery, totalling over twenty-eight available field pieces, from targets on our positions on Spiderhole and Big Boy and concentrated on the elements reorganizing on the right flank on Hill 815.

Officers and men unanimously made the decision to continue the attack on Red Bank, this time pushing two of the rifle companies in a wide encirclement to the right rear of the enemy stronghold. Utilizing darkness and rain to mask the attack, elements took the position from the rear and seized the vital Red Bank commanding the Metropolitan Road, cutting off escape to the east of an entire enemy battalion and breaking the backbone of his defenses of the Ipo Dam sector. Meanwhile, the remaining rifle company holding the hard-won positions on the southern slopes of Big Boy Hill and Spiderhole Hill were still heavily engaged with sur-in enemy strength at close quarters. Simultaneously with the assault on Red Bank, these southern elements, realizing the threat to the rear of the main effort, created by the enemy on Big Boy and Spiderhole, fixed bayonets and without direct orders, charged north over the crest of the hill and overran the enemy positions killing over one hundred Japs in fierce hand-to-hand conflict.

Notwithstanding that all resistance on its assigned objectives was finally eliminated, the battalion hastily reorganized, redispersed elements and without orders attacked north with maximum available strength to exploit the enemy's disorganization. The battalion advanced 3500 yards to secure all key terrain features north of the Metropolitan Road as far as the Angat River gorge thus denying the last feasible route of enemy withdrawal east into the mountains.

During the period 14 May - 16 May, 1945, this battalion was subjected to over two thousand three hundred rounds of enemy artillery fire, ranging in caliber from 75 mm. to 150 mm. Notwithstanding the loss of two hundred thirty two officers and men, killed, wounded or evacuated for illness during the action, the Second Battalion continued the attack under command of a Captain. Seven officers remained in the battalion when the final objective

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1 July 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER  
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1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named **officer** and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant ISADORE M. BERGER (37132144), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Max BERGER (father), 5571 Vernon Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class MARGEN R. BUTZ (39236690), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 7 May 1945 to 16 May 1945. As a member of a Communications Platoon, Private Butz displayed exceptional courage and keen devotion to duty. Private Butz was always on the go, laying and repairing communication wires under the most severe and hazardous conditions. The many hills and trails he traversed in the course of his duties were slippery due to heavy rains, and were made more hazardous by enemy artillery and sniper fire. Private Butz so faithfully clung to his work that he finally wore himself out and **became ill**. In performing his tasks above and beyond the call of duty, Private Butz was inspirational to his fellow members and earned himself their sincere admiration. Home address: Mrs. Alice L. Butz (wife), 3601 Lewis Avenue, Fresno, California.

Technician Grade V SIDNEY KORNBLOM (52513539), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 7 May 1945 to 21 May 1945. In addition to his normal duty as a Radio Operator in his Company, Corporal Kornblum repaired radios and assisted the wiremen in repairing wire lines under hazardous conditions. He voluntarily accepted the duties of other Radio Operators when they were evacuated due to injuries and illness, often working twenty-four hours a day. Because he volunteered to take on additional duties regardless of the hazards involved and performed them in a **most superior manner**, Corporal Kornblum earned himself the reputation of an outstanding soldier. Home address: Mr. Max Kornblum (father), 2133 62nd Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class KENNETH E. TIFFEY (37476213), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 26 May 1945. The manner in which Private Tiffey performed his duty throughout this period, earned him the enviable reputation of an excellent Automatic Rifleman. Often times while performing his duty in the face of grave danger during a recent operation, Private Tiffey remained in his position and continued firing his rifle at the enemy which outnumbered his Platoon by many, and helped immensely in repulsing the charging Japs. Private Tiffey later

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became ill but declined evacuation since his Platoon was greatly understrength as a result of combat attrition. In this long period of combat duty Private Tiffy demonstrated great courage, steadfastness of purpose and a willingness to continue which are exemplary of an outstanding soldier. Home address: Mrs. Hulda E. Tiffy (mother), Missouri Valley, Iowa.

First Lieutenant JAMES F. WHITE (O-1820797), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Lieutenant White, in command of an Infantry Company, was given the mission of launching a frontal attack against a large, enemy-held hill known as "Red Bank". Despite the heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire on his line of departure, Lieutenant White, through careful planning, swiftly moved his Company approximately 500 yards forward into a defiladed area without a casualty. In this position his Company became subjected to heavy enemy mortar, machine-gun and rifle fire. Ignoring an order to withdraw, Lieutenant White chose to remain and attempted to maneuver a Platoon in another direction to the objective. He exposed himself in making a proper reconnaissance before committing his troops to action. At the jump-off, the enemy directed fire on the Platoon with such intensity that several casualties were incurred on our troops. Lieutenant White remained cool and supervised the removal of litter patients before ordering his troops to move to more tenable positions. He was last to leave the danger area after insuring that all wounded were removed. Under the cover of a smoke screen, Lieutenant White moved his Company to a more strategic position with such efficiency and speed that no more casualties were sustained. It was largely due to Lieutenant White's outstanding courage, skilful leadership and keen devotion to duty that his Company suffered no further casualties in its hazardous assignment. Home address: Mr. Ernest W. White (father), R.R. #1, Leno, Georgia.

Private First Class JAMES G. WHITESIDE (37503352), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 April 1945 to 21 May 1945. During this period Private Whiteside performed his duty as Radio Operator in a superior manner. He carried his #300 Radio on patrols and was always close to the forward troops in order to maintain communications. On one occasion when Private Whiteside's company moved on its mission to assist in securing the Regimental Objective, Private Whiteside was the only radio operator available due to the reduced number of personnel in his Company. Despite the many hazards and difficult terrain over which he trudged with his heavy radio, Private Whiteside succeeded in reaching the Regimental Objective and continued to maintain the vital communications. Private Whiteside's outstanding courage, keen devotion to duty and perseverance set him aside as a fine example of an exceptional soldier. Home address: Mr. William Whiteside (father), Atwin, Kansas.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KING:

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1 July 1945

Under the provisions of Section IV Circular No. 333, War Department, 1943, the Second Battalion, 169th Infantry Regiment is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands.

At 1850 hours on 17 January 1945, the Second Battalion, 169th Infantry received orders to move out at 0730 hours, 18 January to secure the road junction on the important north-south National Highway (Highway 3) 600 yards northeast of Sison, Pangasinan Province, Luzon, Philippine Islands, and block any movement to the north or to the south, cutting off an enemy force offering stiff resistance from fortified emplacements on Hill 355 and Mt Alava, preventing this force from being reinforced and resupplied and cutting the main route of withdrawal of enemy troops northward. At receipt of the order, the battalion was at Barrio Palacpalac,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of the designated objective.

The battalion, with one platoon of Cannon Company and two platoons of Anti-Tank Company, 169th Infantry attached, moved out at 0730, 18 January 1945 against scattered resistance and secured the road junction and bridge at Bobonan at 0930 destroying a small enemy force of 5 riflemen equipped with demolitions. A guard was placed on the bridge to prevent further attempts to blow up this important point. Companies "F" and "G" moved forward from this junction and ran into stiff resistance from well fortified automatic weapons positions and riflemen occupying the high ground to the west of Highway 3. The Battalion Commander requested tank support and at 1300 hours, one platoon of the 716th Tank Battalion arrived to support the attack. With Company "F" astride the highway, Company "E" on the left, Company "G" on the right and tanks in close support, the battalion attacked the enemy road block 500 yards north of Bobonan and knocked out 2 light machine-guns, 1 heavy machine-gun, and killed 23 enemy riflemen. At this point, extremely accurate artillery fire of 75mm calibre was placed on the forward elements of the battalion from the high ground to the northeast and southwest. Under this heavy fire the battalion moved northward and 800 yards short of the objective encountered another road block. Utilizing Tank and Infantry, 2 light machine-guns and 1 knee mortar were destroyed and 18 enemy riflemen killed. At 1600 hours, still under artillery fire, the battalion moved into and secured the road junction northeast of Sison. The tanks withdrew on orders shortly after the battalion had secured its objective. As the battalion dug in defensive positions, the enemy artillery fire, now supplemented by 90mm mortar fire, became intense and shortly before dusk a particularly heavy concentration wiped out the defensive sector covering the road from Sison. One rifle platoon of Company "G" suffered 25 casualties. Intermittent artillery and mortar fire continued during the earlier part of the night. At 0500 hours, 19 January, an enemy force of approximately 100 men equipped with knee mortars, light machine-guns and rifles moving northward from Sison penetrated the battalion defense. Fierce hand-to-hand fighting ensued during which the Battalion Commander was killed. At 0530 hours an enemy motor column, including artillery field pieces, ammunition caissons, horse-drawn carts and approximately 600 men, drove into the battalion defensive position in a salient extending northeast from Sison. The enemy motor column was stopped at the road block by heavy-machine-gun and anti-tank fire and as the foot column closed on the vehicles, friendly supporting artillery laid down heavy

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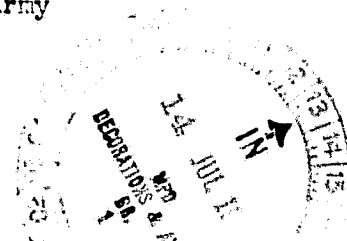
fire along the road to Sison. This fire inflicted heavy casualties on the foot column, destroyed many of the vehicles and closed the escape route for the entrapped enemy. Intense close-in fighting continued with the battalion's automatic weapons taking heavy toll of the numerically superior enemy. In the light of dawn the Anti-Tank guns destroyed the remaining enemy vehicles and a counter-attack by Company "E" destroyed or drove out the remaining enemy in the battalion defensive area. At approximately 0900, two platoons of tanks returned to assist in mopping up. Upon their reaching the road block enemy mortars and artillery opened up with renewed energy, inflicting heavy casualties on troops and immobilizing two tanks, one of which burned completely. Upon order of the Acting Battalion Commander, the tanks withdrew and an urgent call was sent for ambulances and medics. These were dispatched but could not reach the battalion road block due to intense artillery and mortar fire. The battalion remained in position under this continued pounding and repulsed several small counter-attacks throughout the morning. At 1230 hours the order to withdraw was received, and still under heavy fire the battalion effected an orderly withdrawal taking their wounded with them.

During this complete engagement the battalion captured and destroyed large stores of food and ammunition in three dumps between Bobonan and Sison, destroyed eight artillery pieces with caissons, two tracked prime movers, one staff car, one armored car, and twelve horses and carts. Enemy casualties were over 600 dead and an undetermined number wounded.

The battalion casualties were 3 officers and 25 enlisted men killed, 2 officers and 109 enlisted men wounded, 3 enlisted men missing, and 2 enlisted men injured. Battalion strength as of 17 January 1945 was 26 officers and 565 enlisted men present for duty and as of 20 January 1945 was 19 officers and 436 enlisted men. The battalion had been in continual contact with the enemy since 9 January 1945 and had suffered heavy previous losses.

The cold courage and fighting spirit exhibited by the Second Battalion under the most hazardous of conditions won the admiration of all those to whom they set their inspiring example of gallantry and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

*Leonard F. Wing*  
LEONARD F. WING  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Commanding



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**ORIGINAL ORDER**

**SECTION I---AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL**  
**SECTION II---AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)**

**SECTION I**

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Technician Grade IV WILLIAM J. LEWIS (34081543), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 15 January to 30 January 1945. Sergeant Lewis, a member of a Regimental Aid Station, volunteered to lead a group of Filipino litter-bearers and infantrymen acting as litter-bearers, under enemy sniper and artillery fire to take patients from forward isolated areas back to the Regimental Aid Station, a distance of approximately 600 yards. With his technical knowledge and skill in first aid treatment, he administered valuable and correct treatment to the wounded men until they could be transported to a higher echelon for evacuation. Sergeant Lewis' untiring efforts, outstanding courage and exemplary performance of duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary L. P. Lewis (mother), R.F.D. #2, Sandersville, Georgia.

Private First Class DORRIS H. SMITH (34648821), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 May 1945. During an assault on a hill, Private Smith, a scout with a rifle company, assumed the duties of squad leader. Upon beginning the push, Private Smith was wounded in the arm from enemy fire, and with further disregard for his personal safety, he remained with his men throughout the attack and rallied them on with words of encouragement. The outstanding courage and superior leadership displayed by Private Smith in this action contributed in a great measure to the success of his company's attack on the hill. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Smith (mother), Route #2, Westminster, South Carolina.

Second Lieutenant VIRGIL J. VANOSS (O-1319236), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 19 March to 21 March 1945. A platoon of riflemen, commanded by Lieutenant VanOss, was advancing in an assault on a hill, over terrain which was very hilly with steep precipitous slopes and deep draws filled with brush, effectively concealing enemy positions and increasing the platoon's chances of being ambushed. Small groups of Japs were encountered daily, and on several different occasions, following skirmishes with the enemy, Lieutenant VanOss' platoon was cut off and had to maneuver skillfully to by-pass enemy positions. In spite of all difficulties the platoon advanced a considerable distance toward its objective and remained in position even

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though the rest of the Company had withdrawn to a position further in the rear. Due to the difficult supply problem, Lieutenant VanOss was ordered to withdraw his platoon. This necessitated skillful maneuvering to avoid a Jap ambush, and was carried out successfully without a single casualty. The superior leadership, initiative, and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant VanOss in this action reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mr. Joe H. VanOss (father), Ottoville, Ohio.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Grade III EUGENE S. CARVER (31027818), Medical Department, by this headquarters as published in General Orders #21, dated 11 May 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technician Grade III EUGENE S. CARVER (31027818), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 20 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen Carver (mother), R.F.D. #3, Milo, Maine.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Corporal LEO J. SWITALSKI (36508364), Medical Department, by this headquarters as published in General Orders #21, dated 11 May 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

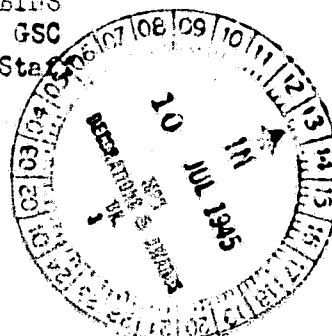
Corporal LEO J. SWITALSKI (36508364), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 20 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lottie Switalski (wife), 3540 Harper Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

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HARRY A. DOSCH JR.  
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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
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ORIGINAL ORDER -

SECTION I -- AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL  
SECTION II -- AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant GEORGE R. BETTS, (38393222), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rachele E. Betts, (wife), Box 310, Britton, Oklahoma.

Private First Class WILSON R. GADDIS, (44032308), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Wawa Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary S. Gaddis, (wife), Route #5, Fayette, Alabama.

~~Private First Class EARL F. HILL, JR., (39476489), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 June 1945. Home address: Mr. Earl F. Hill, (father), Route #1, Marlow, Oklahoma.~~

~~Private First Class ALBERT G. KONRAD, (30591479), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Trainee Konrad, (wife), Box #568, Route #1, Lomita, California.~~

Private GORDON F. POWELL, (31020234), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mt. Caymayunan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 31 March 1945. Home address: Miss Gladys Powell, (sister), 9 Ten Broeck Street, Albany, New York.

Private First Class JOHN E. RYAN, (32748493), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Ryan, (mother), 4 Crockett Avenue, Troy, New York.

Private First Class CLIFTON S. SIKES, (34276536), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at New Georgia, Solomon Islands on 19 July 1943. Home address: Mrs. Millie D. Sikes, (mother), Route #3, Carthage, Mississippi.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Sergeant GENEL R. BORMAN, (33219372), Infantry, by Headquarters 8th Gen. Hospital, as published in General Orders #2, 5 October 1943, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

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Sergeant GENEL R. BOWMAN, (33219372), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Hill 1410, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louisa Boyd Bowman, (mother), RFD #1, Rice, Virginia.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant ELWELL L. HARDY, (20144169), Infantry, by Headquarters 41st Field Hospital, as published in Paragraph I, Section I, General Orders #1, 26 January 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant ELWELL L. HARDY, (20144169), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Luna, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hattie E. Hardy, (mother), Bryant Pond, Maine.

3. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Captain RICHARD N. LOUCKS, (0-444726), Infantry, by Headquarters XIV Corps, as published in General Orders #95, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Captain RICHARD N. LOUCKS, (0-444726), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Richard N. Loucks, (father), 504 North Daroca Street, San Gabriel, California.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KING:

OFFICIAL:

C. F. ROBBINS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

*Harry A. Bosch Jr.*  
HARRY A. BOSCH JR.  
Major, A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

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SECTION I---AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL (Posthumously)  
SECTION II--AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

SECTION I

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

Private First Class R. D. (I.O.) LAMBERT, (34634666), United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 13 March to 25 March 1945. Private Lambert, without concern for his personal safety, volunteered to seek out and destroy an enemy machine gun position. Displaying exceptional courage and unusual ability under the most trying circumstances, Private Lambert succeeded in getting sufficiently close to the enemy machine gun position, and threw a hand grenade. He followed this by emptying his rifle at the enemy. The enemy position was completely destroyed. Private Lambert's indomitable courage, aggressiveness, and keen devotion to duty were an inspiration to the men about him which spurred them on to a successful culmination of the mission. Home address: Mrs. Fannie N. Lambert, (mother), Route #6, Booneville, Mississippi.

Private First Class EDGAR G. PARNELL, (39023334), United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 May 1945. During a Company attack to capture a hill near Fork Ridge, two of the platoons were fired upon by an enemy machine gun resulting in some casualties. So that the wounded might be evacuated, Private Parnell, promptly and fearlessly directed machine gun fire on the hostile position by the use of tracer bullets from his rifle. In this action Private Parnell was killed, sacrificing his life so that his wounded comrades might be saved. Private Parnell's exemplary courage, gallantry, and self-sacrifice were a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his valiant act. Home address: Mrs. Elsie Parnell, (wife), Monette, Arkansas.

SECTION II

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

Second Lieutenant VIRGIL T. DAVID, (02024257), Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Ipo Dam Sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 May 1945. During a column formation movement towards the Ipo Dam area, and while under enemy artillery

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fire, Lieutenant David distinguished himself by his gallant and quick action. During the enemy shelling which resulted in some casualties, Lieutenant David, without regard for his own personal safety, rushed out into the open field to effect rescue of the wounded. Due to the grass fire which was raging on the field caused from the enemy artillery shelling, the wounded were in perilous circumstances. Lieutenant David, assisted by a soldier, succeeded in rescuing one of the casualties from the blazing field and carried him to a place of safety. Lieutenant David's altruistic action and devotion to duty reflect great personal credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Carlene David, (mother), Raxton, Nebraska.

First Lieutenant LAURIE J. NEILSON, (O1318112), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Eulap, Luzon Philippine Islands during period 19-21 March 1945. While leading a platoon in an assault against the enemy, Lieutenant Neilson and his men encountered devastating hostile fire from well concealed positions. In the fierce engagement which ensued, several casualties were sustained causing the platoon members to alter their positions. Lieutenant Neilson and three men were cut off and immediately sought cover in wooded draw nearby. Although Lieutenant Neilson was himself wounded, he disregarded all personal consideration and rendered medical aid to two of the men who were severely wounded. The draw party remained alert for three days and nights until help from the battalion arrived. During this time, Lieutenant Neilson rendered aid and comfort to the stricken men and made several trips to a nearby shell-hole to obtain water by means of painful crawling. Lieutenant Neilson's determination, outstanding courage, and unselfishness are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ilyn F. Neilson, (mother), 1940 Fifth Avenue, Sacramento, California.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KING:

OFFICIAL:

C. P. ROBBINS,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff

  
HARRY A. DOSCH JR.,  
Major, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

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SECTION I - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY)  
SECTION II - AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded ~~posthumously~~ by the Commanding General, 45d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

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Technical Sergeant ROBERT W. VOLGER (36233676), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Volusag, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 March 1945. Sergeant Volger was a member of a 14-man patrol sent out on a mission by motor boat. As the patrol proceeded it suddenly ran into a Jap ambush which resulted in several casualties. A member of the patrol received a bullet wound in his head and was lying unconscious in four feet of water. Sergeant Volger immediately went to his assistance and with the help of two other men, held the wounded man upright behind the beached motor boat while still under intense enemy fire. Sergeant Volger, with the assistance of two others, removed the casualty approximately 2000 yards over a difficult trail under enemy fire to a route of evacuation. In placing the life of a wounded comrade above his own, Sergeant Volger performed a heroic act which is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mr. Frank Volger (father), Hotel Blodgett, Marshfield, Wisconsin.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted man:

Sergeant LEMUEL T. GRIMM (57594601), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 7 May 1945 to 21 May 1945. Sergeant Grimm and his platoon acted as carrying party guards and guides, traversing over long, winding trails in rugged terrain. Frequently Sergeant Grimm's party was fired upon by enemy snipers and proceeded under enemy artillery fire. Despite these hazards and difficulties, Sergeant Grimm always succeeded in keeping his group intact and delivering the much-needed supplies to the front lines. On numerous occasions, due to carrying casualties under these conditions, Sergeant Grimm arrived at his base camp in the early hours of the morning. Throughout the entire campaign, Sergeant Grimm's leadership was outstanding and dependable which earned him the respect and admiration of his fellow countrymen. Home address: Mrs. Ida L. Grimm (mother), 415 East 1st Street, Fulton, Missouri.

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Captain LEROY I. SETZIOL (O-518336), (Chaplains Corps), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 7 May 1945 to 21 May 1945. Chaplain Setziol, as an Infantry Battalion Chaplain, went forward from the Battalion Command Post and stayed with the front-line companies during the day and returned late in the afternoon at the point of exhaustion. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he accompanied the rifle companies even while they were attacking and talked with the troops, giving them words of encouragement. In addition, Chaplain Setziol insured that isolated burials were properly marked and that bodies were removed and given proper burial service when the opportunity presented itself. Chaplain Setziol's display of exceptional courage, untiring efforts and devotion to duty gained him the respect and admiration of all the troops in his battalion. Home address: Mrs. Ruth I. Setziol (wife), 6607 East 15th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri.

First Lieutenant HERBERT H. SIEGAL (O-1299806), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 19 May 1945. As S-4 of an Infantry Battalion, Lieutenant Siegal, during this entire period, performed his duties in a superior manner. During the Rosario operation, he repeatedly led carrying parties over long routes and hazardous terrain. He accomplished this in addition to his other duties and maintained the supply of his battalion under the most adverse conditions. While operating in the mountains of the Ipo Dam area through heavy rain and no vehicle roads, supply and evacuation problems became serious. Lieutenant Siegal again led carrying parties, starting out at various times with only a knowledge of the general direction of his destination. On several occasions it was a direct result of Lieutenant Siegal's efforts that accomplished the evacuation of litter patients working mostly during the hours of darkness on a return trip after carrying supplies and ammunition up to his forward elements. Home address: Mrs. Bettie J. Siegal (wife), 1736 North Wilcox Avenue, Hollywood 28, California.

Major JOE S. SNYDER (O-1291191), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 2 June 1945. Major Snyder was Regimental S-4 during this entire period. After the initial landing, his regiment drove into the rugged, mountainous terrain and immediately the supply problem became acute because of the rapid movements of the troops and the lack of roads. Working brilliantly under the most difficult conditions, Major Snyder coordinated the means of supply by air drops and carriers, thereby enabling our troops to carry the fight to the Japs, a well-equipped, firmly-entrenched enemy. On several occasions Major Snyder risked his life in reconnoitering supply routes by proceeding over dangerous trails without patrol support in order to seek out a better means of delivering supplies. Due to Major Snyder's brilliant work, his devotion to duty and undeniable courage, there has never been an occasion when the attack of his regiment was impeded by the absence of supplies. Home address: Mr. Ray C. Snyder (father), 410 Winola Road, Clark's Summit, Pennsylvania.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

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Major, AGD  
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SECTION I - AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

SECTION II - AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 2 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant ANTHONY J. AMOROSO (31047032), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 7 May 1945. Home address: Joseph Amoroso (brother), 134 Culbert Street, Torrington, Connecticut.

Technician Grade V NATHANIEL V. COLEMAN (31024289), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 1 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Coleman (wife), 8 Catalpa Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Private First Class NORMAN S. DAVIS (2014448), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 12 May 1945 to 19 May 1945. Private Davis, a Mechanic in his company, operated a tractor for long hours without sleep and rest, through enemy sniper and artillery fire, hauling supplies and evacuating casualties where the use of wheeled vehicles was impracticable. On one occasion when the situation at the front became critical due to excessive rains, Private Davis, with complete disregard for his personal safety and with the assistance of another man, volunteered to drive his tractor under cover of darkness over muddy, curving, mountainous roads to the foremost lines to evacuate casualties. Private Davis' firm determination and great courage as shown by his heroic actions regardless of the personal dangers involved, served as an example to the rest of the men and led them to further efforts and cooperation. Home address: Mrs. Bertha N. Smith (mother), 66 Dearborn Street, Westbrook, Maine.

First Lieutenant (CHARLES DOBIAS (O-1284838), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7-19 May 1945. Lieutenant Dobias, Supply Officer of an Infantry Battalion, performed his duties in a most excellent manner. During the Ipo Dam operation, when excessive rains greatly enhanced the problem of supply over muddy roads, Lieutenant Dobias organized carrying parties and personally led them over long, treacherous trails to the front lines to supply the troops with direly needed supplies, and evacuate the wounded on the return trip. He worked day and night to accomplish the seemingly impossible task of both supplying his battalion and evacuating its wounded. Lieutenant Dobias' unwavering efforts and

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steadfastness of purpose were contributing factors to the successful and rapid capture of Ipo Dam. Home address: Mr. Frank J. Dobias (father), Route #3, Scottville, Michigan.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant CHAUNCEY P. COLLINS (20150213), Infantry, by this headquarters, as published in General Orders #77, dated 8 April 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant CHAUNCEY P. COLLINS (20150213), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. Sergeant Collins was a Mortar Observer, attached to a Rifle Company. In one particular instance, a section of his company was held up in its advance by a well-hidden enemy machine gun. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Collins stood up and so accurately brought mortar fire on the enemy gun position that it was completely destroyed. It was due to Sergeant Collins' exceptional act of heroism that his company was allowed to continue its advance. Home address: Mrs. Florence V. Collins (mother), 5 Ely Street, St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Lieutenant Colonel JOHN K. CONNELLY (O-21701), Chaplains Corps, by this headquarters, as published in General Orders #72, dated 6 April 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel JOHN K. CONNELLY (O-21701), Chaplains Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 January 1945. Chaplain Connelly, Division Headquarters Chaplain, landed with the assault waves with an Infantry Regiment in the initial phase of the Luzon Campaign. Ignoring the opportunity to disembark after the beachhead was secured, Chaplain Connelly chose to endanger his life by landing with the assault troops in order to be present to render whatever assistance he could in case of necessity. As he advanced across the beach, Chaplain Connelly observed two wounded men lying close by. With complete disregard for the enemy shells landing all around him, he went to the aid of the wounded men, dressed their wounds and remained with them until medical aid arrived. This heroic act was typical of all of Chaplain Connelly's earnest efforts to be of assistance to those in need and is exemplary of his devotion to his fellow men. Home address: Miss Ethel D. Connelly (sister), 2001 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California.

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

1. Under authority of War Department Circular #345, dated 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to:

MEDICAL DETACHMENT 169TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Since the beachhead on Lingayen Gulf 9 January 1945, the Medical Detachment, 169th Infantry has been continuously employed on combat missions with the 169th Regimental Combat Team. The detachment landed understrength and, as casualties among medical personnel mounted, the strength of the organization was quickly reduced to a point where it was operating with a strength of seventy-four, but these few men efficiently carried on, doing the work of an organization of prescribed T/O strength of 126 men. The aid-men of this organization without regard for their personal safety, repeatedly performed their duties under intense enemy fire, which at times was so severe that the infantry was temporarily halted in their advance. At these times, the medical men fearlessly relinquished the relative security of their fox-holes, crawled on hands and knees to care for and evacuate the wounded. At no time during this entire campaign was a wounded soldier left uncared for and at the mercy of the enemy. This organization has been functioning almost exclusively in mountainous terrain and frequently long litter hauls over precipitous mountains and cliffs was the only route of evacuation to the rear. This was true at Bunday, Fozorrubio, Sison, Fort Stotsenburg, and in the Ipo Dam area. With the acute shortage of medical personnel, it frequently became necessary to shift the men from one battalion section to another where the greatest number of casualties were expected. As a result, many of the medical men were not even able to take advantage of the temporary lulls in battle, during which time a soldier can get a little sleep or tend to his personal hygiene. After several months of this type of activity, many of the medical personnel were both mentally and physically exhausted, but refused hospitalization because they were thoroughly aware of the shortage of medical personnel. Many of them contented themselves with several hours rest at the aid station and then asked to be returned to duty.

Throughout the campaign, evacuation was operated on a 24 hour basis. Only under the most extreme circumstances were patients ever kept in the aid station overnight. Vehicular evacuation continued through the hours of darkness under blackout conditions when there was not only danger from infiltrating enemy troops, but also from friendly troops who were prone to open fire on any moving object outside of their perimeter.

The Bunday River was under enemy observation and each time a vehicle crossed it was greeted by a barrage of direct enemy artillery fire. This was the only available route of evacuation and in spite of the hazard this route was used for a period of three days. Several vehicles were damaged by shell fragments.

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Route 3 from Bohonan to Sison was also under enemy observation and, here also, our vehicles received direct enemy artillery and small arms fire. The casualties were unusually heavy at this time and every available means of transportation had to be employed. Every casualty was evacuated over this dangerous route without further injury to a wounded man, and in the shortest possible time. One of our 3/4 ton trucks carrying eighteen casualties continued on its way in spite of the fact that two of its tires were blown off by enemy fire. On another occasion, two ambo-peeps ran into a mined area in the road. Lacking the technical knowledge required to dispose of the mines, the drivers marked the field, drove between the mines, and continued forward to accomplish their mission. In order to expedite delivery of medical supplies and evacuation of the wounded, civilians, guerrillas, cooks and company overhead, and personnel from special units were organized and led by medical personnel. All types of vehicles were utilized, including M-7's, trucks 1/4, 3/4, 1-1/2 and 2-1/2, ambo-peeps and ambulances.

As proof of the fearless and unselfish manner in which the men of this detachment performed their duties, the following data on medical personnel is submitted: Wounded in action, 47; Killed in action, 11. The devotion to duty of the personnel of the Medical Detachment has won the admiration and confidence of the fighting infantrymen whom they served. The knowledge that they would receive the best medical attention and the most expeditious evacuation if they were wounded, was a prime factor in maintaining the high morale of the combat troops. The officers and non-commissioned officers of this organization have shown the highest quality of leadership and proficiency in medical treatment.

During this period, 302 dead were evacuated, 1039 wounded were hospitalized, 188 wounded were treated and returned to duty, and 1940 non-battle casualties were evacuated through the Medical Detachment. In addition, approximately 300 wounded from the civilian population, guerrillas, POW's, and attached units were treated and evacuated.

In recognition of their meritorious services, many of the men were recommended for awards by officers and men of the Infantry with whom they worked so harmoniously. To date in this campaign, ten Silver Stars, one Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star, and twenty-one Bronze Star Medals have been awarded to members of the Medical Detachment. One enlisted man received a direct appointment on the field to Second Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps.

The appearance of the personnel, and the status of military courtesy were superior. In spite of the difficult supply problems, the proper and efficient functioning of the Medical Detachment was at no time hampered by the lack of adequate supplies and equipment. Orders were executed immediately and enthusiastically, and in many cases were anticipated.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant WEBER T. COLLIER, (35380701), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January to 9 June 1945. Sergeant Collier, in charge of the Medical Detachment of an Infantry Regiment, frequently travelled to forward units to facilitate evacuation of wounded and to see that medical supplies were available at all times. On many of these trips he remained with the advance party to select future areas for aid stations. Sergeant Collier administered first aid and blood plasma to casualties when other aid men were busy elsewhere. Sergeant Collier's skillful performance of duties under the most adverse circumstances of enemy fire, inclement weather, and hazardous terrain have been a constant source of inspiration to the men of his section and reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anna Collier, (mother), 204 Railroad Street, West Brownsville, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant LESTER W. ERBES, (56184335), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 May 1945. During an advance on Hill 815, Sergeant Erbes, Headquarters Company Supply Sergeant, led a carrying party of unarmed civilians through a barrage of machine-gun and artillery fire. At this time the battalion was in a critical position, threatened with the necessity of temporarily withdrawing for lack of ammunition and shortage of rations. Of equal importance was the necessity of evacuating litter cases in need of attention beyond the facilities of the Battalion Aid Station. Sergeant Erbes' initiative and splendid leadership in controlling the carrying party effected the delivery of vital supplies in an extreme emergency and the successful evacuation of badly wounded litter cases. Home address: Mr. John H. Erbes, (father), RED #1, Kent City, Michigan.

Private First Class HUBA E. HIGNIGHT, (38517491), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. During a heavy concentration of enemy artillery on a hill occupied by our troops, numerous casualties were sustained. Several casualties, which required litter evacuation, were also incurred in an adjoining draw, which was at the time under heavy enemy sniper fire. Private Hignight and another member of the medical detachment accompanying the organization volunteered to attempt the evacuation. While descending the trail, Private Hignight's companion was mortally wounded by an enemy sniper. Without regard for his personal safety, Private Hignight remained with his comrade long enough to render first aid, then proceeded into the draw, where he assisted in the evacuation of a wounded officer through an area under heavy enemy artillery

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fire. Private Hignight's exemplary service and faithfulness to duty instilled confidence among his fellow soldiers and reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Nellie York, (sister), 1281 14th Street, San Leandro, California.

Technician Grade V ORA M. OGDEN, (20146985), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January to 10 April 1945. Corporal Ogden's assignment as driver of a Battalion Commander's  $\frac{1}{4}$  - ton truck necessitated his daily presence with front line elements while visiting forward observers and liaison officers in order that the Battalion Commander might gain first hand knowledge of the situation. On one occasion while visiting a Battalion Command Post in the vicinity of Pozorrubio, the Command Post came under direct artillery fire from a newly captured Jap gun. Acting with great daring and rare judgment, Corporal Ogden drove his vehicle through the line of fire to a position of defilade. Then he returned to the Battalion motor park and aided in the removal of still other vehicles. While this was being accomplished, one of our trucks was hit and set afire by the Jap gun. Corporal Ogden's heroic and timely action unquestionably prevented further loss of both life and equipment. Home address: Mrs. Gladys R. Ogden, (mother), Bemock Road, Stillwater, Maine.

Technician Grade V JOE F. SMITH, (15057742), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 May 1945. During a heavy concentration of enemy artillery on a hill occupied by our troops, numerous casualties were sustained. While the shelling continued, the wounded men called for medics. Ignoring the dangers of the shelling, Corporal Smith left his fox-hole and unflinchingly administered first aid to the wounded. Later in the day, while the organization was regrouping and consolidating its lines, it was met with an enemy "Banzai" attack, which resulted in additional casualties. Through this attack, Corporal Smith continued to render first aid and to prepare the wounded for comfortable evacuation. Corporal Smith's exemplary service and faithfulness to duty instilled confidence among his comrades and reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Clara Smith, (wife), Box 273, Georgetown, Kentucky.

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SECTION I---AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
SECTION II---AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant ROBERT O. ELLIOTT (34100840), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 May 1945. Sergeant Elliott, a member of a rifle company, volunteered with the assistance of another enlisted man to lead a party of Filipinos carrying food and ammunition from the rear area along an unfamiliar trail to his company's positions on a hill. Approximately one thousand yards to the rear of the company positions, Sergeant Elliott discovered that the enemy had set up an ambush to trap the supply train as it traversed a thickly wooded stream bed. Sensing the danger to the supply party, the two men crept forward silently and opened fire on an enemy light machine-gun crew killing one of the Japs and forcing the remainder to withdraw leaving their arms behind as they fled. Assuming that more of the enemy were in the vicinity, Sergeant Elliott sent his companion back to the company for reinforcements, and remained on the alert until help arrived. After making a thorough search of the area, he proceeded to accomplish his mission successfully. The alertness, initiative, and superior leadership displayed by Sergeant Elliott in this action reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Eva A. Elliott (wife), R.F.D. #1, Trussville, Alabama.

Private First Class BIASINO P. VRICELLA (32961665), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 May 1945. Private Vricella, a member of a rifle company, volunteered to accompany another enlisted man in leading a party of Filipinos carrying food and ammunition from the rear area along an unfamiliar trail to his company's positions on a hill. Upon discovering that the enemy had set up an ambush approximately one thousand yards to the rear of the company's positions to trap the supply train as it traversed a thickly wooded stream bed, Private Vricella assisted in opening fire on the Japs, killing one of them and forcing the remainder to withdraw leaving their arms behind as they fled. Assuming that more of the enemy were in the vicinity, Private Vricella immediately returned to his company to get reinforcements. After guiding the reinforcements back to the scene of action, he assisted in searching the area for more of the enemy, and then proceeded on to the successful accomplishment of the mission. Private Vricella's heroism and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Angelina Vricella (mother), 447 East 119th. Street, New York, New York.

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Private First Class ARTHUR WILLIAMS (35765553), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Lumban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 April 1945. The truck of which Private Williams was the driver was carrying a small group of men to establish a road block, when a Japanese 47mm anti-tank gun opened fire upon them killing one officer and one enlisted man. With total disregard for his personal safety under enemy fire, Private Williams, realizing the great danger to the passengers in the truck, prevented further casualties by immediately stopping his vehicle to allow the passengers to detruck and seek cover, rather than drive off the road and further endangering their lives. The heroism, initiative, and coolness under fire displayed by Private Williams in this action reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Evelena C. Williams (wife), R.F.D. #5, Howland Springs Road, Warren, Ohio.


SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Major NATHAN M. SOUTHWICK JR. (O-330665), Field Artillery, by this headquarters as published in General Orders #21, dated 5 May 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Major NATHAN M. SOUTHWICK JR. (O-330665), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 April 1945 and on 29 April 1945. On 20 April 1945 at Antipolo and on 29 April 1945 in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Major Southwick, an Artillery Operations Officer, conducted reconnaissance for field artillery positions in areas infested with hostile troops. With total disregard for his personal safety while constantly exposed to enemy small arms and artillery fire, Major Southwick courageously and heroically conducted his reconnaissance enabling the field artillery batteries of his battalion to deliver effective fire upon the enemy. The bravery, indomitable courage, and coolness under fire displayed by Major Southwick in these actions reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Thelma B. Southwick (wife), 884 Main Avenue, Greenwood, Rhode Island.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Grade V FRANK A. CICCONE (31038892), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 17 January 1945. Corporal Ciccone, Radio Operator with an Artillery Liaison Section, maintained communications with his Fire Direction Center during the advance of supported infantry troops, and his radio terminology assisted materially in the delivery of prompt artillery fires in many critical phases. The nature of the terrain, in addition to proving a serious handicap for the movement of communications, afforded the enemy excellent places of concealment from which they harassed friendly troops with effective small-arms and mortar fire. In spite of these obstacles, Corporal Ciccone completed all his assigned missions uninterruptedly in a superior manner and enhanced the morale of the infantry troops. Home address: Mrs. Elmira Ciccone (wife), 28 Corey Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Sergeant ALBERT J. DELMONTE (20132550), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the periods 9 January to 17 January 1945 and 30 January to 6 February 1945. Sergeant DelMonte was in charge of an Artillery Liaison Section which assisted in the observation and delivery of accurate artillery fire on a well-defended and entrenched enemy. Sergeant DelMonte displayed ingenuity and tact in close supervision over the personal condition of his men and the maintenance of vital Government property essential to the operation. During these periods. Sergeant DelMonte was constantly harassed by enemy rifle, machine-gun, and mortar fire which was the cause of his evacuation due to wounds. Sergeant DelMonte's splendid performance of duty and great courage contributed materially to the smooth and successful functioning of his section. Home address: Mrs. Virginia DelMonte (mother), 604 Bank Street, New London, Connecticut.

Private First Class LEO A. LAROCHÉ (20152559), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 17 January 1945. Private Larocho was a Telephone Lineman with an Artillery Liaison Section. The manner in which he established and maintained wire communications from an Infantry Battalion switchboard to the Artillery Observation Post, was most exemplary. On one occasion, a well-placed enemy mortar shell disrupted radio communications. As a result of Private Larocho's untiring efforts, his aggressive and determined action, in the face of intense enemy fire, telephone communications were maintained and serviced. Private Larocho undoubtedly enabled the Liaison Officer to successfully accomplish his mission by delivering artillery fire on enemy troops and positions. Home address: Mr. Joseph N. Larocho (father), 19 Child Street, Warren, Rhode Island.

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Corporal ROY G. OLIVER (34100397), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4-6 May 1945. Acting as Platoon Sergeant, Corporal Oliver led a patrol of six men to reconnoiter a route of advance for his battalion in preparation for a night attack against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam. Corporal Oliver took his patrol out on two successive days to insure the safety of his battalion. On the night of the attack, he again led his patrol to a position from which it could render protection to the battalion as it passed. The battalion succeeded in reaching its objective without a single casualty. Corporal Oliver's excellent patrolling, his thorough reconnaissance and dauntless courage were major factors highly contributory to the success of his battalion's mission in the Ipo Dam area. Home address: Mrs. Cordia Oliver (mother), 177 1st Avenue, Lanett, Alabama.

Corporal EDWARD B. SHERRADEN (37202475), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 May 1945. As a member of a Field Artillery Forward Observation Party with the front-line troops, Corporal Sherraden excelled in the performance of his duties. Despite exhausting climatic and terrain conditions, the great weight of organic communications equipment and intense enemy small arms and heavy artillery fire, Corporal Sherraden unflinchingly manned the communications which were vital to artillery support of the infantry troops. It was largely through his untiring efforts that communications were always maintained. Corporal Sherraden's steadfastness and devotion to duty in the face of many hazards are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Arthur L. Sherraden Sr. (father), RD #1, Chapman, Kansas.

Private First Class CECIL SINCLAIR (39475612), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 May 1945. Private Sinclair, a member of an Artillery Forward Observer Party, advanced with twelve members of an Infantry Assault Company when they were suddenly ambushed by the enemy. With no previous combat experience, Private Sinclair bravely assisted the officer in charge in attending the wounded, guiding and leading the isolated party back to the company. Private Sinclair's resourcefulness, energy and great courage above and beyond the call of duty contributed immensely to the successful evasion of an enemy trap. Home address: Mrs. Mary Sinclair (mother), Box 46, Route #3, Poulsoo, Washington.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class SALVATORE ALONGE (32035977), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 February 1945. Private Alonge was a Wireman in the Headquarters Battery of a Field Artillery Battalion. He laid artillery liaison lines to the forward elements of an infantry regiment. Many of these lines were laid long distances by hand over difficult terrain and under enemy small-arms and artillery fire. On several occasions the shortest axis of communications was over routes considered by friendly infantry troops as unpatrolled and dangerous. Despite these dangers, Private Alonge never hesitated to perform his vitally important duty. Due to Private Alonge's endurance and disregard for his personal safety, the excellent maintenance of communications between the artillery and infantry resulted in valuable fire support. Home address: Mrs. Mary Alonge (mother), 41 Cass Street, Westfield, New York.

Sergeant HAROLD A. BECKWITH (20133291), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 May 1945. As a member of a Field Artillery Forward Observation Party with the front-line troops, Sergeant Beckwith excelled in the performance of his duties. Despite exhausting climatic and terrain conditions, the great weight of organic communications equipment and intense enemy small-arms and heavy artillery fire, Sergeant Beckwith unflinchingly manned the communications which were vital to artillery support of the infantry troops. It was largely through his untiring efforts that communications were always maintained. Sergeant Beckwith, with the assistance of an officer, also conducted all artillery supporting fires for the infantry battalion with which he was working. His excellent judgment and skill in adjusting fires were instrumental in maintaining a high standard of artillery support. Sergeant Beckwith's steadfastness and outstanding devotion to his manifold duties in the face of many hazards are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Blanche Beckwith (mother), 53 Cranston Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Private First Class ALLEN BOYTIM (35327541), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 February 1945. Private Boytim was a Wireman in the Headquarters Battery of a Field Artillery Battalion. He laid artillery liaison lines to the forward elements of an infantry regiment. Many of these lines were laid long distances by hand over difficult terrain and under enemy small-arms and artillery fire. On several occasions the shortest axis of communications was over routes considered by friendly troops as unpatrolled and dangerous, but despite these hazards Private Boytim never hesitated to perform his vitally

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important duty. Due to Private Boytim's endurance and disregard for his personal safety, the excellent maintenance of communications between the artillery and infantry resulted in valuable fire support. Home address: Mrs. Clara Capko (sister), Marblehead, Ohio.

Private First Class ROBERT BURKS (20537250), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 February 1945. Private Burks was a Wireman in the Headquarters Battery of a Field Artillery Battalion. He laid artillery liaison lines to the forward elements of an infantry regiment. Many of these lines were laid long distances by hand over difficult terrain and under enemy small-arms and artillery fire. On several occasions the shortest axis of communications was over routes considered by friendly infantry troops as unpatrolled and dangerous, but despite these hazards Private Burks never hesitated to perform his vitally important duty. Due to Private Burks' endurance and disregard for his personal safety, the excellent maintenance of communications between the artillery and infantry resulted in valuable fire support to the advancing troops. Home address: Mr. Earl Burks (father), 612 Kentucky Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Private First Class W C KINLEY DOODY (20146647), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 17 January 1945. Private Doody was a Telephone Lineman with an Artillery Liaison section. The manner in which he established and maintained wire communications from an Infantry Battalion switchboard to the Artillery Observation Post, was most exemplary. On one occasion, a well-placed enemy mortar shell disrupted radio communications. As a result of Private Doody's untiring efforts, his aggressive and determined action in the face of intense enemy fire, telephone communications were maintained and serviced. Private Doody's services enabled the Liaison Officer to successfully accomplish his mission of delivering artillery fire on enemy troops and positions. Home address: Mrs. Ellen Doody (mother), 9 Burrell Street, Fairfield, Maine.

Corporal EDGAR F. WILLIAMS (20153297), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 May 1945. As a member of a Field Artillery Forward Observation Party with the front-line troops, Corporal Williams excelled in the performance of his duties. Despite exhausting climatic and terrain conditions, the great weight of organic communications equipment and intense enemy small-arms and heavy artillery fire, Corporal Williams unflinchingly manned the communications which were vital to artillery support of the infantry troops. It was largely through his untiring efforts that communications were always maintained. Corporal Williams' steadfastness and exceptional devotion to duty in the face of many hazards are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Miss Lila M. Williams (sister), 14604 Strathmore Avenue, East Cleveland, Ohio.

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*Robert G. Gattens*  
*July 3, 1945*  
3 July 1945

SECTION I---AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
SECTION II---AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Grade IV CHARLES E. COVILL (20153300), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 May 1945. As a member of a Field Artillery Forward Observation Party with the front line troops, Sergeant Covill excelled in the performance of his duties. Despite exhausting climatic and terrain conditions, the great weight of organic communications equipment and intense enemy small arms and heavy artillery fire, Sergeant Covill unflinchingly manned the communications which were vital to artillery support of the infantry troops. It was largely through his untiring efforts that communications were always maintained. Sergeant Covill's steadfastness and exceptional devotion to duty in the face of many hazards are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Frank A. Covill (father), 30 Prospect Street, East Providence, Rhode Island.

Private HAROLD E. NUTTER (35879757), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 May 1945. As a member of a Field Artillery Forward Observation Party with the front-line troops, Private Nutter excelled in the performance of his duties. Despite exhausting climatic and terrain conditions, the great weight of organic communications equipment and intense enemy small arms and heavy artillery fire, Private Nutter unflinchingly manned the communications which were vital to artillery support of the infantry troops. It was largely through his untiring efforts that communications were always maintained. Private Nutter's steadfastness and exceptional devotion to duty in the face of many hazards are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. William H. Nutter (father), 409 Clayton Avenue, Georgetown, Kentucky.

Private First Class JOSEPH H. ROY (20153314), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 May 1945. As a member of a Field Artillery Forward Observation Party with the front line troops, Private Roy excelled in the performance of his duties. Despite exhausting climatic and terrain conditions, the great weight of organic communications equipment and intense enemy small arms and heavy artillery fire, Private Roy unflinchingly manned the communications which were vital to artillery support of the infantry troops. It was largely

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through his untiring efforts that communications were always maintained. Private Roy's steadfastness and exceptional devotion to duty in the face of many hazards are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Earl Roy (father), 287 California Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

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1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class NEWTON A. SAMMONS (34081411), Infantry, by this headquarters as published in General Orders #21, dated 11 May 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class NEWTON A. SAMMONS (34081411), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Agat, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945. The mortar gun of which Private Sammons was second gunner was engaged in delivering fire concentrations in support of a rifle company that was under an intense enemy attack during a torrential rain. When the mortar gunner became a casualty, Private Sammons immediately assumed command of the gun and completed the fire mission for that period of time. He then administered first aid treatment and cared for his wounded comrade until the first aid man arrived. Private Sammons, in addition to aiding a wounded comrade, displayed initiative, coolness, and devotion to duty in this action which contributed in a great measure to repulsing the enemy attack. Home address: Mrs. Zina D. Sammons (mother), Route #2, Riley, Georgia.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant JOHN E. FLANAGAN JR. (O-2023877) (then Sergeant), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 February 1945. Lieutenant Flanagan, then Operations Sergeant, assisted his Battalion S-3 in the preparation of artillery commands in a Field Artillery Battalion Fire Direction Center. His exacting calculations, efficiency and close supervision of personnel in the Fire Direction Center materially aided the prompt and accurate delivery of artillery fire in many difficult situations. In addition to his assigned duties, Lieutenant Flanagan conducted several aerial reconnaissance flights over enemy territory from which valuable information in the character of terrain and enemy disposition was obtained. Lieutenant Flanagan's exemplary performance of these duties is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Field Artillery. Home address: Mr. John H. Flanagan (father), 510 Walcott Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Technician Grade V PAUL W. FRANK (35479794), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 February 1945. Corporal Frank was a wireman in the Headquarters Battery of a Field Artillery Battalion. It was necessary for him to lay artillery liaison lines to the forward elements of an infantry regiment long distances by hand over difficult terrain and under small-arms and artillery fire. On several occasions the shortest axis of communications was over routes considered by friendly infantry troops as unpatrolled and dangerous, but despite these hazards, Corporal Frank never hesitated to perform his vitally important duty. Due to Corporal Frank's endurance and disregard for his personal safety, the excellent maintenance of communications between the Artillery and Infantry resulted in valuable fire support to the advancing troops. Home address: Mrs. Bessie Frank (mother), 320 North 30th Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

Private First Class WILLIAM E. JONES (20734575), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 May 1945. As a member of a Field Artillery Forward Observation Party with the front-line troops, Private Jones excelled in the performance of his duties. Despite exhausting climatic and terrain conditions, the great weight of organic communications equipment and intense enemy small-arms and heavy artillery fire, Private Jones unflinchingly manned the communications which were vital to artillery support of the infantry troops. It was largely through his untiring efforts that communications were always maintained. On one occasion when the commissioned forward observer became a casualty, Private Jones ably took over the officer's duty and with skill and unerring judgment continued to give

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our infantry troops accurate artillery support. Private Jones' steadfastness, outstanding devotion to duty and great initiative as shown by his excellent performance of an additional duty commensurate with the rank of an officer, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mabel Schell (mother), 610 South Mulberry, Ottawa, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM G. KRAUSE (36204052), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 May 1945 to 22 May 1945. Home address: Mr. George E. Krause (father), 2146 Market Street, LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Private First Class STEVE A. MODORY (36990137), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Fork Ridge, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 12 May 1945 to 19 May 1945. Private Modory, a Telephone Lineman with an Artillery Liaison Section, excelled in maintaining wire communications between the liaison officer and the forward observer during our infantry advance on its objective. In one particular instance the enemy shelled our Artillery Liaison Observation Post with heavy artillery. In spite of perfect enemy observation and the intensity and accuracy of enemy mortar, rifle and artillery fire, Private Modory steadfastly serviced telephone lines. His untiring efforts and devotion to duty resulted in the successful maintenance of communications which greatly enabled the forward observer to deliver close supporting fires on a well-emplaced enemy, destroying enemy defenses in the path of our advancing infantry. Private Modory's outstanding performance of duty played an important part in the successful completion of the infantry's mission in a crucial period. Home address: Mr. Julius Modory (father), 719 Fortieth Street, Menasha, Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant SAMUEL SCHLEIFER (31088729), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bambang, Luzon from 27 February to 10 March 1945, and at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 12 March to 30 April 1945. Sergeant Schleifer, Operations Sergeant in a Field Artillery Battalion, assisted his Battalion S-3 in the preparation of artillery commands in a Field Artillery Battalion Fire Direction Center. His exacting calculations, efficiency and close supervision of personnel in the Fire Direction Center materially aided the prompt and accurate delivery of artillery fire in many difficult situations. In addition to his assigned duties, Sergeant Schleifer conducted several aerial reconnaissance flights over enemy territory from which valuable information in the character of terrain and enemy disposition was obtained. Sergeant Schleifer's exemplary performance of these duties is in keeping with the highest traditions of the field artillery. Home address: Mrs. Rebecca Schleifer (mother), 38 Carrington Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Grade IV WILLIAM R. McCURDY (33499798), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January to 15 February 1945. Throughout this period Sergeant McCurdy demonstrated his ability to work untiringly and with great technical skill. As a member of the battalion radio section, he was personally responsible for the successful maintenance of radio communications. Shortly after arrival at Lingayen, the section lost the section chief and two regularly assigned repairmen. Sergeant McCurdy took over the duties of Section Chief and supervised the normal upkeep of all 600 series radios. During the period the battalion made many tactical moves, and frequently Sergeant McCurdy had to work twenty-four hours without a break in order to service all battalion radios. During these periods much of this work was done while the battalion was under artillery fire. The skill, ability and above superior work of Sergeant McCurdy is attested by the fact that at no time during combat did the radio net or any part of it fail. Home address: Mrs. Amy V. McCurdy (mother), 226 North 14th. Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Corporal JOHN W. HAUCK (35479827), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January to 12 February 1945. As Chief of a Wire Section of a Field Artillery Battalion, Corporal Hauck demonstrated outstanding leadership and skill in the initial laying, and later, maintenance of artillery telephone lines to observers with the forward elements of an assaulting infantry regiment. These lines were often laid over unfamiliar routes and trails with the assistance of only a four man crew, and on several occasions, Corporal Hauck and his section were pinned down by enemy small arms and artillery fire. Despite these hazardous conditions, and the warnings of the infantry that their route was unpatrolled and dangerous, Corporal Hauck continued with coolness and efficiency to the successful accomplishment of his mission. His untiring efforts were instrumental for much of the direct artillery fire support afforded the infantry. Corporal Hauck's initiative, courage, and outstanding devotion to duty in the face of many hazards reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Alda F. Hauck (wife), R.F.D. #1, Hazelton, Indiana.

Technician Grade IV LINWOOD C. LECATES (6909072), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 May 1945. Sergeant LeCates was a member of a Field Artillery Forward Observation Party with front

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line troops, and was set up with his party near the edge of the perimeter of a rifle company. While the night fires were being adjusted, a force of enemy troops attacked the perimeter with machine guns, hand grenades, and mortars. With total disregard for his personal safety under enemy fire, Sergeant LeCates assisted in removing the radio to the interior of the perimeter and maintained the radio communications necessary to place artillery fire on the enemy. The artillery fire was very effective causing the enemy to withdraw, and expedited the accomplishment of the mission with few casualties to our troops. The coolness under fire, outstanding courage, and exceptional devotion to duty shown by Sergeant LeCates in this action reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Martha P. LeCates (mother), 711 State Street, Delmar, Delaware.

Staff Sergeant JAMES H. TAYLOR (20153356), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 May 1945. As a member of a Field Artillery Forward Observation Party with the front line troops, Sergeant Taylor excelled in the performance of his duties. Despite exhausting climatic and terrain conditions, the great weight of organic communications equipment and intense enemy small arms and heavy artillery fire, Sergeant Taylor unflinchingly manned the communications which were vital to artillery support of the infantry troops. It was largely through his untiring efforts that communications were always maintained. Sergeant Taylor's steadfastness and exceptional devotion to duty in the face of many hazards are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Ernest A. Taylor (father), 27 Jane Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Technician Grade V RAYMOND C. TUCKER (20153169), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 12 May 1945. As a member of a Field Artillery Forward Observation Party with the front line troops, Corporal Tucker excelled in the performance of his duties. Despite exhausting climatic and terrain conditions, the great weight of organic communications equipment and intense enemy small arms and heavy artillery fire, Corporal Tucker unflinchingly manned the communications which were vital to artillery support of the infantry troops. It was largely through his untiring efforts that communications were always maintained. Corporal Tucker's steadfastness and exceptional devotion to duty in the face of many hazards are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mabel Tucker (mother), 98 Linden Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class RAYMOND D. CHRISTISON (3648470), Chemical Warfare, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mabiloa, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 16 January 1945. Private Christison acted as Radio Operator on the Forward Observation Post of his platoon. On three occasions during this period Private Christison continued to operate his radio while under direct fire from enemy artillery on his exposed position. Despite the extreme closeness of enemy shell bursts, he remained at his radio, exhibiting coolness and efficiency in transmitting fire commands. Private Christison's firm determination, great courage and devotion to duty aided substantially in the destruction of the enemy batteries in each separate instance, and his heroic actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Cecil Christison (mother), Exeter, Illinois.

Private First Class THOMAS R. GARDNER (31042915), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 May 1945 to 18 May 1945. Private Gardner was a member of a closely-knit Artillery Liaison Team attached to guerrilla troops of the Mafay Force. Under continuous artillery fire ranging from sporadic to intense, and handicapped by rugged terrain and fatigue, Private Gardner operated long hours with superior efficiency enabling the artillery officer to devote a maximum of time to the adjustment of friendly artillery fire on enemy positions. Private Gardner maintained observation and communications in the face of heavy sniper fire which later proved to have been delivered by a company of Jap riflemen. Private Gardner voluntarily exposed himself to hazards beyond necessities of the situation, exemplifying the best traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Andrew Gardner (father), 136 Tremont Street, Torrington, Conn.

Staff Sergeant ROLAND J. NYSTROM (36023270), Chemical Warfare, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 24 January 1945 to 5 February 1945. When the Forward Observer of a platoon became a casualty, Sergeant Nystrom took over the responsibility of this vacancy and in addition assumed command of the platoon in the absence of the Platoon Leader who was on duty at an observation post. During this period, Sergeant Nystrom worked under enemy artillery fire and on mined roads, displaying courage and leadership of the highest caliber. The success of his platoon during this period in destroying several enemy field guns, ammunition dumps, troop concentrations and tank was largely due to Sergeant Nystrom's able leadership and superior knowledge of weapons. Such leadership, devotion to duty, display of knowledge and initiative by Sergeant Nystrom are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Hulda Nystrom (mother), 509 Lenth Street, North Chicago, Illinois.

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Second Lieutenant PAUL B. RICHARDSON (O-2007273), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 17 March 1945 to 22 March 1945. Lieutenant Richardson, as Forward Observer with an Infantry Assault Company, performed outstanding service in conducting artillery missions. On one occasion, when an enemy counter-attack resulted in severe casualties to friendly troops, Lieutenant Richardson displayed cool, deliberate judgment in delivering accurate, deadly artillery fire on the enemy, completely demoralizing the enemy's organized resistance. In the turmoil that followed, he furnished a screening mission allowing the successful evacuation of friendly casualties. Lieutenant Richardson's calmness, exceptional devotion to duty and skilful adjustment of a heavy volume of smoke shells, without prior registration, enabled many wounded infantrymen to obtain medical treatment, resulting in the saving of many lives. Home address: Mrs. Ethel D. Richardson, (wife), 60 Grantland Road, Cranston, Rhode Island.

Private HARRY R. RICHWINE (35027747), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 May 1945 to 18 May 1945. Private Richwine was a member of a closely-knit Artillery Liaison Team attached to guerrilla troops of the Mfay Force. Under continuous artillery fire ranging from sporadic to intense, and handicapped by rugged terrain and fatigue, Private Richwine operated long hours maintaining communications with superior efficiency, enabling the artillery officer to devote a maximum of time to the adjustment of friendly artillery fire on enemy positions. Private Richwine operated in the face of heavy sniper fire which later proved to have come from a company of Jap riflemen. Private Richwine voluntarily exposed himself to great hazards, which action is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anna R. Richwine (mother), RFD #2, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania.

Technician Grade IV GEORGE F. SLADE (20104849), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 May 1945 to 18 May 1945. Sergeant Slade was a member of a closely-knit Artillery Liaison Team attached to guerrilla troops of the Mfay Force. Under continuous artillery fire ranging from sporadic to intense, and handicapped by rugged terrain and fatigue, Sergeant Slade worked for long hours maintaining communications with superior efficiency, enabling the artillery officer to devote a maximum of time to the adjustment of friendly artillery fire on enemy positions. Sergeant Slade performed his duty in the face of heavy sniper fire which later proved to have come from a company of Jap riflemen. Sergeant Slade voluntarily exposed himself to great hazards, which action is in keeping with the best traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Walter J. Slade (father), 6 Fremont Street, Cos Cob, Connecticut.

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SECTION I - AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY)  
SECTION II - AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, W.D., 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant HUGH N. JEMETT, (20134955), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea and at Luzon Philippine Islands during the period 21 July 1944 to 12 January 1945. Next of Kin: Mrs. Mary Brunton, (mother), Montgomery, Vermont.

Private First Class STEPHEN J. TIBIA, (36105702), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 May to 15 May 1945. Private Tibia was assigned as a radio operator with an Artillery Liaison Team serving with the 1st Air Force during their operations against the enemy. His untiring efforts, initiative, and sound judgment in the face of continual sniper fire and artillery shelling contributed greatly to the effectiveness of his team and materially speeded the successful completion of the Force's mission. While exposing himself beyond the immediate needs of the situation in the performance of his duties as radio operator, Private Tibia was struck and killed by sniper fire. Private Tibia's exemplary courage, steadfastness, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Mary B. Tibia, (mother), Route #1, Maybco, Michigan.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, W.D., 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant VAUGHN K. DISSETTE, (O-1014147), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. Lieutenant Dissette was a crewman in an assault gun tank which suffered direct hits and caught fire from heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire. He and other crewmen attempted to put out the flames without success. Refusing to abandon the tank and risking his life in the flames which rose up over the hull, Lieutenant Dissette fought the enemy until his ammunition was expended. He was then ordered to remove the tank by the Battalion Commander. While this was being accomplished, the Battalion Commander was wounded by mortar fragmentation. Under heavy enemy fire, Lieutenant Dissette aided in the evacuation of the wounded officer. Lieutenant Dissette's courage and

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devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude S. Dissette, (wife), 145 East 203d Street Cleveland, Ohio.

Sergeant JOSEPH R. MITCHELL, (38045334), Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Sergeant Mitchell, with two other members of a Joint Assault Signal Company Team, moved ahead of the infantry lines near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands to spot naval gunfire. Directing fire from a remote and dangerous observation post, Sergeant Mitchell's accurate fire direction resulted in the knocking out of two enemy pill-boxes and the dispersing of an enemy troop concentration. The success of this mission was largely due to Sergeant Mitchell's disregard for his safety and his devotion to duty in moving beyond the protection of friendly lines. Home address: Mr. Joe Mitchell, (father), Route #1 Princeton, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT C. SCOTT, JR., (14192323), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January to 20 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise G. Scott (wife), 349 Alexander Street, Toccoa, Georgia.

Staff Sergeant DALE E. THOMPSON, (35633211), Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 4 May to 2 June 1945. Sergeant Thompson was required to advance communications equipment over hills and across country to remote and dangerous observation posts from which air strikes could be directed. During the period he performed duties normally assigned to an officer in a competent and intelligent manner. Sergeant Thompson's courage and devotion to duty contributed greatly to the successful conduct of air support missions. Home address: Mrs. Mary G. Thompson, (mother), 128 East Smithfield Street, Bradford, Ohio.

Private First Class PAUL (NMN) WILLING, (34634958), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Boloc, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 12 May to 14 May 1945. Private Willing manned a machine-gun on a forward slope of an advanced position held by his company. Although he was ill, Private Willing maintained his position against heavy odds, at times in darkness, rain and in an area where high grass concealed enemy advances during recurring counter-attacks. At one time, Private Willing of his own initiative, changed his direction of fire to a column of the enemy suddenly visible in a draw, killing ten. During the three days of action, Private Willing accounted for thirty enemy dead. His steadfastness of purpose under adverse conditions and his expertness of fire were greatly responsible for his unit holding their strategic position. Private Willing's actions were an inspiration to his fellow members and earned himself their sincere admiration. Home address: Mr. Charlie E. Willing, (father), Avalon, Mississippi.

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SECTION I--AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
SECTION II--AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)  
SECTION III--AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDER #366

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant MILTON A. ANNIS (20147090), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wickham Anchorage, Vanguna, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands during the period 30 June 1943 to 22 July 1943. Home address: Mrs. William E. Barter (mother), Box 54, Woodland, Maine.

Technician Grade V WILLIAM W. BURROWS (20152065), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 30 May 1945. As a member of the Wire Section of an Infantry Regiment, Corporal Burrows excelled in the performance of his duties. Corporal Burrows repeatedly laid telephone lines through unfamiliar areas exposed to enemy fire and mined with booby-traps. On several occasions he was forced to carry a reel of wire on his back through terrain that was inaccessible to vehicles. Corporal Burrows' untiring efforts, initiative, and outstanding devotion to duty in the face of many hazards reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mr. Pliny W. Burrows (father), 15 Spruce Street, Brattleboro, Vermont.

Technical Sergeant MICHAEL N. KOBA (31042648), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area during the period 30 June 1943 to 28 Dec. 1944. Home address: Mr. Michael Koba (father), 69 Lafayette Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH P. KOVACS (20149662), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area during the period 30 June 1943 to 26 Dec. 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary Kovacs (wife), Box 116, Danby, Vermont.

Corporal CARL R. WICKENBERG (37170553), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 April 1945. Corporal Wickenberg, a truck driver in his company, was driving a truck loaded with grenades to the front lines. Meanwhile the enemy had constructed a road block and other strong points along the road over which he was traveling. Realizing that the front line troops direly needed the grenades for the night, Corporal Wickenberg

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with complete disregard for his personal safety in the face of grave danger successfully drove through the enemy strong points and delivered the grenades. The outstanding courage and exceptional devotion to duty shown by Corporal Wickenberg in this action reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Nathalia Wickenberg (mother), R.F.D. #2, Bertha, Minnesota.

**SECTION II**

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM L. PHYFE (O-306896), Field Artillery, by Headquarters XIV Corps, APO 453 as published in General Orders #21, dated 28 April 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect II, Bulletin 3, #D, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM L. PHYFE (O-306896), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 4 May to 25 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lillian E. Phyfe (wife), Haworth, New Jersey.

**SECTION III**

1. So much of Paragraph 1, General Orders #366, Headquarters, 43d Infantry Division, dated 22 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Bronze Star Medal to Corporal ROBERT D. MAC MURDY (12109381), Field Artillery, is hereby revoked.

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #23

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.... 426

SPECIAL ORDER -

4 July 1945

AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS #328  
AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR  
- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

So much of Paragraph 1, General Orders #328, this headquarters, dated 14 June 1945, pertaining to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT W. KENNY (O-205944), Field Artillery, is hereby revoked.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class ANTONIO C. DI PIETRO (31355933), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 May 1945. Private DiPietro, with two comrades, was manning a heavy machine gun on a perimeter during the hours of darkness when the perimeter was suddenly attacked by approximately thirty Japs. Since one salient of the attack was directed at his position, Private DiPietro realized it was necessary to place his machine gun in a more favorable position from which he could deliver more effective fire on the enemy. Ignoring the deadly enemy fire, Private DiPietro, with his comrades, quickly moved the machine gun to a new position and succeeded in repulsing the charging Japs in his immediate area. The exceptional qualities of great courage, outstanding initiative and bravery as demonstrated by Private DiPietro in this action set him aside as an excellent combat soldier. Home address: Mrs. Celia DiPietro (mother), 325 Main Street, Milford, Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant MAURICE D. DUGUAY (20150183), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 May 1945. Sergeant Duguay, with two comrades, was manning a heavy machine gun on a perimeter during the hours of darkness when the perimeter was suddenly attacked by approximately thirty Japs. Since one salient of the attack was directed at his position, Sergeant Duguay realized it was necessary to place his machine gun in a more favorable position from which he could deliver more effective fire on the enemy. Ignoring the deadly enemy fire, Sergeant Duguay, with his comrades, quickly moved the machine gun to a new position and succeeded in repulsing the charging Japs in his immediate area. The outstanding qualities of great courage, outstanding initiative and bravery as demonstrated by Sergeant Duguay in this action set him aside as an excellent combat soldier. Home address: Mrs. Eva Duguay (mother), 99 Railroad Street, Saint Johnsbury, Vermont.

Private First Class CARLOS E. FERRILL (34735184), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Private Ferrill's company moved into a black-out area in the proximity of several enemy-held

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hills. During the night the enemy, employing mortars, grenades and rifles, attacked the area. As a result of the heavy enemy fire, one of our vehicles and trailer loaded with high explosives caught fire. Private Ferrill, with utter disregard for his personal safety, crawled to the burning vehicle in the face of continuous enemy fire and succeeded in putting out the blaze. Private Ferrill's altruistic and audacious feat undoubtedly saved many lives and is in keeping with his inherent courage and bravery. Home address: Mrs. Nora Vassell Ferrill (mother), Route #2, Livingston, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant FRANCIS T. FOURNIER (20150222), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 April 1945. Sergeant Fournier, a Machine Gunner in his company, was looking for a suitable position to set up his machine gun and in so doing was fired upon by a Jap machine gun. The very burst of enemy machine-gun fire directed at Sergeant Fournier wounded a friendly soldier who was at the moment in direct line with the enemy fire and forward of Sergeant Fournier. Unable to withdraw under his own power, the wounded man lay exposed to the enemy. Sergeant Fournier, with complete disregard for his own safety and the continued enemy fire, immediately went forward to the wounded man, administered first aid to him and succeeded in helping him to safety. In placing the life of a wounded comrade above his own, Sergeant Fournier's performance of this gallant act is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Alphonse Fournier (father), 11 Harrison Avenue, St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

SECTION III

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT W. KENNY (O-205924), Field Artillery, by this headquarters, as published in General Orders #20, dated 16 June 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1941 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT W. KENNY (O-205924), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 19 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude F. Kenny (wife), 39 Benevolent Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

C. P. ROBILIS  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief of Staff

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HARRY A. BOSCH JR.  
Major, ASD  
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS 43d INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.....427

ORIGINAL ORDER -

5 July 1945.

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM P. CASEY, (31016441), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 1 May 1945 to 25 June 1945. Without regard for personal risk or welfare, Sergeant Casey worked from early morning until late at night covering isolated roads in combat territory, subject to enemy artillery and small arms fire, laying and maintaining the wires for telephone communications. These lines, requisite for the proper emplacement and functionality of the lights, extended between the Searchlight Sections stationed outside of the perimeters. His efficiency in the execution of his job and his cheerful devotion to duty have been an inspiration to the members of his organization. Home address: Mrs. Sarah Casey, (mother), 7 Moulton Street, Lynn, Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant JOHN R. DURNELL, (39037000), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 1 May 1945 to 25 June 1945. Home address: Mr. William A. Durnell, (father), 680 Haight Street, San Francisco, California

Private First Class HARRY HOFFMAN, (32759239), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at South Luna, Hill #815, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 May 1945.

In a supporting action against the enemy, Private Hoffman placed his Heavy Machine Gun in position while under heavy hostile fire. Without regard for his personal safety and with grim determination, Private Hoffman succeeded in delivering terrific fire against the enemy. Later in the action, while still delivering over-head fire to support the advancing friendly troops, Private Hoffman's gun position was flanked and attacked by a numerically superior Jap force. During the fierce fighting which ensued, Private Hoffman, though wounded in action, displayed rare courage and fighting spirit and was largely responsible for the destruction of the enemy. Private Hoffman's determination, tenacity, and keen devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Leona Hoffman, (wife), 1453 Broadway, Camden, New Jersey.

Technician Third Grade GEORGE H. HOPPE, (36175705), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 May 1945. On the night of 13 May, Sergeant Hoppe, without regard for his personal safety or welfare, repaired a light under black-out conditions and

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in the face of enemy artillery and small arms fire. The light, located at the Searchlight Section outside the defensive perimeter, was used for battlefield illumination. Sergeant Hoppe's efficiency, cool courage, and devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Audrey Hoppe, (wife), 321 Elm Street, Battle Creek, Michigan.

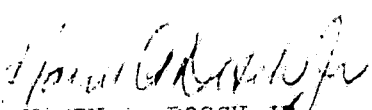
Technician Fifth Grade GLEN D. SAGEN, (37307703), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 1 May 1945 to 25 June 1945. Without regard for his personal safety, Corporal Sagen worked from early morning until late at night, laying and maintaining the wires for telephone communications. This was accomplished under enemy artillery and small arms fire and over isolated roads in combat territory. The lines, requisite for the proper emplacement and functioning of the lights, extended between the Searchlight Sections stationed outside of the defensive perimeter. Corporal Sagen's efficiency in the execution of his job and his cheerful devotion to duty have been an inspiration to the members of his organization and contributed substantially to the success of the mission. Home address: Mrs. Helen Sagen, (mother), 520-8th Street, N.E., Minot, North Dakota.

Technical Sergeant ERNEST J. WISNER, (36373780), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 May 1945. On the night of 13 May, Sergeant Wisner, without regard for his personal safety or welfare, repaired a light under black-out conditions and in the face of enemy artillery and small arms fire. The light, located at the Searchlight Section outside the defensive perimeter, was used for battlefield illumination. Sergeant Wisner's efficiency, cool courage, and devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Mary Wisner, (wife), 1930 South First Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

C. F. ROBBINS,  
 Colonel, GSC,  
 Chief of Staff

  
 HARRY A. DOSCH JR.,  
 Major, AGD,  
 Adjutant General.

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APO #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.....428

ORIGINAL ORDER -

5 July 1945

AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

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

First Lieutenant TALIAFERRO ANDERSON (O-413056), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Sampalok, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 April 1945. Lieutenant Anderson was serving in the capacity of Forward Observer with a patrol from his battalion when the enemy fire became so intense it was necessary for the patrol to withdraw to a designated rendezvous. In attempting his own withdrawal from the area, Lieutenant Anderson discovered a party of five Filipinos of whom only one was not wounded and armed. Lieutenant Anderson organized the party of five to evacuate them, traversing a route over extremely difficult terrain and through an area largely occupied by the enemy. After eluding the enemy for a period of five hours he succeeded in bringing the entire party to the safety of our lines. Lieutenant Anderson's determination, outstanding courage, and unselfishness are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Lieutenant Commander G. H. Anderson, USN (brother), 1918 35th Street, Washington, D. C.

Private First Class VIRGIL BRUMFIELD JR. (35297961), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Private Brumfield was a member of a rifle platoon given the mission of securing the northernmost ridge of Hill #815. After the platoon had achieved its objective, the enemy unleashed intense rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire on the newly won position inflicting several casualties. Private Brumfield, although wounded in the leg, crawled through fifty yards of mud and enemy fire to a seriously wounded American soldier and dragged him to safety over a route fully exposed to enemy observation and fire. Private Brumfield's personal courage, grim determination, and outstanding devotion to duty were an inspiration to the men about him and are in accord with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Mary M. Brumfield (wife), 5223 Pearridge Road, Huntington, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD M. GAMMON (20143623), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Hill #600 in the vicinity of Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. Sergeant Gammon's battalion had the mission of securing Hill #600 through mountainous terrain and during the action casualties were heavy and a shortage of litter bearers delayed evacuation. Sergeant Gammon, Battalion Supply Sergeant, volunteered to act as litter bearer and after reaching a forward area, the litter party proceeded toward the battalion aid station with a litter patient. By-passed snipers and machine guns directed intense fire at the litter party forcing them to take cover. Due to the suddenness of the enemy fire, the

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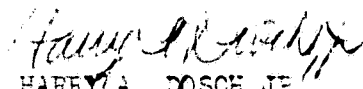
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patient was left in the line of fire. Sensing the situation, Sergeant Gammon and a fellow litter bearer immediately crawled back to the litter and began dragging the patient to cover. Sergeant Gammon's companion was killed by sniper fire during this act. Disregarding his own personal safety, Sergeant Gammon continued dragging the patient to cover, undoubtedly saving the patient's life. The courage, gallantry, and devotion to duty shown by Sergeant Gammon by volunteering his services are in keeping with the highest standards of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Philip H. Gammon (mother), 95 Kent Street, Portland, Maine.

Private First Class WALKER W. GRIFFIN (34635243), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 May 1945. Private Griffin was manning a machine gun in close support of his advancing company. Because of difficult terrain, it was necessary for the company to advance through a narrow, slightly wooded draw between two hills. The only position that Private Griffin could find for accurate and close supporting fire was on an open hillside where he was actually ahead of friendly troops and directly exposed to enemy fire of small arms, grenades, machine guns, knee mortars, and artillery. In spite of the intense fire all around his position, Private Griffin maintained heavy plunging fire just a few yards ahead of his advancing company until they had overrun the enemy positions and captured the objective. His fire was so accurate and so dependable that his company did not suffer a single casualty in the complete rout on an estimated two hundred enemy troops. The successful advance of his company was vitally important to the tactical plan of the battalion. The courage and devotion to duty of Private Griffin are in keeping with the highest standards of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Eric H. Griffin (mother), Route #3, Houston, Mississippi.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

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GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.....429

5 July 1945.

ORIGINAL ORDER #

SECTION I---AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS #203, #348, #405.  
SECTION II--AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL  
SECTION III-AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. So much of Paragraph I, General Orders #203, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 18 May 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class CARL E. LAZZERESCHI, (39136552), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

2. So much of Paragraph I, General Orders #348, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 19 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class EUGENE J. O'BRIEN, (37752276), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

3. So much of Section I, Paragraph III, General Orders #405, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 30 June 1945, as pertains to the Amendment of General Orders #264, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 1 June 1945, to the following named enlisted men, is hereby revoked.

Private First Class HAROLD S. BERRY, (31018721), Infantry.  
Private ARTHUR G. CURTIS, (39728158), Infantry.  
Private JAMES C. CURTIS, (37775342), Infantry.  
Private ELIAS J. HALL, (37775311), Infantry.

SECTION II

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men.

Private First Class DAVID ACKERMAN, (32968105), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Hill #355, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ray Ackerman, (mother), 185 McClellan Street, Bronx, New York.

Private First Class JAMES BAIRD, (31358570), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Euphemia Baird, (mother), 7 St. Mark Street, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

Private First Class PAUL CASALESE, (32950753), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Hill #1500, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise Casalese, (mother), 336 Park Avenue, Lakewood, New Jersey.

Private LAWRENCE D. COTTINGHAM, (39463893), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Teresa, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. L. D. Cottingham, (wife), Box 95, Coran, Montana.

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Private First Class MARION L. DICKISON, (35774759), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Dickison, (mother), Route #2, Greenfield, Ohio.

Second Lieutenant JOHN R. ROMINE, JR., (0-556450), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bigti, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 31 May 1945. Home address: Mr. John R. Romine, (father), 224 East Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

SECTION III

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Technician Fourth Grade LLOYD L. BLOOMER, (36183864), Medical Department, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Order #47, 18 October 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Technician Fourth Grade LLOYD L. BLOOMER, (36183864), Medical Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth L. Bloomer, (wife), 3227 Hilton Street, Pasadena, California.

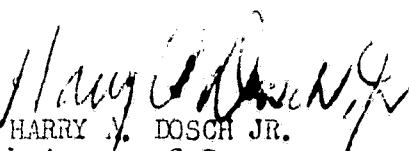
2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Captain CHARLES W. KILPATRICK, (0-1291133), Infantry, United States Army, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Order #24, 12 October 1943, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Captain CHARLES W. KILPATRICK, (0-1291133), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Ipo Dan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Evelyn T. Kilpatrick, (wife), 3304 18th Avenue, South Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Adjutant General.

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GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER....430

ORIGINAL ORDER -

5 July 1945

AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 45, WD, 1918), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant JAMES C. CARTLEDGE, (O-1286854), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 January 1945 to 19 January 1945. Lieutenant Cartledge was charged with the responsibility of supplying a large proportion of an Infantry Battalion engaged in severe fighting against an enemy strongly entrenched in difficult mountainous terrain. Success of the operation depended greatly on a steady flow of vital supplies to forward troops. Lieutenant Cartledge organized Filipinos as well as members of his own platoon into carrying parties, personally scouted the terrain, mapped the routes to be followed, and led his supply parties to the front lines under enemy observation, artillery, and mortar fire. It was necessary to make several trips a day over the circuitous 3000 yard supply line, through thick underbrush, and over steep terrain. By the force of his example, leadership, and cool courage under fire, he instilled in his men the will to keep supplies moving despite the fact that during the entire operation he was suffering from malaria. The actions of this officer contributed greatly to the success of the front line troops. Home address: Mrs. Helen M. Cartledge, (wife), 2428 Northwest 7th Place, Miami, Florida.

Private First Class MAXIMIANO GARCIA, (39332882), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 April 1945. An Infantry Battalion attacked the northern shores of Laguna De Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands. The Battalion Headquarters, of which Private Garcia was a member, was brought under heavy rifle fire from a group of enemy riflemen. In the exchange of fire, an officer and an enlisted man were seriously wounded and lay helpless on a barren stretch of ground, directly in line with the enemy fire. Seeing that help was coming for the wounded men, Private Garcia, with great initiative and determination, took command of three Filipino Guerillas and attacked the enemy strong-point. During the action all three Guerillas were wounded but Private Garcia courageously continued the fight until two of the enemy were killed and the rest fled. Private Garcia's prompt and heroic action above and beyond the call of duty contributed to the saving of the lives of two of his comrades and to the ultimate accomplishment of the mission. Home address: Mr. Antonio Garcia, (father), Box #1, Santa Elono, Texas.

Private First Class KENNETH F. GLASSFORD, (35333493), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at White Beach 3, San Fabian, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 January 1945. Private Glassford's Regimental Commander desired that their organization be the first to fly the American flag on the beachhead. Private Glassford volunteered for this mission, knowing that he probably would receive heavy enemy fire once the beachhead was reached. He was not scheduled to reach the beach until "H" hour plus

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50 minutes but by volunteering for the mission he would be in the first wave. During the actual landing, Private Glassford unfurled the flag 3000 yards off shore and flew it continuously until the beach was reached, whereupon he affixed the flag in the top of a tall tree. During this act several large caliber shells landed nearby and there was sporadic sniper and light machine-gun fire. Private Glassford's voluntary action in carrying the American Flag in the assault wave was an inspiration to all the troops in the landing action. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Morcor, (sister), 310 1/2 Water Street, Woodville, Ohio.

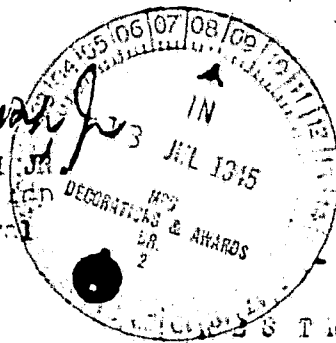
First Lieutenant BILLY R. MAHAFFAY, (O-1184688), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 May 1945. The troops to which Lieutenant Mahaffay was attached were given the mission of seizing and securing a Japanese position in the Objective Area. This hill was held by approximately one company of Japanese. Lieutenant Mahaffay, after adjusting artillery fire on the enemy position, called for a heavy concentration followed by smoke to cover the advance of friendly troops. As soon as the smoke cleared, Japanese artillery fire began falling on our troops. Lieutenant Mahaffay moved to a position which was defiladed from the enemy artillery. His position then came under intense sniper fire. Without regard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Mahaffay remained in this position for four hours adjusting artillery fire on the objective hill and was instrumental in enabling the supported troops to seize and secure this important enemy position. Lieutenant Mahaffay's courage, initiative, and conduct while under constant exposure to enemy fire was most exemplary. Home address: Mrs. Marie W. Mahaffay, (mother), 412 Columbia Street, Lawter Oklahoma.

Sergeant WILLIS E. SLITZINGER, (38351416), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Sergeant Slitzinger, a litter bearer and aid man, was attached to a rifle company committed to action against an enemy occupying controlling terrain. Intense enemy fire against the friendly attacking force inflicted many casualties. One soldier was seriously wounded and lay helpless in an untenable area. Sergeant Slitzinger volunteered to go to the aid of this man. He was advised to wait until the enemy fire was neutralized but chose otherwise. By running and crawling the distance of approximately 100 yards he managed to reach the wounded man, placed him on his back and laboriously carried him back to safety. Home address: Mr. Henry M. Slitzinger, (father), Bloomfield, New Mexico.

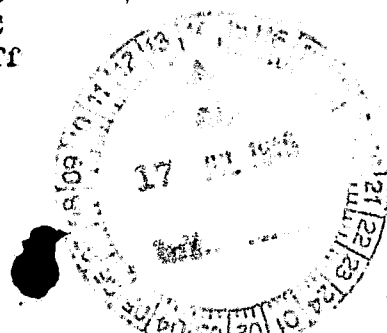
BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KING:

OFFICIAL:

*Harry A. Bosch*  
HARRY A. BOSCH, JR.  
Major,  
Adjutant General



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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
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GENERAL ORDER  
NUMBER.... 431

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5 July 1945

SECTION I - AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY)  
SECTION II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR  
SECTION III - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

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

Second Lieutenant DONALD W. DUGAS (O-20430038), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Pot Pot, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. The rifle company of which Lieutenant Dugas was the Weapons Platoon Leader, supported by six tanks, had completed setting up a road block about dusk. Several hours later seven enemy tanks supported by Infantry in considerable strength viciously attacked the road block. Lieutenant Dugas, recognizing the gravity of the situation, without hesitation and in complete disregard for his own safety, carried his soundpower telephone to a fully exposed position in front of the friendly perimeter and directed mortar fire on the advancing enemy. His communication line was cut by enemy fire a few minutes later, so from the same exposed position Lieutenant Dugas called his fire orders by voice to the Battalion Commander who in turn relayed the orders to the gunners. This action drove back the enemy riflemen. Lieutenant Dugas then directed the firing of flares which enabled friendly tanks and anti-tank guns to see their targets clearly. As a result of this action five enemy tanks were destroyed, the nearest one ten yards from Lieutenant Dugas' position. Although this tank was burning, Lieutenant Dugas held his ground until the enemy was completely routed with heavy losses. The exemplary courage, quick thinking, and valiant action of Lieutenant Dugas are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Next of kin: Mrs. Florence M. Dugas (mother), 19 Pine Street, Skowhegan, Maine.

Staff Sergeant GATEL LITTLE (6972384), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bigti, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 April 1945. Sergeant Little, a Squad Leader of an Infantry Platoon, was emplacing his squad on a perimeter when he observed an enemy patrol approaching two hundred yards away. At the same time an enemy machine gun opened fire on the platoon. Sergeant Little, exposing himself, immediately opened fire on the enemy and ordered his squad to seek cover. With absolute disregard for his own safety he continued to expose himself, thereby drawing fire from an enemy machine gun. Sergeant Little then made a quick appraisal of the situation and had a machine gun brought into action which repulsed the attack and enabled the platoon to secure its position. During this action Sergeant Little was mortally wounded. The courage, coolness and quick thinking of Sergeant Little, in addition to his disregard for his own safety reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Mr. Arthur L. Little (father), Route #2, Moulton, Alabama.

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SECTION II

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

Captain RICHARD R. LOUCKS (O-444726), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 6 April 1945 to 11 April 1945. Captain Loucks, in command of an Infantry Company, was driving forward against determined enemy resistance in an effort to seize strategic high ground. Fierce enemy resistance resulted in many casualties and temporarily **halted** his company. Captain Loucks then made a careful study of the terrain and evolved a plan for a flanking maneuver which succeeded brilliantly in getting his troops on the objective. Captain Loucks personally directed the defense of his newly-won positions when the enemy staged a fierce counter-attack. As a result of exposing himself in an effort to beat back the counter-attack, Captain Loucks received a painful wound in the ankle, but declined to be evacuated. He continued maneuvering his company aggressively until his assigned mission was completed. In this action Captain Loucks displayed outstanding qualities of leadership, audacity and undiminished courage by allowing himself to be evacuated only after he had successfully accomplished his mission. Home address: Mr. R. R. Loucks (father), 504 North Duroca Street, San Gabriel, California.

SECTION III

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant ELIAS G. OZUNA (38257451), Infantry, by Headquarters, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders #375, dated 3 November 1943, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant ELIAS G. OZUNA (38257451), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bigti, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 April 1945. Sergeant Ozuna was in command of a heavy machine gun section attached to a Rifle Company in contact with the enemy. During the night the enemy using grenades and mortars made an attack against three sides of the company perimeter. Dry grass and leaves ignited as a result of the enemy shelling and the blaze spread rapidly toward the edge of the perimeter manned by friendly troops. The camouflage around Sergeant Ozuna's machine gun position also caught fire. Seeing that the blaze had lighted the area within the perimeter enabling the enemy to accurately place his fire on friendly troops, Sergeant Ozuna left the safety of his foxhole and extinguished the blaze with a poncho. Sergeant Ozuna's quick appraisal of the situation, his utter disregard for his personal safety, enabled his company to repulse the attack and save further casualties. Home address: Mrs. Rosa G. Ozuna (mother), 7113 Avenue K, Houston, Texas.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

*Mary A. Dosch J.K.*  
MARRY A. DOSCH J.K.

Major, AGP  
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5 July 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER -

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL  
SECTION II - AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
SECTION III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, 1918), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant ROY E. SMITH, JR., (O-400265), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 January 1945. Enemy forces unleashed a terrific barrage of artillery, mortar, machine-gun, rifle fire, and hand grenades on an attacking infantry battalion. Casualties inflicted on friendly troops were heavy. The wounded could not be evacuated quickly enough by assigned litter bearers, so the Battalion Commander called to the rear for additional help. Lieutenant Smith, the Battalion Transportation Officer, volunteered his services. Though the appearance of a vehicle on the road drew concentrated enemy artillery and mortar fire, and several vehicles had already been destroyed, Lieutenant Smith made three trips to the front in a  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton truck, evacuating seriously wounded and on each trip running the gauntlet of enemy fire. This officer's gallant service under fire and at imminent risk of his own life was vitally instrumental in saving the lives of several seriously wounded soldiers. These acts contributed much to the morale of front line troops who witnessed his efforts. Such conduct is in keeping with the finest military traditions. Home address: Mrs. Evelyn H. Smith, (wife), 3225 Bristol Road, Fort Worth, (7), Texas.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

Private First Class GEORGE D. SMITH, (53651039), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 May 1945. A patrol, of which Private Smith was a member, encountered enemy fire as it came over the crest of a hill. During the ensuing exchange of rifle fire one member of the patrol was wounded and rolled down the forward slope of the hill in an exposed position. After smoke grenades had been thrown to provide cover, Private Smith, of his own volition, ran over the hill and with the assistance of a companion succeeded in bringing the wounded man to a safe position. Private Smith's quick thinking and courageous action in the face of enemy fire reflect great personal credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mattie Hess, (mother), Splashdan, Virginia.

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Second Lieutenant JAMES E. SWEENEY, (O-2007281), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 20 January to 22 January 1945. While his organization was in direct support of an Infantry Regiment in the Rosario - Tamortis area, Lieutenant Sweeney, (then Technician Grade IV), was sent out as the head of a forward observer party. Acting in the capacity of an officer, and while under enemy artillery and mortar fire, Lieutenant Sweeney successfully adjusted artillery on enemy positions to aid materially in the capture of a strategic ridge overlooking the Rosario - Tamortis highway. On one occasion Lieutenant Sweeney crawled to the top of the ridge in order to obtain better observation and in spite of enemy fire stayed to adjust fire on an enemy gun which was shelling the infantry. His courage and determination were invaluable in accurately directing artillery fire which was instrumental in the capture of the Rosario - Tamortis highway. Lieutenant Sweeney's actions reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Sweeney, (mother), 105 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, Conn.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the Incident, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant EARL G. JOHNSON, (O-1176679), Field Artillery, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #122, Paragraph I, Section 2, dated 13 May 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (See II, Bulletin 3, 17, 1944). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant EARL G. JOHNSON, (O-1176679), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 7 May to 11 May 1945. Lieutenant Johnson, as Artillery Liaison Officer, demonstrated outstanding leadership and untiring devotion to duty. Marching with guerilla forces over unbelievably rough terrain, Lieutenant Johnson and the guerilla force closed with the enemy in what was to be only a diversionary action. By accurately and aggressively directing artillery fire on enemy installations, Lieutenant Johnson prevented their withdrawal to prepared positions from which they might have inflicted many casualties on our forces. Lieutenant Johnson's presence with the leaders of the guerilla forces and his efficient handling of the artillery direction was in a large measure responsible for turning a diversionary action into a most successful attack and for the subsequent success of the battle of Ipo Dam. Home address: Mrs. F. L. Johnson, (mother), 315 Lincoln Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

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SECTION I---AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL  
SECTION II--AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

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

First Lieutenant JACK S. BAYSE (O-4319161), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 March 1945. The company of which Lieutenant Bayse was a platoon leader was assigned the mission to take an important mountain. Lieutenant Bayse's platoon had the difficult sector and was absorbing most of the enemy fire from a heavy machine gun directed toward the company. There were no covered routes of approach and Lieutenant Bayse was forced to assault frontly. On the first assault, the platoon reached to within ten yards of the machine gun emplacement. It was forced to withdraw leaving several casualties. In the second assault, Lieutenant Bayse was observed in front of his platoon standing on the emplacement tossing hand grenades. In each assault, Lieutenant Bayse led and directed his platoon with superior coolness and a display of calm leadership reflecting great credit upon himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Jack S. Bayse (wife), 258 Gunnison Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Second Lieutenant FRED J. COOPER (O-2007660), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Igo Den, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 5 May to 7 May 1945. Lieutenant Cooper, Platoon Commander of an Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon patrolling into enemy territory, reconnoitered the route to be used by an infantry regiment during its advance on the vital Igo Den. Utilizing small patrols and moving through terrain where previous patrols had been ambushed. Lieutenant Cooper was able to obtain information which was invaluable in assisting the Regimental Commander in formulating his plan. On the night of 5-6 May 1945, Lieutenant Cooper personally led an infantry rifle platoon through an area occupied by enemy troops, and established an outpost which was to cover the movement of an infantry battalion to its assembly area. On the next night, this Officer without regard for his safety again volunteered and guided the battalion over the same route to its assembly area. These voluntary and courageous acts of Lieutenant Cooper were instrumental in the successful accomplishment of his Regiment's mission. Home address: Mrs. Mary Ellen Cooper (wife), 96 Forrest Avenue, Bangor, Maine.

Second Lieutenant CLIFTON J. KEALIHNER (O-2026888), (then First Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Laguna De Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 April 1945. As an infantry battalion attacked the northern shores of Laguna De Bay, the Battalion Headquarters Company, of which Lieutenant Kealisher was First Sergeant, was brought under heavy enemy rifle fire. A soldier who was

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acting as right flank security for the company was seriously wounded and lay helpless on a barren stretch of ground directly in line with the enemy fire. An officer who went to the soldier's aid was also wounded. Lieutenant Kealiher calmly and courageously exposed himself to heavy enemy fire as he removed the officer from danger and then returned to dress the soldier's wound. Under continuous enemy fire, Lieutenant Kealiher with the aid of another man heroically carried the wounded man from the danger area and administered first aid. Lieutenant Kealiher's gallant act in placing the lives of his comrades above his own is in accord with the best traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Inez M. Kealiher (mother), 185 North Penn Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star Medal awarded to Lieutenant Colonel HERBERT E. WELCH (O-280425), Infantry, by Headquarters USAFISFA as published in General Orders #502, dated 17 December 1943, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel HERBERT E. WELCH (O-280425), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ilocos, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 7 May to 21 May 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Welch distinguished himself by coordinating the activities of a Regimental Combat Team. Despite exhausting climatic and terrain conditions, Colonel Welch worked night and day to accomplish the seemingly impossible task of supplying the regiment and evacuating casualties. Colonel Welch displayed great courage and an utter disregard for his own personal safety by continually being in the front lines checking the supply of all units and the evacuation of the sick and wounded. These actions won him the admiration of the officers and men of his Regimental Combat Team and were a great factor in keeping up the morale of all and the successful completion of the mission. Home address: Mrs. Mildred C. E. Welch (wife), 566 New Britain Avenue, Elm Hill, New Britain, Connecticut.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WILG:

OFFICIAL:

*Harry A. Bosch Jr.*

HARRY A. BOSCH JR.  
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GENERAL ORDER -

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- SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY)  
SECTION II - AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR  
SECTION III - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

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

Private ROBERT E. TROUT (15344314), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Hill #815, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Private Trout was a member of a machine gun squad attached to a rifle platoon given the mission of securing the northern-most ridge of Hill 815. In the initial stages of the assault the machine gun was employed to cover the platoon's advance. Enemy fire was light until the platoon had advanced about half-way to its objective. At this time the enemy directed heavy rifle, automatic and knee-mortar fire on the advancing platoon and on the supporting machine gun positions. The soldier operating the machine gun was wounded in this action. Private Trout took over the gun, kept it in action though intense enemy fire was directed on his position, and successfully covered the withdrawal of the platoon. He was later fatally wounded as he moved the machine gun to an alternate position. The devotion to duty and extraordinary bravery of Private Trout were undoubtedly responsible for saving the lives of many of his comrades and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Next of kin: Mrs. Opal Higgenbotham (mother), 321 North 16th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana.

SECTION II

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

Private First Class POLIE G. HOLDER (34738548), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Ipo Dam area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 May 1945. Private Holder was manning a machine gun in close support of his advancing company. Because of difficult terrain, it was necessary for the company to advance through a narrow, slightly wooded draw between two hills. The only position that Private Holder could find for accurate and close supporting fire was on an open hillside where he was actually ahead of friendly troops and directly exposed to enemy fire of small arms, grenades, machine guns, knee-mortars and artillery. In spite of the intense fire all around his position, Private Holder maintained heavy plunging fire just a few yards ahead of his advancing company until they had over-run the enemy positions and captured the objective. His fire was so accurate and so dependable that his company did not suffer a single casualty in the complete rout of an estimated two hundred Japs. The successful advance of his company was vitally important to the tactical plan of the battalion. The courage and

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devotion to duty of Private Holder are in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Home address: Mr. Gordon Holder (father), Route #1, Box 125, Trenton, Florida.

Private First Class DAVID LOREDO (38540103), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. Private Lored, acting as First Scout for the leading platoon of his company, advanced down a hill onto a bush-covered ridge where he was fired upon from a camouflaged enemy pillbox a few yards to his left and was severely wounded. Instantly the leading elements were brought under fire and were pinned to the ground with machine gun fire from the enemy pillbox. Private Lored, realizing the danger of his platoon, crawled around behind the pillbox undetected and threw a fragmentation grenade and a WP grenade into the enemy position, killing eight Japs and destroying the pillbox. Private Lored's gallant action enabled his company to advance to its objective and reflects great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Lored (mother), 3705 Eddie Street, Houston, Texas.

SECTION III

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant JULIUS V. HEDGER (19010385), Infantry, by Headquarters, Sixth Army, as published in Section I, General Orders #197, dated 13 November 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 45d Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Technical Sergeant JULIUS V. HEDGER (19010385), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. Sergeant Hedger's company advanced with the mission of clearing the enemy from a section of a road. Acting as Weapons Platoon Leader, Sergeant Hedger advanced with the leading elements of his company upon caves and foxhole positions that appeared to be free of the enemy, but when in hand-grenade range, he spotted movement in the caves. Without hesitation, he rushed the positions, fired his carbine into one cave killing one Jap; from this cave he ran to the second and dropped a hand grenade killing another. This aggressiveness apparently disorganized the enemy to the extent that many of them exposed themselves in an attempt to withdraw which enabled Sergeant Hedger to kill five more with his carbine and enabled his fellow marchers to kill twenty-four others. The quick thinking and aggressive action of Sergeant Hedger so disorganized the enemy that his company was able to achieve its objective with the minimum loss of time and lives. Sergeant Hedger's leadership, swift and fearless action were an inspiration to the men following him and are in keeping with the highest standards of the United States Army. Home address: Mr. Julius V. Hedger (father), 421 1/2 North 12th Street, Decatur, Illinois.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

*[Signature]*  
HARRY A. BOSCH JR.  
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ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class JOHN A. BOSWORTH (37615667), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 May 1945. Private Bosworth, as first scout of his company advancing through difficult terrain, suddenly came upon three enemy pillboxes. Without hesitation, he called for an automatic rifle and posted himself as a flank guard. By maintaining a volume of fire, Private Bosworth killed three of the enemy and prevented the remaining occupants of the pillboxes from hindering the advance of his company. By his aggressiveness and alertness, Private Bosworth enabled his company to reach its objective. The alertness and heroism shown by Private Bosworth in this action reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mr. Al Dumas Bosworth (father), 116 Church Street, Perryville, Missouri.

Private First Class MERL F. GILLETT (36989620), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 17 May to 22 May 1945. Private Gillett, serving as a Forward Observer with a Regiment of Guerrillas driving on Ipo Dam excelled in the performance of his duties. On one occasion, while directing artillery fire, Private Gillett and party engaged in a fire fight with enemy foot troops. This action greatly aided in the holding of the Ipo Dam and the clearing of the enemy from the hills surrounding it. Private Gillett's performance of duties, in the face of these hazards, reflect great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Gracie I. Gillett (mother), Route #1, Weyerhauser, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant DONALD L. GIROUX (20144978), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 15 February 1945. Sergeant Giroux, serving as Supply Sergeant, supervised the carrying of food, water, and ammunition from the Battalion Supply Dump to the company area. On 26 January 1945, Sergeant Giroux was forced to lead his carrying party across terrain which was under enemy rifle and mortar fire. Twice, by means of his leadership and coolness under fire, he prevented the abandoning of supplies and urged his carriers on, until the party reached its destination. Sergeant Giroux's determination and outstanding courage are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. John E. Giroux (father), 37 Bellevue Street, Waterville, Maine.

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Sergeant ROLAND E. PARADIS (31024275), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Hill 515, in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Sergeant Paradis, in charge of a light machine gun squad, was assigned the mission to secure the northern-most knob of a hill and cover the advance of a platoon. Enemy fire was light until the platoon had advanced about half way to the objective. About this time approximately one hundred of the enemy began to pour heavy rifle, automatic, and knee mortar fire into the area occupied by the advancing platoon. During this period, Sergeant Paradis kept his gun in position to cover the withdrawal of the platoon, despite the heavy fire coming in his direction. After the platoon had withdrawn, he directed his squad into a position from which he was able to cover the evacuation of the wounded, and the reinforcement of the position. Sergeant Paradis' actions, initiative, and disregard for his own personal safety contributed immeasurably in saving the lives of many men, and were an inspiration to his comrades. Home address: Mr. Noel Paradis (father), Limerick, Maine.

Second Lieutenant RAYMOND W. STAROSTKA (O-556351); Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 17 May to 22 May 1945. Lieutenant Starostka, serving as a Forward Observer with a Regiment of Guerrillas driving on Ipo Dam, excelled in the performance of his duties. On one occasion, while directing artillery fire, Lieutenant Starostka and party engaged in a fire fight with enemy foot troops. This action greatly aided in the holding of Ipo Dam and the subsequent clearing of the enemy from the hills surrounding it. Lieutenant Starostka's initiative and outstanding performance of duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mr. Walter J. Starostka (father), Route #2, Silver Creek, Nebraska.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

*[Signature]*  
HARRY A. BOSCH JR.  
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**ORIGINAL ORDER -**

- SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY)  
SECTION II - AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR  
SECTION III - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 48, WD, 1918), a Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant EDWARD R. POERNER (O-1317839), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Hill 815, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 May 1945. Lieutenant Poerner, heavy machine gun Platoon Leader, was directed to maintain overhead fire for two advancing infantry companies. To maintain this fire it was necessary to place the machine guns in an exposed position. When a crew member was killed and another wounded, Lieut. Poerner unhesitatingly took the gunner's position. During an attack by twelve of the enemy on his position, Lieutenant Poerner openly exposed himself, manned the machine gun and destroyed the enemy troops. On the following day with the same mission, Lieutenant Poerner's machine guns were continually under enemy machine gun and artillery fire. As a result of the deadly fire his platoon suffered several casualties and, in an attempt to secure better positions, Lieutenant Poerner fearlessly exposed himself to the enemy fire and was killed. Lieutenant Poerner's aggressive and fearless action was an inspiration to his men and is in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Jean Ann Poerner (wife), 45 Carlton Street, East Orange, New Jersey.

SECTION II

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

Major CUTHBERT R. WHITING (O-360447), Signal Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mabilao, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 January 1945. Major Whiting, with complete disregard for personal safety, single-handedly attacked a Japanese machine gun position. After wounding one enemy soldier, Major Whiting caused the others to withdraw, thus silencing the enemy machine gun which was firing on the beach-head area. Enemy fire on White Beach #2 stopped all traffic on the railroad (then used as a highway) and on the beach lateral road. Realizing the importance of keeping supplies and ammunition moving to the front, where they were direly needed, Major Whiting quickly obtained an automatic rifle with spare magazines and without hesitation set out afoot, across country, to locate the source of the fire. After advancing across difficult terrain, he closed on the flank of the machine gun position and opened fire on the enemy, driving them into the open. He then signalled to two infantrymen to assist him in pursuing the enemy. When the two men joined him, Major Whiting led

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them in pursuit of the fleeing Japs for a distance of 2,000 yards, causing them to abandon a strategic position. Major Whiting's leadership and prompt, aggressive action in this emergency reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Virginia T. Whiting, 87-02-51st Avenue, Elmhurst, L.I., New York.

Second Lieutenant CLARENCE E. REMILLARD (O-2026882), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 May 1945. Lieutenant Remillard displayed great courage and complete disregard for his personal safety during an enemy ambush in going to the aid of a wounded officer. Traveling a distance of 1000 yards over difficult terrain and through intense enemy fire, he succeeded in bringing the wounded officer to safety. Lieutenant Remillard's gallant act and outstanding devotion to duty in the face of grave danger are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Alfonse Remillard (father), 24 Sherman Street, Burlington, Vermont.

SECTION III

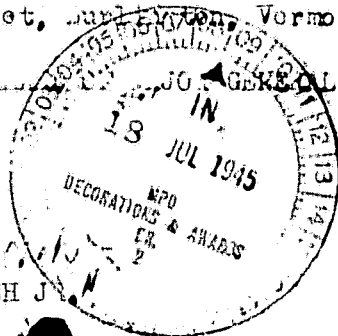
By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant CLARENCE E. REMILLARD (O-2026882), Infantry, by this headquarters, as published in Section II, General Orders #436, this date, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, AD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant CLARENCE E. REMILLARD (O-2026332), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 May 1945. Following the enemy ambush of his company's men, Lieutenant Remillard led a carrying party to retrieve equipment that was left behind by the casualties. When Lieutenant Remillard and his men came within 400 yards of the objective area a Jap machine gun opened fire on them. Immediately Lieutenant Remillard called for an artillery barrage, followed by a smoke screen which lasted thirty minutes. He then led his men to the area and continued with his mission when another Jap machine gun opened fire on the working party. Lieutenant Remillard quickly moved about his men and encouraged them to remain and complete the job as soon as possible. Soon under close control of Lieutenant Remillard, the men gathered the equipment and successfully returned without suffering any casualties. Lieutenant Remillard displayed great leadership, coolness and courage under fire in completing his mission in the shortest possible time with no casualties. Home address: Mr. Alfonse Remillard (father) 24 Sherman Street, Burlington, Vermont.

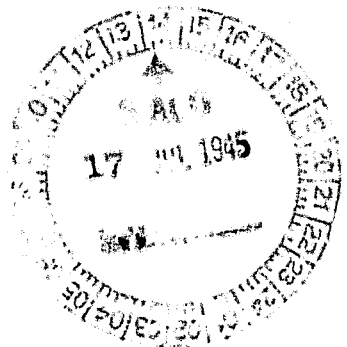
BY COLLEGE OF MILITARY INSTRUCTION, GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

HARRY A. DOSCH JR.  
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SECTION I -- AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL  
SECTION II - AMENDMENTS OF GENERAL ORDERS #388 & #396

SECTION I

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade WILBUR R. ACKMANN, (36712170), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Natangalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Matilda S. Ackmann, (mother), Route #1, Box 265, Elgin, Illinois.

Private First Class ROLAND J. BELANGER, (31027559), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Boboran, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy M. Belanger, (wife), 12 Hathorne Avenue, Bangor, Maine.

Sergeant ROGER L. BESSETTE, (20150209), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mt. Caymayuman, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Wilfrid Bessette, (mother), 10 Hastings Street, St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

Staff Sergeant J. B. DENHAM, (34100729), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Shelly J. Denham, (father), Route #1, Fort Payne, Alabama.

Sergeant ERVIN W. DRESSEL, (39697448), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Ann Dressel, (wife), Route #11, Box 46, Fresno, California.

Private TERRY R. FAULK, (38022134), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Home address: Mr. David L. Faulk, (father), Box 164, Kingston, Oklahoma.

Private First Class ADOLFO FLORES, (39847925), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Sibul Springs, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Maria V. Flores, (mother), Zapata, Texas.

Private First Class EDGAR FRANCIS, (35773765), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Tinugay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Kalendia Noble, (sister), Anco, Kentucky.

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Private RAYMOND E. GAUTHIER, (341466270), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mt. Tan-avan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Grace A. Gauthier, (wife), 29 Emmell Street, Lowell, Massachusetts.

Private First Class JAKE L. GENTRY, (38319086), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bamban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Elihu B. Gentry, (father), Route #2, Spiro, Oklahoma.

Private First Class JOHN I. HARTWICK, (35717981), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bamban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hartwick, (mother), Uniontown, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT W. HURLBUT, (20129592), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of the Bued River, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle Hurlbut, (mother), 135 Eden Avenue, Southington, Connecticut.

Private First Class LEO F. LAMORE, (31020238), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mt. Caymayunan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Florence Lamore, (mother), Montgomery Center, Vermont.

SECTION II

1. So much of Paragraph 1, Section III, General Orders #388, Head-  
quarters 43d Infantry Division, 28 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of  
the Purple Heart (Oak-Leaf Cluster) to Private First Class WARNER E. HEINRICH,  
(39147495), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

2. So much of Paragraph 2, Section III, General Orders #388, Head-  
quarters 43d Infantry Division, 28 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of  
the Purple Heart (Oak-Leaf Cluster) to Private First Class HARRY F. PAINTER,  
(33486546), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

3. So much of Paragraph 1, Section II, General Orders #396, Head-  
quarters 43d Infantry Division, 29 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of  
the Purple Heart (Oak-Leaf Cluster) to Private WILLIAM F. FRANCISCO, JR.,  
(36917711), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

C. F. ROBBINS  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief of Staff

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
HARRY A. BOUGH JR.  
Major, AGD  
Adjutant General

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GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.....438

ORIGINAL ORDER -

6 July 1945

SECTION I -- AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL  
SECTION II - AMENDMENTS OF GENERAL ORDERS

SECTION I

1. Under the provisions of Act 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class ROY W. MILLER, (33511293), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Ellen Miller, (wife), 549 Lafayette Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Corporal ROBERT F. MONTGOMERY, (34385411), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Sibul Springs, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mattie May Montgomery, (mother), Route #1, Simpsonville, South Carolina.

Private LLOYD W. FRATHER, (44037887), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Kaybanban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gladys F. Frather, (mother), Jasper, Georgia.

Private First Class CARLOS A. RODRIQUEZ, (39848400), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Leanora Rodriguez, (mother), Box 27, Chandler, Arizona.

Private First Class ALPHONSE G. SASSONE, (32971168), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Theresa Sassone, (mother), 40 Mangion Avenue, Yonkers, New York.

Private First Class KENNETH F. SCHERER, (36804334), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Hill 355, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hannah Scher, (mother), Endeavor, Wisconsin.

Sergeant JOHN T. SHINKUS, (33055003), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Sacobia Ridge, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Shinkus, (mother), Main Street, Connerston, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant JOHN H. SOELLNER, (O-1177986), Field Artillery, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Esther Soellner, (wife), 4345 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Sergeant JOHN H. STOCKSTILL, (37527838), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Mt. Tanavan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. Home address: Mr. W. D. Stockstill, (father), Route #4, Lyons, Kansas.

Private ROBERT W. STUMPF, (37671989), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Hill 355, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Ralph Stumpf, (brother), 430 Kaufmann Avenue, Dubuque, Iowa

Private First Class DELAND J. VAITH, (37554978), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Vaith, Route #1, Mapleview Addition, Austin, Minnesota.

Sergeant MAX VELENCHIK, (31023 072), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Manda, New Georgia, Solomon Islands on 20 July 1943. Home address: Mrs. Goldie Velenchik, (mother), 530 East Main Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Private DONALD W. WEYRAUCH, (37549335), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Oliva Weyrauch, (mother), 1708 St Germain Street, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

SECTION II

1. So much of Paragraph I, General Orders #202, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 17 May 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart Medal to Technician Grade V ROLAND C. UNDERWOOD, JR., (34805963), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

2. So much of Paragraph I, General Orders #206, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 18 May 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class HUBERT A. STEPHENS, (34634586), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

3. So much of Paragraph I, Section I, General Orders #357, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 20 June 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class ROBERT S. DILLILANE, (33369945), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

C. F. ROBBINS  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief of Staff

*Harry A. Dosch Jr.*  
HARRY A. DOSCH JR.,  
Major, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

6 July 1945

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade LAWRENCE DILGE (37200174), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 4 March through 7 March 1945. Acting as spearhead for an Infantry Battalion, Corporal Dilge's reconnaissance patrol had the mission of reconnoitering a route and making it secure for the uninterrupted advance of the battalion. For four days, Corporal Dilge and the other members of the patrol worked untiringly to secure the vital information and many times, Corporal Dilge, as point man, exposed himself to enemy fire. By his personal courage and outstanding ability as a scout, Corporal Dilge displayed aggressive spirit above and beyond the call of duty. Home address: Mr. Paul Dilge (father), R.F.D. #1, Ogallah, Kansas.

Private FRED E. HALVERSON (36025360), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 4 March through 7 March 1945. Private Halverson, a member of a small reconnaissance patrol, acted as the spearhead scouting ahead of the advance units of an Infantry Battalion. Private Halverson, along with the other members of the patrol, worked with skill and thoroughness searching a passable route through enemy held territory, and securing this route so that the advance of the battalion would not be delayed. Patrolling over rugged terrain, scouting out ravines where the enemy was known to be, the patrol sent back information vital for the battalion's success. Private Halverson's cool courage, aggressive spirit, and devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Anna Iverson, (mother), 1879 East 70th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant CHARLIE W. HAMPTON (38079338), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 6 May to 16 May 1945. Sergeant Hampton demonstrated exceptional leadership and efficiency as a Rifle Platoon Sergeant. On the night of 12 May, following a Jap Banzai attack which was repulsed, Sergeant Hampton with great courage and skill had all casualties moved to the center of the platoon perimeter, reorganized his line and collected and re-distributed ammunition to the members of his platoon. This skillful re-organization of the defenses enabled the platoon to again successfully repel an attack which came at dawn. The energy, alertness, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Hampton are in accord with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Ola Hampton (mother), Route #2, Maples, Texas.

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Corporal WAYNE D. KOONS (37041465), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Sangal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 May 1945. Corporal Koons, as a member of a small patrol sent to clear a reported enemy position, displayed exceptional courage and coolness under enemy fire. As the patrol approached the enemy position, it was fired on by an unknown number of the enemy. During the exchange of fire that followed, one member of the patrol became panic stricken and froze in a position exposed to enemy fire. While the platoon deployed and laid down a base of fire, Corporal Koons crawled from his concealed position to the panic stricken man, and induced him to move to a position of safety. The superior manner in which Corporal Koons performed his duties is in keeping with the highest standards of the United States Army. Home address: Mr. Ralph J. Koons (father), R.F.D., Elkader, Iowa.

Private First Class NELSON P. MUSGROVE JR. (31214352), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 May 1945. Upon learning that a rifle company located approximately two thousand yards away had four severely wounded litter casualties requiring immediate evacuation to the rear, Private Musgrove volunteered and did lead a litter squad from an Infantry Battalion Command Post to a point half way to the line company where he made contact with their evacuation party. After administering necessary first aid to the wounded, he guided his party back to the Battalion Aid Station. He then set out again with sufficient equipment and personnel to pick up a casualty whose make-shift litter had collapsed on the trail. These movements were accomplished at night over unfamiliar, difficult terrain with imminent possibility of ambush by the enemy. Upon return from his second trip, Private Musgrove remained awake until morning caring for the men who were in a critical condition. Private Musgrove's actions were instrumental in saving the lives of at least two of the casualties, and reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Louise Musgrove (wife), 57 Park Street, Florence, Massachusetts.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

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ORIGINAL ORDER -  
AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 5, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named

Private First Class FRANK C. GONZALES (39860449), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 May 1945. Private Gonzales, with two comrades, was manning a heavy machine gun on a perimeter during the hours of darkness when the perimeter was suddenly attacked by approximately thirty Japs. Since one salient of the attack was directed at his position, Private Gonzales realized it was necessary to place his machine gun in a more favorable position from which he could deliver more effective fire on the enemy. Ignoring the deadly enemy fire, Private Gonzales, assisted by his comrades, quickly moved the machine gun to a new position and succeeded in repulsing the charging Japs in his immediate area. The outstanding qualities of great courage, excellent initiative and bravery as demonstrated by Private Gonzales in this action set him aside as a superior combat soldier. Home address: Mrs. Adelaide C. Gonzales (mother), 405 West 31st Street, Tucson, Arizona.

Private First Class ROBERT L. HAMM (35755726), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Edward L. Hamm (father), 640 National Road, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Major WILLIAM H. KELLY (O-1686937), Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area from 1 March 1944 to 22 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Jo Kelly (wife), 229 South 4th Street, Lafayette, Indiana.

Private First Class LEO P. LAMORE (31020238), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 May 1945. Private Lamore, with two comrades, was manning a heavy machine gun on a perimeter during the hours of darkness when the perimeter was suddenly attacked by approximately thirty Japs. Since one salient of the attack was directed at his position, Private Lamore realized it was necessary to place his machine gun in a more favorable position from which he could deliver more effective fire on the enemy. Ignoring the deadly enemy fire, Private Lamore, assisted by his comrades, quickly moved the machine gun to a new position and succeeded in repulsing the charging Japs in his immediate area. The outstanding qualities of great courage, excellent initiative and bravery as demonstrated by Private Lamore in this action set him aside as a superior combat soldier. Home address: Mrs. Florence Lamore (mother), Montgomery Center, Vermont.

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Captain EDWARD J. MOLLOY (O-455978), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 28 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Molloy (mother), 2533 West Parrish Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade JAMES H. MOREY (20145368), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 12 May 1945 to 19 May 1945. Sergeant Morey was in charge of the forward ration dump of an Infantry Regiment whose mission was the capture of Ipo Dam. Working tirelessly night and day, Sergeant Morey performed his assigned duties in a most exemplary manner and also assisted in the care and evacuation of the wounded and dead. On several occasions he carried seriously wounded over difficult terrain infested with enemy snipers. These voluntary acts on the part of Sergeant Morey over and above the normal call of duty are in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Addie Morey (mother), RFD #1, Gray, Maine.

Private First Class JAMES C. SHELTON (3830736), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Ipo Dam sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 4 May 1945 to 31 May 1945. Private Shelton, a Runner in his company, was called upon to assume the duties of Communications Sergeant during the Ipo Dam operation. With very little experience in wire or radio work, Private Shelton constantly maintained complete communications between widely separated platoons. When his company moved forward a considerable distance the shortage of personnel in his line of work became so great that Private Shelton acted as Runner, Radio Operator and Communications Sergeant. On one occasion he was Radio Operator for his Battalion Commander at a forward Observation Post on a hill. Despite the heavy enemy fire that was directed at this position, Private Shelton maintained all battalion communications with great efficiency. Private Shelton chose to remain near the very crest of the hill which enabled him to get better radio reception. Private Shelton's energetic and commendable performance of duty under difficult and hazardous conditions reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Irene Shelton (mother), 12 East Harmony Street, Texas Grove, New Jersey.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

*[Signature]*  
HARRY A. BOSCH, JR.  
Major, AGD  
Adjutant General

C. P. BOBBS  
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GENERAL ORDERS  
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ORIGINAL ORDER

7 July 1945

SECTION I--AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL  
SECTION II--AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 45, WD, 1918), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

Captain ALFRED M. CAMP, (0337706), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of the Damortis-Rosario Sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 13 to 15 January 1945. Captain Camp, as Artillery Liaison Officer, with total disregard for his own personal safety, while under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, remained in a forward position to adjust and coordinate supporting fire against the enemy. Captain Camp's great personal courage, proficiency, and keen devotion to duty contributed substantially to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Alfred M. Camp, (wife), 55 Lehigh Street, Trucksville, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant JOHN R. CHANEY, (35718514), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. Sergeant Chaney was a crewman in an assault gun tank which suffered hits and caught fire from heavy concentrations of artillery and mortars, while tanks in support of infantry were repulsing successive enemy counter-attacks from high ground. Sergeant Chaney and the other crewmen attempted to extinguish the fire but without success. Refusing to abandon the tank, and risking his life in the flames which rose up over the hull, Sergeant Chaney fought the enemy until all ammunition had been expended. When finally evacuating the tank, the Battalion Commander was wounded by mortar fragmentation. Unhesitatingly, and while under heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Chaney aided in removing the stricken commander. Sergeant Chaney's great personal courage, gallant actions and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the men about him and are in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Stolla J. Chaney, (wife), 2009 North 23rd Street, Terra Haute, Indiana.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM R. CROUSE, (39116036), Armored, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. Sergeant Crouse was a crewman in an assault gun tank which suffered hits and caught fire from heavy concentrations of artillery and mortars from the enemy, while tanks in support of infantry were repulsing successive enemy counter-attacks from high ground. Sergeant Crouse and the other crewmen attempted to extinguish the fire but without success. Refusing to abandon the tank, and risking his life in the flames which rose up over the hull, Sergeant Crouse steadfastly fought the

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enemy until all the ammunition had been expended. When finally evacuating the tank, the Battalion Commander was wounded by enemy mortar fragmentation. Unhesitatingly, and while under heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Crouse aided in removing the stricken commander. Sergeant Crouse's great personal courage, gallant actions and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the men about him and are in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Annie Crouse (mother), Severn, Maryland.

Private First Class AUGUSTUS J. RAMSEY (34276580), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Ipo Dam Sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 May 1945. During a column formation movement towards the Ipo Dam area, and while under enemy artillery fire, Private Ramsey distinguished himself by his gallant and quick action. During the enemy shelling which resulted in some casualties, Private Ramsey, without regard for his personal safety, rushed out onto the open field to effect rescue of the wounded. The casualties were in perilous circumstances because of the grass fire which was raging on the field resultant from the enemy artillery shelling. Private Ramsey, assisted by another Infantryman, succeeded in rescuing one of the casualties from the field and carried him to a point of safety. Private Ramsey's altruistic action and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Emma Ramsey, (mother), Enid, Mississippi.

SECTION II

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star Medal awarded to Corporal GARTHE W. STONE, (37209723), Medical Department, by this headquarters, as published in General Orders #113, dated 21 April 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Corporal GARTHE W. STONE, (37209723), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Ipo Dam Sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 May 1945. During a column formation movement towards the Ipo Dam area, and while under enemy artillery fire, Corporal Stone distinguished himself by his gallant and quick action. During the enemy shelling which resulted in some casualties, Corporal Stone, without regard for his personal safety, rushed out onto the open field to effect rescue of the wounded. The casualties were in perilous circumstances because of the grass fire which was raging on the field resultant from the enemy artillery shelling. Corporal Stone, assisted by an officer, succeeded in rescuing one of the casualties from the field and carried him to a point of safety. Corporal Stone's altruistic action and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Odell Stone, (mother), 2023 North 16th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

*Harry A. Busch, Jr.*  
HARRY A. BUSCH JR.  
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SECTION I - AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR  
SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade LAWRENCE CHECCO (20133553), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Ipo Dam area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 17 May 1945 to 22 May 1945. Given the mission of Forward Observer for a regiment of guerrillas driving toward Ipo Dam, Corporal Checco and his party started for the front carrying heavy loads of radios and batteries on their backs. The route necessitated travel over rocky-mountain trails so rugged that at times it was necessary to climb cliffs with the aid of ropes. The party was subjected to severe artillery, mortar and rifle fire much of the way. Upon reaching the Observation Post the members of the party were again subjected to the same enemy fire so intense that on several occasions the Observation Post had to be temporarily abandoned. While conducting artillery fire, Corporal Checco and his comrades became aware of enemy foot troops too close to their position to be fired upon by friendly artillery. Corporal Checco assisted his party in conducting the operations of two guerrilla companies in a successful fire fight with the enemy troops. As a result, the skilful conduct of these operations aided materially in the holding of Ipo Dam. The firm determination, excellent initiative and courage demonstrated by Corporal Checco in this action set him aside as an excellent combat soldier. Home address: Mr. Antonio Checco (father) 51 Sands Street, Port Chester, New York.

Corporal MONAS W. GEDDES (31042681), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Ipo Dam area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 17 May 1945 to 22 May 1945. Given the assignment of Forward Observer in a regiment of guerrillas driving toward Ipo Dam, Corporal Geddes and his party started for the front carrying heavy loads of radios and batteries on their backs. The route necessitated travel over rocky-mountain trails so rugged that at times it was necessary to climb cliffs with the aid of ropes. The party was subjected to severe artillery, mortar and rifle fire much of the way. Upon reaching the Observation Post the members of the party were again subjected to the same type of enemy fire but so intense that on several occasions the Observation Post had to be temporarily abandoned. While conducting artillery fire, Corporal Geddes and his comrades became aware of enemy foot troops too close to the party's position to be fired upon by friendly artillery. Corporal Geddes then assisted his party in conducting the operations of two guerrilla companies in a successful fire fight with the enemy troops. The skilful conduct of the operations resulted in a material aid to hold Ipo Dam. The firm determination, excellent initiative and courage demonstrated by Corporal Geddes in this action set him aside as an excellent combat soldier. Home address: Mrs. Isabelle Geddes (mother), 16 Oak Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

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Corporal WILLIAM F. KENNEDY (20133547), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Ipo Dam area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 17 May 1945 to 22 May 1945. Given the assignment as Forward Observer in a regiment of guerrillas driving toward Ipo Dam, Corporal Kennedy and his party started for the front carrying heavy loads of radios and batteries on their backs. The route necessitated travel over rocky-mountain trails so rugged that at times it was necessary to climb cliffs with the aid of ropes. The party was subjected to severe artillery, mortar and rifle fire much of the way. Upon reaching the Observation Post the members of the party were again subjected to the same type of enemy fire, but so intense that on several occasions the Observation Post had to be temporarily abandoned. While conducting artillery fire, Corporal Kennedy and his comrades became aware of enemy foot troops being too close to the party's position to be fired upon by friendly artillery. Corporal Kennedy then assisted his party in conducting the operations of two guerrilla companies in a successful fire fight with the enemy troops. The skilful conduct of the operations resulted in a material aid to hold Ipo Dam. The firm determination, excellent initiative and courage demonstrated by Corporal Kennedy in this action set him aside as an excellent combat soldier. Home address: Mrs. J. W. Blackney (sister), 710 - 3rd Avenue, New York, New York.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant GEORGE SOLIANI (31047034), Field Artillery, by this headquarters, as published in General Orders #60, dated 30 March 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 5, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant GEORGE SOLIANI (31047034), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 15 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Cangio Soliani (father), Perkins Street, Torrington, Connecticut.

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SECTION I -- AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS  
SECTION II - AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. So much of Paragraph I, Section II, General Orders #287, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 6 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private JOHNNIE R. BEARHORST, (37605374), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

2. So much of Paragraph I, Section III, General Orders #287, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 6 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Purple Heart (Oak-Leaf Cluster) to Private JOHNNIE R. BEARHORST, (37605374), infantry, as reads: As published in Paragraph I, Section II, General Orders #287, 6 June 1945, is amended to read: As published in Paragraph 14, General Orders #21, Headquarters 98th Evacuation Hospital (TM) AFO #70, 9 March 1945.

3. So much of Paragraph I, Section II, General Orders #264, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 1 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class WOLFEY J. WOOD, (38495277), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

4. So much of Paragraph I, Section II, General Orders #264, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 1 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private RAYFIELD A. HECHT, (6489796), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

5. So much of Paragraph I, General Orders #285, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 6 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Purple Heart Medal to Sergeant RAYMOND S. HYLTON, (6842446), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

6. So much of Paragraph 4, Section II, General Orders #262, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 1 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Purple Heart (Oak-Leaf Cluster) to Private ETHEL B. MC LENDON, (34019582), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

7. So much of Paragraph I, General Orders #285, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 6 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Purple Heart Medal to Staff Sergeant FILLIE L. ROBINSON, (38406562), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

8. So much of Paragraph I, General Orders #285, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 6 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class EDWARD T. SCHUELLER, (37277587), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to First Sergeant WELLA I. DUTY, (6818067), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in Paragraph I, General Orders #15, 29 January 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended.

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The citation is as follows:

First Sergeant BELLA I. DUTY, (6818067), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margo Duty, (wife), P.O. Box 2183, Abilene, Texas.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class JESS KENT, (39575458), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in Paragraph I, Section I, General Orders #19, 5 February 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class JESS KENT, (39575458), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Toby Ridge, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Fedelia R. Kent, (wife), 1301-1 Via Encinitas, Los Angeles, California.

3. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class JOSEPH R. MC PHERSON, (34259105), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in Paragraph I, General Orders #39, 26 June 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class JOSEPH R. MC PHERSON, (34259105), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Kaybanban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dora G. Mc Pherson, (mother), Route #1, Clarendon, North Carolina.

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ORIGINAL ORDER -

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

*Rec'd by HQ #450 - July 10, 1945*  
\* ~~Major JOHN S. BLAIR III (O-249914), Field Artillery, United States Army.~~  
For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea and at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 1 October 1944 through 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marie T. Blair (wife), P. O. Box 1165, St. Augustine, Florida.

Private HERBERT W. BURROWS (42140479), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. The light machine gun squad of which Private Burrows was an ammunition bearer was supporting the advance of a rifle platoon in its assault on Hill 815. As the attack progressed, the enemy laid down an intense barrage of heavy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire. During the two hours in which the enemy fire was the heaviest, Private Burrows made three separate trips for ammunition through the area. Private Burrows' bravery and outstanding devotion to duty were responsible for keeping the machine gun in action at a critical time and his heroic actions undoubtedly were responsible for saving the lives of many of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Herbert Burrows (wife), Crown Point, New York.

Sergeant JOHN L. COLLINSON (20153649), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 4 March through 7 March 1945. Acting as spearhead for an Infantry Battalion, Sergeant Collinson's reconnaissance patrol had the mission of reconnoitering a route and making it secure for the uninterrupted advance of the battalion. For four days, Sergeant Collinson and the other members of the patrol worked untiringly to secure vital information and many times, Sergeant Collinson, as point man exposed himself to enemy fire. By his personal courage and outstanding ability as a scout, Sergeant Collinson displayed aggressive spirit above and beyond the call of duty. Home address: Mrs. Helen L. Collinson (wife), Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Technician Fourth Grade ALBERT R. LAGASSE (31038645), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 May 1945. Sergeant Lagasse, a Section Sergeant in charge of a wire crew, assumed the duties of wire chief and performed his duties in a highly superior manner. While on a reconnaissance mission, Sergeant Lagasse and his crew were subjected to a severe concentration of enemy artillery fire, and by his splendid leadership and coolness under fire successfully led his men to a point of safety. Sergeant Lagasse's heroic action, proficiency, and outstanding devotion to

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deeds reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address:  
Mrs. Malvina Lagasse (mother), 76 Tacker Street, Saylesville, Rhode Island.

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~~Private First Class ROY D. LEMERT (39200527), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. With total disregard for his own safety, Private Lemert voluntarily went to the assistance of a Tank Battalion Commander gravely injured when the tank in which he was riding was hit by an enemy shell. While the armored battle was in progress, Private Lemert, under constant enemy sniper fire, assisted in rendering first aid and successfully evacuating the wounded officer to an Infantry Battalion Aid Station. In placing the wounded man's life above his own, Private Lemert's gallant act is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Scott B. Lemert (father), 3203 Chicago Street, Seattle, 8, Washington.~~

Second Lieutenant SEYMOUR S. ROSEN (O-1162449), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 May 1945. Lieutenant Rosen was engaged as an Artillery Observer, when the patrol which he was accompanying had contact with the enemy. During the ensuing change of fire, he saw a rifleman who had been wounded and was in a position exposed to the enemy. Lieutenant Rosen, with the assistance of another, worked his way to the wounded man and dragged him to safety. Lieutenant Rosen's initiative and bravery in placing the life of a wounded comrade above his own are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Samuel Rosen (father), 3839 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

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1st Lt Walter G. Bannon, O-1295002	Sv Co, 172d Inf
2/4 Gerald E. Fredrickson, 39017298	Co D, 118th Med Bn —
3/3rd Donat W. Corvaia, 20134184	Co D, 118th Med Bn —
1st Lt Jack D. Hanson, 39415065	Co D, 172d Inf
2/3 Hans B. Koudaska, 31022480	Co D, 118th Med Bn —
3/3rd Stanley M. Kraska, 37272128	Co D, 172d Inf
2/3 Irving M. Kunziker, 39375306	Co D, 118th Med Bn —
1/4 Frank J. Longillo, 31022012	Co D, 118th Med Bn —
1/3 Frank L. Sabatino, 31023026	Co D, 118th Med Bn —

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1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, 7D, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant WALTER C. FANNON (O-1295002), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 May 1945. Lieutenant Fannon was given the assignment of supplying small groups of guerrillas which were attached to his company and placed on various Observation Posts for the purpose of protection. Lieutenant Fannon traveled daily through territory and over roads made extremely hazardous by enemy stragglers and infiltration patrols. One day Lieutenant Fannon was proceeding with a light truck toward a remote Observation Post to relieve a platoon of guerrillas and return them to the rear. Upon entering a portion of a road edged by thick brush, Lieutenant Fannon and his driver were attacked by a small group of Japs who had been waiting in ambush. Demolition charges and hand grenades were thrown into the truck, and one grenade, exploding inside the cab wounded both Lieutenant Fannon and his driver. Although the sight of one eye was gone and the other was filled with blood, Lieutenant Fannon determinedly proceeded to the Observation Post to pick up the guerrillas. He then returned along the same road for the purpose of clearing the enemy ambush lest other friendly vehicles might likewise be attacked. Lieutenant Fannon conducted an intensive search for the enemy but they had apparently fled. His absolute disregard for his wounds and weakened condition, and his unselfish service at great risk of his life as shown by Lieutenant Fannon's heroic actions are in keeping with his inherent courage and outstanding bravery. Home address: Mr. Walter C. Fannon (father), 915 East Fourth Street, South Boston, Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade GERALD E. FREDRICKSON (39017298), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 21 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marion Brown (sister), 1083 Los Palos Street, Los Angeles, California.

Staff Sergeant DONAT W. GERVAIS (20134194), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 21 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret L. Gervais (wife), 599 1/2 Main Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Private First Class JACK D. HANSON (39913965), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 April 1945. Private Hanson was a Heavy Machine Gunner when the enemy attacked the positions of an infantry company with which he was serving. As the attack progressed, Private Hanson located the Japs' positions and opened fire on them with his machine gun. Realizing that he could not effectively cover the attack with his machine gun, Private Hanson immediately directed mortar fire on the enemy, greatly aiding

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in repulsing the enemy attack. His coolness, outstanding bravery and exemplary conduct in this action were conducive to raising the morale of his company and contributed immeasurably to the success in beating back the enemy attack. Home address: Mrs. Norma W. Hanson (wife), 346 West South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Technician Third Grade HANS B. HEUDUSKA (31022480), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 21 June 1945. Home address: Mr. Ernest J. Pick (Uncle), 678 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant STANLEY M. HRUSKA (37272128), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 May 1945. In spite of the heavy Jap mortar fire directed at him, Sergeant Hruska, a Mortar Man, remained steadfastly in his position and directed mortar fire on enemy positions. He placed fire on enemy positions with such accuracy that the Jap salient was reduced, relieving the pressure that was placed against the flank of an adjacent infantry company. It was later discovered that Sergeant Hruska succeeded in destroying one enemy mortar and one large artillery gun. Sergeant Hruska's coolness under fire, and his courageous action were major factors in the rapid progress of the operation. Home address: Mr. Frank J. Hruska (father), RFD #11, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade IRVING A. HUNZIKER (52873506), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 3 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Charles Hunziker (father), 6 Oxford Road, New Hartford, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade FRANK J. MONGILLO (31022012), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 21 June 1945. Home address: Mr. Louis Mongillo (father), 101 James Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

Technician Third Grade FRANK L. SABATINO (31023026), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 21 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jonnie Sabatino (mother), 72 Marion Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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SECTION II -- AMENDMENTS OF GENERAL ORDERS  
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SECTION III - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (ONK-... CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. So much of Paragraph 1, General Orders #209, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 28 May 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Purple Heart Medal to Second Lieutenant THEODORE A. TESTER, (O-1308881), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

2. So much of Paragraph 1, Section I, General Orders #326, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 14 June 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class EDWIN C. BAYNE, (33398183), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

SECTION II

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class EDWIN C. BAYNE, (33398183), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Munda, New Georgia, Solomon Islands on 3 August 1943. Home address: Mrs. Irene Bayne, (mother), Route #1, Amity, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant KENNETH A. PARCLAY, (35380603), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Masario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Kathryn A. Barclay, (wife), 911-5th Street, NE, Canton, Ohio.

Private First Class JOHN M. FRISCHHOLZ, (32036925), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Baanga, Solomon Islands on 28 October 1943. Home address: Mr. Zacharis Frischholz, (father), 45 Alpine Place, Cheektowaga, New York.

Private LEO L. ROGERS, (39392672), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bolac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 May 1945. Home address: Miss Geneva Rogers, (cousin), PO Box 1773, Westwood, California.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH A. SCHNEIDER, (36339792), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Rendova, New Georgia, Solomon Islands on 4 July 1943. Home address: Mrs. Emma Schneider, (mother), 7828 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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Sergeant RALPH S. SHELDON, (20151458), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands on 22 April 1943. Home address: Willard E. Sheldon, (father), 48 Pitkin Street, Burlington, Vermont.

Private VINCENT C. VERDERESE, (32163187), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Sasavelo, New Georgia, Solomon Islands on 31 July 1943. Home address: Mr. Loano Verderese, (father), 2058 Noraid Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Private First Class GUY W. WILLIAMS, (34188926), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at New Georgia, Solomon Islands on 13 July 1943. Home address: Mrs. Baulah Shelby Williams, (mother), Route #1, Savannah, Tennessee.

SECTION III

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class EDWIN C. BAYNE, (33398183), (then Private), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in Paragraph 1, Section II, General Orders #446, 8 July 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of act 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class EDWIN C. BAYNE, (33398183), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mt. Alava, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Irene Bayne, (mother), Route #1, Amity, Pennsylvania.

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ORIGINAL ORDER -

SECTION I---AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL  
SECTION II---AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

SECTION I

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

Corporal ROBERT L. MCGINLEY (31027532), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Hill #815, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 May 1945. Corporal McGinley, as a member of a heavy machine gun squad assigned to deliver overhead fire for two infantry companies, distinguished himself by braving enemy fire to carry a wounded comrade to safety. Returning to the fray, after this act of bravery, he moved to a more forward position to aid in directing the fire and in so doing, was wounded by enemy fire. Corporal McGinley's excellent initiative and fortitude in the face of a superior enemy force, exemplify the finest qualities of an exceptional soldier in combat. Mr. Bert McGinley (father), Winn, Maine.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade AMELIO ALLEGGRANZI (37329407), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 21 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edith Allegranzi (wife), 4227 Vallejo Street, Denver, Colorado.

Technician Fifth Grade ARCHIE B. CRAWFORD (34040905), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 April 1945. Corporal Crawford distinguished himself as a driver of a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -ton Ambo-peep. In many instances he demonstrated great skill and courage in the safe and rapid evacuation of wounded under enemy artillery and small-arms fire. On one occasion during the operations at New Bosoboso, Corporal Crawford went out to the front lines and in the face of withering enemy fire succeeded in evacuating two wounded men. In his complete reliability and constant anticipation of the needs of his Medical Detachment, as well as his absolute devotion to duty in the face of constant danger, Corporal Crawford displayed attributes which are in accord with the highest traditions of the Medical Corps. Home address: Mrs. Solona Crawford (wife), Goodlettsville, Tennessee.

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Technician Fifth Grade HERMAN P. D'ANGELO (13036062), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 May 1945. As a member of a wire crew, Corporal D'Angelo exhibited exceptional ability in the performance of his duties during this entire period. In the initial phases of the campaign, he and his wire crew laid wire under the most hazardous conditions, often exposing themselves to enemy fire. On one occasion while Corporal D'Angelo's wire crew was laying a wire line from the Regimental Headquarters to an Infantry Battalion, it was pinned down by a heavy concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire. Through his steadfastness of purpose, resourcefulness and undeniable courage, Corporal D'Angelo succeeded in laying the wire line and establishing communications. Home address: Mrs. Antonia D'Angelo (mother), 133 Main Street, Box 133, Crabtree, Pennsylvania.

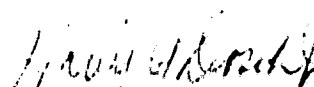
Technician Fifth Grade BUDDY G. HIGGINS (36443017), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 May 1945. Corporal Higgins, as Lineman of a Communications Crew, exhibited exceptional ability in the performance of his duties during this period. On one occasion while laying telephone lines, his crew was constantly fired upon by enemy snipers. With utter disregard for his own safety Corporal Higgins continued on his mission until it was completed. On another occasion while laying a wire line, his crew was again caught in a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire. Instead of returning to the Regimental Command Post, Corporal Higgins waited until the artillery lifted, then continued to lay wire between the short breaks in the artillery fire, thereby accomplishing his mission. Corporal Higgins' constant devotion to duty and outstanding initiative uphold the highest traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Anna Higgins (mother), Route #2, Homewood, Illinois.

Technician Third Grade GEORGE F. SHRIBER (31023139), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 21 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jean Collette (mother), 412 Westfield Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant FREDERICK E. SRAGEN (20133131), 19th Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 1 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Joanna Sragen, (mother), Copenhagen, Hawaii.

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SECTION I--~~AWARDS~~ <sup>DIGITAL ORDER -</sup> OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
SECTION II--AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDER

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant CHARLES W. BECKER, (31042829), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 9 January 1945 to 3 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen Becker, (wife), Perryville, Connecticut.

Sergeant EDWARD GROCE, (32006205), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hill #860, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 May 1945. Sergeant Groce, a member of a squad using a new recoilless weapon distinguished himself in action against a stubborn, well-entrenched enemy. Carrying his weapon and ammunition over hilly and muddy terrain, he emplaced it at vantage points firing on targets of opportunity and on fixed positions. Sergeant Groce's expert use of his weapon contributed in a large measure to knocking out several enemy caves. Sergeant Groce's exemplary courage, perseverance, and devotion to duty were a major factor in the success of the mopping-up operations on Hill #860. Home address: Mrs. Mary Groce, (mother), 621 E. 178 Street, Bronx, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN H. HELLMAN, (37523751), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 9 January 1945 to 21 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary A. Hellman, (mother), 311 Blumont, Manhattan Kansas.

Private ROBERT HIGGINS, (37749021), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 May 1945. Private Higgins, a member of a squad using a new recoilless weapon distinguished himself in action against a stubborn, well-entrenched enemy. Carrying his weapon and ammunition over hilly and muddy terrain, he emplaced it at vantage points firing on targets of opportunity and on fixed positions. Private Higgin's expert use of his weapon contributed in a large measure to knocking out several enemy caves. Private Higgin's exemplary courage, perseverance, and devotion to duty were a major factor in the success of the mopping-up operations on Hill #860. Home address: Mrs. Jesse E. Rife, (mother), Route #4, Lyaes, Kansas.

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Private THURL MATHESS, (33726626), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. During an approach to its objective, the rifle platoon, with which Private Mathess was serving as Radio Operator, was subjected to intense machine-gun and sniper fire which pinned the troops to the ground. Private Mathess, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, fearlessly crawled to the side of the Platoon Leader, set up his radio and established communication with the Artillery Liaison Officer, thus enabling the Artillery to place devastating fire on the enemy force. Later in the day, Private Mathess again demonstrated undaunted courage and grim determination, when he moved with his Platoon Leader under heavy hostile enemy fire and quickly established communications with the supporting Artillery. Private Mathess's heroic actions, fortitude, and devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to the success of the platoon's mission. Home address: Mrs. Stella Mathess, (mother), Dellslow, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant ALME J. SIMONEAU, (S1038152), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 9 January 1945 to 21 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Simoneau, (mother), 37 Rice Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

First Sergeant FERDINAND J. STRAUB, (20134117), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 9 January 1945 to 21 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Straub, (mother), 38 Meadow Street, Wallingford, Connecticut.

SECTION II

1. So much of Paragraph 1, General Orders #403, Headquarters, 43d Infantry Division, dated 10 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Bronze Star Medal to "Corporal MICHAEL (NMM) MASON, (34089097), Field Artillery", is amended to read, "Corporal RICHARD MASON, (34089097), Field Artillery".

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

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HEADQUARTERS 43d INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER....450.

ORIGINAL ORDER -

10 July 1945

SECTION I--AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL  
SECTION II--AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
SECTION III--AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)  
SECTION IV--AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDER

SECTION I

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

Technical Sergeant MARTIN D. VIULLERMET (31023303), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. Sergeant Viullermet, Platoon Sergeant, was organizing his platoon's positions on the forward slope of a hill which the Company had freshly secured, when the enemy made a counter-attack using mortar and withering machine-gun fire on his positions. Sergeant Viullermet, quickly analyzing the situation, moved his platoon to the reverse slope of the hill into vantage positions to better stave off the enemy. Upon learning that one of his squad leaders was missing, Sergeant Viullermet, unhesitatingly and without regard for his own welfare, returned to the vacated positions to search for the missing comrade. Sergeant Viullermet found his man seriously wounded, hanging on to a bush by one hand with his body almost completely over the edge of the cliff. Sergeant Viullermet, alone and under intense hostile fire pulled the body onto level ground and then carried him to a place of safety. Sergeant Viullermet's altruistic action, indomitable courage and fidelity reflect great credit to himself and to the United States Army. Home address: Mr. Frank Viullermet, (father), 387 Valley Street, Millimantic, Connecticut.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. 11, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted man:

Technical Sergeant BERARD D. CLOUTIER, (31022537), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 9 January 1945 to 1 July 1945. Home address: Mr. Dominique Cloutier, (father), 213 Oak Street, Lewiston, Maine.

First Lieutenant JAMES R. GREIGHTON, (01308300), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Clarence K. Greighton, (mother), 3015 Silver Lea Terrace, Los Angeles, California.

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Captain CARL A. OTTO, (02042900), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. When it became known that one of the Regimental Commanders of the Division was not at his own Headquarters and that he was in a Jap-infested area, his safety became the concern of the Division's Commanding General. Captain Otto unhesitatingly volunteered to seek out and ascertain the welfare of the Commander, fully cognizant that the road was mined and the enemy were in the immediate area. After a two hour search in the darkness of the night during which time Captain Otto was subjected to Jap sniper and artillery fire, he finally located the Regimental Commander. The fact was promptly reported to the Commanding General. Captain Otto displayed courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty in willingly risking his life to accomplish a dangerous mission. Home address: Mr. Frank A. Otto, (father), 50 Morris Street, Danbury, Connecticut.

SECTION III

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Lieutenant Colonel JOHN S. ELAIR III, (0243914), (then Major), Field Artillery, by this headquarters, as published in General Orders #21, dated 11 May 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, E, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel JOHN S. ELAIR III, (0243914), (then Major), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sitara, New Guinea and at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 1 October 1944 through 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Muriel T. Elair, (wife), P. O. Box 1165, St. Augustine, Florida.

SECTION IV

1. So much of Paragraph 1, General Orders #14, Headquarters, 43d Infantry Division dated 7 July 1945 as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Major JOHN S. ELAIR III, (0243914), Field Artillery, is hereby revoked.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

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Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff

HARRY A. DORCH JR.,  
Major, GID,  
Adjutant General.



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ORIGINAL ORDER - 26

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SECTION I - AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS  
SECTION II - AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

SECTION I

1. So much of Paragraph I, Section II, General Orders #424, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 4 July 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Bronze Star Medal to First Lieutenant VAUGHN K. DISSETTE, (O-1014147), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 45, WD, 1918), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class ADAM BOWMAN, (36286533), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. Private Bowman was a crewman in an assault tank which suffered direct hits and caught fire from heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire. He and other crewman attempted to put out the flames without success. Refusing to abandon the tank and risking his life in the flames which rose up over the hull, Private Bowman fought the enemy until his ammunition was expended. He and the other crew members were then ordered by the Battalion Commander to leave the tank. While this was being accomplished, the Battalion Commander was wounded by mortar fragmentation. Under heavy enemy fire, Private Bowman aided in the evacuation of the wounded officer. Private Bowman's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mr. George Bowman, (father), 6811-51st Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant VAUGHN K. DISSETTE, (O-1014147), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. Lieutenant Dissette was a crewman in an assault tank which suffered direct hits and caught fire from heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire. He and other crewman attempted to put out the flames without success. Refusing to abandon the tank and risking his life in the flames which rose up over the hull, Lieutenant Dissette fought the enemy until his ammunition was expended. He and other crew members were then ordered by the Battalion Commander to leave the tank. While this was being accomplished, the Battalion Commander was wounded by mortar fragmentation. Under heavy enemy fire, Lieutenant Dissette aided in the evacuation of the wounded officer. Lieutenant Dissette's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude S. Dissette, (wife), 145 East 203d Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Corporal HENRY A. JERGER, (39322895), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands

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on 19 January 1945. Corporal Jerger was a crewman in an assault gun tank which suffered direct hits and caught fire from heavy concentrations of anti-artillery and mortar fire. He and other crewman attempted to put out the flames without success. Refusing to abandon the tank and risking his life in the flames which rose up over the hull, Corporal Jerger fought the enemy until his ammunition was expended. He and other crew members were then ordered by the Battalion Commander to leave the tank. While this was being accomplished, the Battalion Commander was wounded by mortar fragmentation. Under heavy enemy fire, Corporal Jerger aided in the evacuation of the wounded officer. Corporal Jerger's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Katherine M. Wolf, (mother), Sandy, Oregon.

Staff Sergeant EVERETT F. RHOADES, (20845052), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. Sergeant Rhoades was advancing with the leading elements of his company up the west slope of Ridge #300. To the front of the advance was an East-West ridge containing caves and foxholes and apparently not occupied by the enemy. Upon nearing the caves Sergeant Rhoades however noticed enemy troops moving within them. He immediately went to an exposed forward position from which he threw grenades and directed rifle fire into the caves. After Sergeant Rhoades had killed four Japs, the remaining enemy troops became disorganized and attempted to withdraw. In doing so, they exposed themselves and Sergeant Rhoades killed six more of them. The leading platoon by this time had maneuvered into position and also brought their fire to bear on the fleeing enemy. At the end of 15 minutes fighting, thirty one Japs had been killed and the company was able to advance the remaining fifty yards to its objective. The courage, quick thinking, and aggressive action of Sergeant Rhoades unquestionably disorganized the enemy and enabled his company to achieve its objective with a minimum number of casualties. Home address: Mr. James Rhoades, (father), Box 181B, Mesa, Arizona.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

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HEADQUARTERS 45D INFANTRY DIVISION  
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NUMBER.....452

ORIGINAL ORDER - 11

10 July 1945

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 5, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 45d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class PHILIP FELLMAN, (13061401), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 26 January 1945 to 30 January 1945. Private Fellman was assigned as telephone operator at an advanced switching central station that had been set up to make communications more flexible, and thereby enable commanders to control and direct their units more successfully. Private Fellman, during this period, was constantly under enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire. Several infiltrations were attempted. During the hours of darkness he stayed at the switchboard continuously, placing each call and many times assisting in relaying messages to parties that could not hear due to the length of the telephone lines. Private Fellman's alertness, disregard for personal safety, and exceptional devotion to duty contributed greatly to the success of the Luzon Campaign. Home address: Mrs. Rose Fellman, (mother), 637 Douglas Street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ARNOLD H. F. KOERTJE, (37123101), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam on 17 May 1945. During the late afternoon on 17 May 1945, an Infantry Company engaged in a fierce fire-fight with the enemy, resulting in numerous casualties to our troops. Private Koertje volunteered to attempt to return these wounded men to a rear medical installation. He and three other comrades, travelling over a distance of approximately 1500 yards, over rough terrain and across a deep river, succeeded in reaching and evacuating five wounded men. Private Koertje's fortitude, loyalty, and devotion to duty unquestionably contributed to saving the lives of the five wounded soldiers. Home address: Mrs. Dora Koertje, (mother), RFD #1, Bloomfield, Nebraska.

Private FRANK P. MICHUDA, JR., (56347342), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 May 1945. During late afternoon on 17 May 1945, an Infantry Company engaged in a fierce fire-fight with the enemy, resulting in numerous casualties to our troops. Private Michuda volunteered to attempt to return these wounded men to a rear medical installation. He and three other comrades, travelling over a distance of approximately 1500 yards, over rough terrain and across a deep river, succeeded in reaching and evacuating five wounded men. Private Michuda's fortitude, loyalty, and devotion to duty unquestionably contributed in saving the lives of the five wounded soldiers. Home address: Mrs. Antonia Michuda, (mother), 1517 West McKinley Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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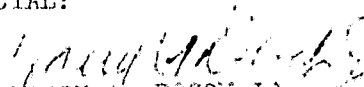
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Private First Class BERNARD R. PAGE 36921518, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 May 1945. During late afternoon on 17 May 1945, an Infantry Company engaged in a fierce fire-fight with the enemy, resulting in numerous casualties to our troops. Private Page volunteered to attempt to return these wounded men to a rear medical installation. He and three other comrades, travelling over a distance of approximately 1500 yards, over rough terrain and across a deep river, succeeded in reaching and evacuating five wounded men. Private Page's fortitude, loyalty, and devotion to duty unquestionably contributed in saving the lives of the five wounded soldiers. Home address: Mrs. Mary O. Page (wife) 4914 W. 24th Place, Cicero, Illinois.

Private First Class DRAKE L. PAGE, 37012684, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. A battalion forward observer and a group of infantrymen on a hilltop ahead of the main body of troops were cut off and isolated by the enemy. Private First Class Page, a driver and wire man, disregarding his own personal safety, volunteered to drive the wire laying vehicle over a trail which was under enemy observation and artillery fire. At the end of the trail, Private Page then volunteered with other wire men to lay a telephone line to the forward observer party atop the hill. Under constant exposure to enemy artillery and sniper fire, the unselfish and heroic efforts of this man contributed to the successful resumption of telephone communication. This enabled the forward observer to bring artillery fire on the enemy positions, thereby reducing resistance and allowing the infantry to advance to their objective. Private Page's devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mr. Charles Page (father) Route #1, Box #211, Webb City, Missouri.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

  
HARRY A. DESOLI JR.  
Major, AGD  
Adjutant General

C. P. ROSSIES  
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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION

APO #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.....453

ORIGINAL ORDER -

10 July 1945

SECTION I - - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL  
SECTION II - AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
SECTION III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 3 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, W.D. 1918), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named Officer:

Second Lieutenant EDWARD J. SHELTON, O-1059062, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Kay Ban Ban area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 May 1945. The Infantry Company of which Lt. Shelton was a member, was cut off by the enemy and pinned down in a shallow draw which soon became untenable. Lt. Shelton crawled a hundred yards under enemy fire across an open area to reach wire communications. During this action he received two bullets through his back. Lt. Shelton directed artillery smoke shells to cover a withdrawal and led the company to safety. He directed the improvising of litters and succeeded in evacuating fifteen casualties. Lt. Shelton's coolness and courage in this difficult situation undoubtedly saved the lives of many members of his company and is in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Blanche M. Shelton (mother) 107½ East 4th Street, Maryville, Missouri.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 5, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named Officer and enlisted man:

Captain CHARLES E. OVERMYER, O-400382, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 January to 19 January 1945. The sound tactical planning of Captain Overmyer as Operations Officer of an Infantry Battalion was reflected in the battalion's successful advance against the enemy under extremely adverse conditions. By keeping himself posted on front line conditions he was able to supervise the execution of battalion orders effectively and in perfect coordination with supporting elements. Without regard for his personal safety, Captain Overmyer inspected the most advanced placements and on numerous occasions effected improvements of tactical value. On one occasion he killed two enemy snipers and on another put an enemy "knee" mortar out of action with his accurate rifle fire. Captain Overmyer's efforts to overcome any and all obstacles in the advance against the enemy served as an inspiration to all troops of the battalion and contributed materially to the success of the Battalion's assigned mission. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Jean Overmyer (wife) 325 10th Street, Sparks, Nevada.

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Private First Class WILLIAM H. STANFIELD, 35728295, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic action against the enemy in the Fort Stotsenburg area, Luzon, Philippine Islands for the period 4 March to 7 March 1945. Private Stanfield was point man for a patrol reconnoitering ahead of an infantry battalion. The battalion's mission was to make an envelopment of the enemy rear. Private Stanfield's patrol travelled well in advance of the infantry battalion, through hazardous terrain, searching the many trails and enemy-held ravines. Private Stanfield showed many times that he had the cool courage to carry on in spite of difficulties. His devotion to duty and aggressiveness under fire were in a great measure responsible for the success of this mission. Home address: Mrs. Gertha Stanfield (mother) 506 W. Center Avenue, Terre Haute, Indiana.

SECTION III

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain WILLIAM G. MC INTIRE, O-1170033, Field Artillery, by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, published in General Orders #118, dated 24 April 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Captain WILLIAM G. MC INTIRE, O-1170033, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic action against the enemy in the Ipo Dam area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 May 1945. Capt. McIntire was attached to an Infantry unit as forward observer. At twilight while the company was digging in for the night, the enemy made a counterattack against an outpost. Captain McIntire immediately proceeded to this outpost. While under constant machine gun fire from the enemy he directed artillery fire from the flanks to this critical point until the counterattack was repulsed and the enemy in company strength were driven from all dug-in positions. The aggressive action, courage, and devotion to duty of Captain McIntire are in keeping with the highest standards of the United States Army. Home address: William McIntire (father) 517 South 1st East Street, Price, Utah.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

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HARRY A. DOSCH JR.  
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GENERAL ORDERS  
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ORIGINAL ORDER -

10 July 1945

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, D, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant WILLIAM H. BOND, (01059718), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea and Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 1 November 1944 to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mr. David L. Bond, (father), Route #1, Ackerly, Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade MICHAEL DALEY, (31022615), Ordnance, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 9 January 1945 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Esther Daley, (mother), 3 Easton Avenue, Waterbury, Connecticut.

Private RICHARD FRENCH, (38570908), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 May 1945. Private French, a member of a squad using a new recoilless weapon distinguished himself in action against a stubborn, well-entrenched enemy. Carrying his weapon and ammunition over hilly and muddy terrain, he emplaced his weapon at vantage points and fired on targets of opportunity and on fixed positions. Private French's expert use of his weapon contributed in a large measure to knocking out several enemy caves. Private French's exemplary courage, perseverance, and devotion to duty were a major factor in the success of the mopping-up operations on Hill #860. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Phelma French (mother), 623 Short Street, Fort Scott, Kansas.

Sergeant JOHN LATHAM, (39230811), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Sergeant Latham, a member of a squad using a new recoilless weapon distinguished himself in action against a stubborn, well-entrenched enemy. Carrying his weapon and ammunition over hilly and muddy terrain, he emplaced his weapon at vantage points and fired on targets of opportunity and on fixed enemy positions. Sergeant Latham's expert use of his weapon contributed in a large measure to knocking out several enemy caves. Sergeant Latham's exemplary courage, perseverance, and devotion to duty were a major factor in the success of the mopping-up operations on Hill #860. Home address: Mrs. Rose Latham, (mother), 1245 California Street, San Francisco, California.

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Technician Third Grade JAMES G. LOSENO JR., (31022810), Ordnance, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during period 9 January 1945 to 7 February 1945 at Luzon, Philippine Islands. Home address: Mrs. Ethel Loseno, (wife), Box 72, Waterford, Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade GINO SACCHITINE, (31298489), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 May 1945. Corporal Sacchitine, a member of a squad using a new recoilless weapon distinguished himself in action against a stubborn, well-entrenched enemy. Carrying his weapon and ammunition over hilly and muddy terrain, he emplaced his weapon at vantage points and fired on targets of opportunity and on fixed enemy positions. Corporal Sacchitine's expert use of his weapon contributed in a large measure to knocking out several enemy caves. Corporal Sacchitine's exemplary courage, perseverance, and devotion to duty were a major factor in the success of the mopping-up operations on Hill #860. Home address: Mrs. Francis Talanco, (step-sister), 113 Winsor Avenue, Watertown, Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES SULESKI, (31023310), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 15 January 1945 to 1 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. John Suleski, (mother), R.F.D. #3, Box 119, Amherst, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant MARK TEASER, (17047934), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 9 January 1945 to 15 June 1945. Sergeant Teaser, as Operations Sergeant for his Battalion was often called upon to perform the duties of Battalion Operations Officer, in addition to his assigned duties. Sergeant Teaser contributed greatly to operational success of his organization by his constant devotion to duty and level headedness in combat. His physical stamina enabled him to often work night and day, coordinating troop movements against the enemy. Sergeant Teaser also served as liaison between Battalion Observation Post and forward combat elements. Sergeant Teaser's great personal courage, perseverance, and fidelity reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary L. Teaser, (mother), Truman, Minnesota.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

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*Approved by Jerry A. Alajajian*

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
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GENERAL ORDERS  
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ORIGINAL ORDER

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL  
SECTION II - AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
SECTION III- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, WD, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Sergeant JERRY A. ALAJAJIAN, (31366242), Branch Immaterial, United States Army. For heroism at the Angat River, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 May 1945. Sergeant Alajajian accompanied by an officer and an enlisted man were attempting to ford the Angat River in a jeep. When in mid-stream, the wheels of the jeep dropped into a deep hole, overturning the vehicle and throwing the occupants into the water. As the swift current prevented the officer from reaching shore and carried him down-stream, he called to Sergeant Alajajian for help. Sergeant Alajajian immediately went to the drowning officer's rescue, and after once being separated by the fierce current, succeeded in grasping the officer and pulled him to safety after being carried down-stream approximately a hundred yards. Sergeant Alajajian's quick thinking, initiative, and bravery above and beyond the call of duty reflect great personal credit to himself and to the United States Military Service. Home address: Mrs. Katharine Alajajian, (wife), 350 Mt. Auburn Street, Watertown, Massachusetts.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade FELIX P. KOWALSKI, (31133679), Ordnance, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lucienne Kowalski, (wife), 15 Pythian Street, Watertown, Connecticut.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT H. RILEY, (31020035), Ordnance, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Abbie Riley, (mother), West Topham, Vermont.

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Technician Fifth Grade HOWARD A. SLIER JR., (32747834), Ordnance, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marion Sater, (Wife), 21-124th Street, Troy, New York.

SECTION III

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant WALTER P. PETERMAN, (O-1639901), Signal Corps, United States Army, by Headquarters 73d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #60, 3 August 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant WALTER P. PETERMAN, (O-1639901), Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 January 1945. Lieutenant Peterman, in charge of a L.C.V.P. when approaching the beach, saw that it would be necessary to go through a heavy concentration of enemy fire. Ordering all army personnel to lie as low as possible in the boat, he maintained his position to direct the course to the beach. An artillery shell landed within three yards of the boat. The explosion knocked down the coxswain and temporarily stunned his assistant. The pilotless boat began circling in the intense artillery fire area. Lieutenant Peterman, without regard for his personal safety, threw himself across the engine hatch, seized the controls, and steered the boat through the extremely dangerous area until the boat crewmen recovered sufficiently to take over control. Lieutenant Peterman's quick thinking and heroic action undoubtedly saved the lives of many of the occupants of the boat and reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. E. Peterman, (mother), 725 Maywood Avenue, Maywood, New Jersey.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

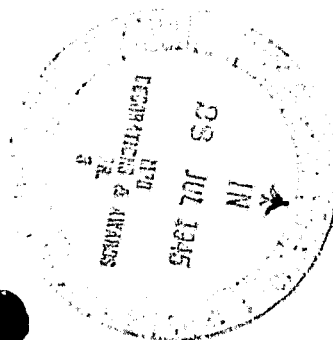
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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 456

11 July 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER -

SECTION I -- AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL  
SECTION II - AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 45, WD, 1918), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

Lieutenant Colonel LEON E. CABALHIN, (ASN Unknown), Infantry, Marking Guerrilla Forces. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 5 May 1945 to 22 May 1945. In the assault upon Mapoya Signal Force Hill, during the operation which culminated in the conquest of Ipo Dam, Colonel Cabalhin led his men through concentrated artillery and small arms fire over extreme rugged terrain. At the head of the assault wave, Colonel Cabalhin charged the enemy defenses and killed four of the defenders. This gallant action inspired Colonel Cabalhin's men to proceed against great odds and reduce the Japanese position, thus breaking through a point in the main line of enemy resistance. Colonel Cabalhin's success in overcoming natural obstacles and Japanese defenses was a material factor in the swift and successful conclusion of the Ipo Dam Operation. Home address: Corporal Rotelio Cabalhin, (brother), Marking Yay Regiment, Philippine Guerrilla Forces.

Major ROBERTO MATA, (ASN Unknown), Marking Guerrilla Forces. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 5 May 1945 to 22 May 1945. In the assault upon an important hill in the operation leading to the capture of Ipo Dam, Major Mata led his men through withering concentrations of artillery and small-arms fire. Personally leading an assault group, Major Mata stormed the enemy defenses and in hand-to-hand fighting the Japanese defenders were completely routed. Major Mata's gallant action served as an inspiration to his men to make an all-out effort to reduce the enemy strong point and expedited the rapid fall of the Ipo Dam positions to the American forces. Home address: Mrs. Esperanza Lobles Mata, (wife), Morong, Rizal Province, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class CHARLES H. KITZMAN, (53727827), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January to 22 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Augusta Kitzman, (mother), 119 South Chester Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

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Private First Class WALTER SLOMIANY, (33690234), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Danortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January to 22 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Sloomiany, (mother), Box #68, Van Meter, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES I. SMITH, (20835020), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Danortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January to 22 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary M. Smith, (wife), Route #5, Cushing, Oklahoma.

Private First Class CARL SPAZANI, (33694597), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Danortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January to 22 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Norina Spazani, (mother), R.D. #1, Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class FRANK M. THURMAN, (39582634), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Danortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January to 22 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Stella Siltas Quintana, (wife), Saticoy, California.

Private First Class WILTON VAN PATTEN, (34315571), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 May 1945. Private Van Patten, a member of a squad using a new recoilless weapon, distinguished himself in action against a stubborn, well-entrenched enemy. Carrying his weapon and ammunition over hilly and muddy terrain, he emplaced his weapon at vantage points and fired on targets of opportunity and on fixed enemy positions. Private Van Patten's expert use of his weapon contributed in a large measure to knocking out several enemy caves. Private Van Patten's exemplary courage, perseverance, and devotion to duty were a major factor in the success of the mopping-up operations on Hill #360. Home address: Mrs. Wilton Van Patten, (wife), 312 Devson Street, Fairfat, Alabama.

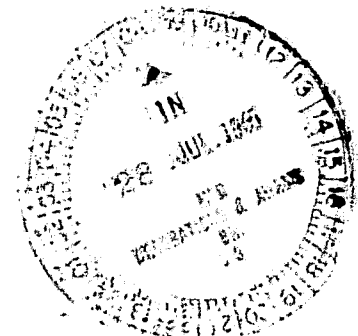
Technician Fifth Grade REED B. WHITSON, (30091322), Ordnance, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hazel M. Whitson, (mother), 314 Dean Street, Dallas, Texas.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

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Colonel, GSC  
Chief of Staff

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GARRY A. DOSCH J.L.  
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GENERAL ORDERS  
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ORIGINAL ORDER \*

11 July 1945

SECTION I---AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (Posthumously)  
SECTION II--AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

SECTION I

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

Second Lieutenant WARREN MANSFIELD, (0536977), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Mount Oro, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 June 1945. Lieutenant Mansfield was serving as Forward Observer with an Infantry Company during an assault to seize and secure the strongly fortified Jap-held Mount Oro on 8 June. After the Company had advanced approximately 500 yards up the slope they were halted by extremely heavy crossfire from mutually supporting and well dug-in hostile machine guns. Lieutenant Mansfield promptly ordered artillery fire but as friendly troops were in proximity of the enemy positions, it was necessary for him to move to a point in advance of his own troops to properly observe and control the artillery fire. This position was greatly exposed and was constantly swept by withering machine gun fire. Without regard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Mansfield, fearlessly and determinedly remained in the forward position and directed heavy and accurate fire which reduced the enemy strongholds. During this action, Lieutenant Mansfield was killed by enemy fire. This act of gallantry and self-sacrifice of Lieutenant Mansfield so inspired the troops that they surged forward and seized the top of Mount Oro. Lieutenant Mansfield's great personal courage, tenacity, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest standards of the United States Army. Next of kin: Mr. W. W. Mansfield, (father), 6 West Hill Drive, West Hartford, Connecticut.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Sergeant PRESCOTT W. CHASE, (31038154), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 9 January 1945 to 6 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. H. Manton Chase, (mother), Glen Road, Newport, Rhode Island.

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Technician Fourth Grade ADRIAN L. COUTURE, (20143337), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hill #200, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. During an attack on Hill #200, when it became necessary that a vitally important message from the Battalion Commander immediately reach the Regimental Commander, Sergeant Couture, in company with another radio operator, promptly volunteered to send the message over the radio since all other means of communications were disrupted. At this time, the Battalion Command Post was subjected to heavy enemy shelling. Sergeant Couture, without regard for his personal safety and with shells landing within ten yards from his Post, determinedly transmitted the message successfully. Sergeant Couture's exemplary action in maintaining radio communications, his outstanding courage and devotion to duty contributed substantially to the success of the Battalion's mission. Home address: Mr. Philip Vachow, (father), 167 Sabattus Street, Lewiston, Maine.

Technician Fourth Grade ALPHONSE F. GRINIS, (56315276), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hill #200, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 January 1945. During an attack on Hill #200, when it became necessary that a vitally important message from the Battalion Commander immediately reach the Regimental Commander, Sergeant Grinis, in company with another radio operator, promptly volunteered to send the message over the radio since all other means of communications were disrupted. At this time, the Battalion Command Post was subjected to heavy enemy shelling. Sergeant Grinis, without regard for his personal safety and with shells landing within ten yards from his Post, determinedly continued to work on the generator to enable the successful transmission of the message. Sergeant Grinis' exemplary action in maintaining radio communications, his outstanding courage and devotion to duty contributed substantially to the success of the Battalion's mission. Home address: Miss Bernice Grinis, (sister), 6709 South Artesian Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

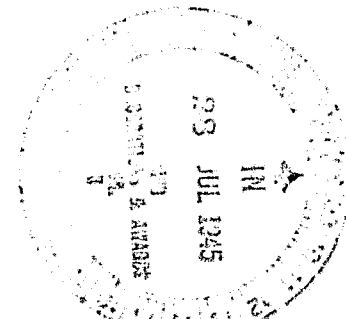
First Lieutenant HENRY C. LASHWAY, (01292201), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 March 1945. Lieutenant Lashway, in command of a Heavy Machine Gun Platoon, had his men in a defensive position when the enemy was spotted moving in to counter-attack a friendly company. Lieutenant Lashway immediately ordered his heavy machine guns to be placed in firing position and laid hands of fire in the draws and ridges in the enemy's line of attack. This action completely routed the enemy force. Lieutenant Lashway's prompt action in shifting his gun positions and his proficiency in controlling the fire undoubtedly precluded casualties among the friendly troops. Enemy dead in this action totalled approximately two hundred. Lieutenant Lashway's courage, skill and initiative in this action reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ruth M. Lashway, (wife), 1702 Indiana Avenue, Cheboygan, Wisconsin.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

*HARRY A. DOSCH JR.*  
HARRY A. DOSCH JR.,  
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HEADQUARTERS 13D INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #45

FORM NO. 10-45  
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12 July 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER # 245

SECTION I -- AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL  
SECTION II - AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress Approved 9 July 1913 (Bulletin 23, AD, 1913), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 13d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private URBANO P. GADON, (4531), Infantry, Markings Guerrilla Forces. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 May 1945. Private Gadon, without aid, engaged two enemy soldiers in a terrific hand-to-hand struggle. Armed only with a knife, he killed both of the enemy despite the fact that they were armed with rifles and bayonets. Private Gadon's fearless and aggressive action reflects great credit to himself and to the Guerrilla Forces. Home address: Mrs. Barbara San Juan, (wife), 402 Sevilla Street, Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, D, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 13d Infantry Division, to the following named officer, and enlisted men:

Private First Class THOMAS EARLE, (30559543), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret McFall, (sister), 44 Woodport Street, New Rochelle, New York.

Technician Third Grade DAVID T. GONNER, (31023049), Ordnance, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 11 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Gojin, (mother), 21 Kenyon Place, East Hartford, Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade ALFRED J. BRISKI, (30151313), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 9 January 1945 to 15 May 1945 at Luzon, Philippine Islands. Home address: Mrs. Evon Hosen, (mother), 141 Gallups Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Technical Sergeant NICHOLAS R. MOUTO, (3038965), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 6 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Madelyn R. Mouto, (wife), 41 57th Place, Brooklyn, New York.

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Technician Third Grade JUNIUS L. MILLS, (31324327), Ordnance, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Annie T. Mills, (mother), West Comorock, Maine.

Major TEOFILO SALVADOR, (ASN Unknown), Infantry, Markings Guerrilla Forces. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 May 1945. Major Salvador, commander of an Infantry Battalion, was assigned the mission of capturing and securing important positions of the main enemy line of resistance. With his men, he attacked the strongly entrenched enemy positions at Bacawan Mountain, killing six Japs and forcing the rest to flee. Major Salvador's courage, aggressiveness, and outstanding leadership were a great factor in the accomplishment of the Battalion's mission. Home address: Dr. Hospicio Salvador, (father), Morong, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

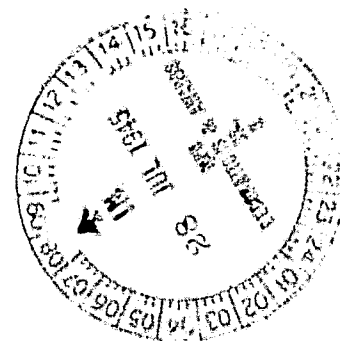
Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM J. STECHER, (12135236), (then private First Class), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Danortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 January 1945. Corporal Stecher was serving with an Infantry Assault Company which was ambushed by the enemy while attempting to advance. Although the company was forced to hastily withdraw, Corporal Stecher remained at his artillery radio position assisting in its operation and later in disassembling the radio set. With the assistance of another member of the party, Corporal Stecher carried the radio set through intense enemy small arms and mortar fire to a rear area. Corporal Stecher's courageous act was instrumental in saving valuable equipment extremely necessary for accurate artillery fire at a time when artillery coverage was badly needed. Home address: Mrs. Anna Stecher, (mother), 403 Summer Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL

OFFICIAL:

*Wm. H. Stecher, Jr.*  
WILLIAM H. STECHER, JR.  
Major, Field Artillery  
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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9809, 1 February 1944 (Stat. II, Bulletin 3, ED, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class KENNETH J. DEAL, (33691810), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period from 11 January to 22 January 1945. As a Collecting Company litter bearer Private Deal repeatedly made long and arduous litter hauls from the front line, working at night as well as day, which action was accomplished in a highly efficient and superior manner. While performing this service he was subjected to enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Deal's exceptional devotion to duty, alertness, and disregard for personal safety are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Clara Deal, (mother), R.F.D. #1, Braughton, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class CONRAD J. DILGER, (32929052), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period from 11 January to 22 January 1945. Private Dilger, working as a Collecting Company litter bearer, made long and tiring hauls from the front line, working day and night, contributing to the successful evacuation of the wounded. On numerous occasions he exposed himself to enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire in open terrain under enemy observation. The unselfish and heroic efforts of this man immeasurably aided the military effort and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Teresa Dilger, (wife), 10 Melrose Terrace, Long Branch, New Jersey.

Private First Class CLETUS J. FALLECKER, (33694816), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period from 11 January to 22 January 1945. As a Collecting Company litter bearer, Private Fallecker repeatedly made long and arduous litter hauls from the front line, night as well as day, which action was accomplished in a highly efficient and superior manner. While performing this service he was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Fallecker's exemplary courage, perseverance, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Marcelle Fallecker, (wife), East Butler, Pennsylvania.

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Corporal MERLYN D. HAYWOOD, (17048328), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period from 11 January to 22 January 1945. Corporal Haywood, working in a Collecting Company Litter Platoon, repeatedly directed, and made, long and arduous litter hauls from the front line, night as well as day, which action was accomplished in a highly efficient and superior manner. While performing this service he was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Corporal Haywood's fortitude, loyalty, and devotion to duty unquestionably contributed to saving the lives of many wounded soldiers. Home address: Mrs. Hulda Haywood, (mother), Langford, South Dakota.

Technician V Grade FRANK FISATURO, (31385557), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period from 20 January to 26 January 1945. Corporal Pisaturo, working as a litter bearer in a Collecting Company, was repeatedly called upon to make long and arduous litter hauls from the front line, which action was accomplished in a highly efficient and superior manner. While performing this service he was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Corporal Pisaturo's great courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Carmen Pisaturo, (father), 179 Carleton Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Major FELIPE VICENCIO, (ASN unknown), Markings Guerrilla Forces. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Ipo Dam area for the period 10 May to 17 May 1945. Major Vicencio, commander of an Infantry Battalion, on 10 May 1945 led a vigorous attack on Cabuyao Hill, so expertly directing his forces that the enemy was hit on three sides simultaneously. A great many of the enemy were killed and the positions captured. Major Vicencio kept continual pressure on the enemy and his forces helped greatly in reducing the enemy main resistance line and the capture of Ipo Dam. Major Vicencio's inspirational leadership was a major factor in the success of this campaign. Home address: Rosie Estrada, (wife), 99 Blumstritt Street, Mandaluyong, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

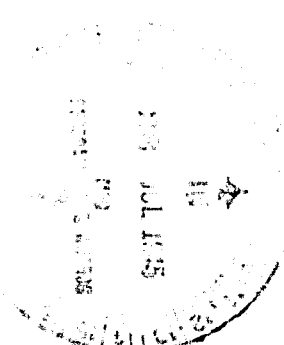
BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
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GENERAL ORDER

12 July 1945.

SECTION I--AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL  
SECTION II--AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant FRANCIS B. CAREY, (20152243), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Rendova Beach, New Georgia, Solomon Islands on 7 July 1943. Home address: Mrs. Laura C. Carey, (wife), Calais Stage, Montpelier, Vermont.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANCIS M. CLARK, (32635321), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Nawa Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lila Clark, (mother), 75 Bruce Avenue, Yonkers, New York.

First Lieutenant CHARLES N. DUTTON, (O-1039521), Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Hill #470, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Charles N. Dutton, (wife), 4510 Hillcreek, Kansas City, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES K. HARRIS, (32045706), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at New Georgia, Solomon Islands on 16 July 1943. Home address: Mr. Louis Harris, (father), Liberty, New York.

Sergeant THOMAS C. HOLLERMAN, (35425164), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Mt. Alava, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lucy Durham, (sister), Route #2, Harrodsburgh, Kentucky.

First Lieutenant ARTHUR J. NOKES, JR., (O-1300496), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Lambetta Plain, New Georgia, Solomon Islands on 21 July 1943. Home address: Mrs. A. Nokes, (mother), RD #3, Swanton, Vermont.

Private First Class EVAN S. RICE, (32156727), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Mt Cordellava, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Romaine E. Rice, (wife), 0 Headley Terrace, Irvington, New Jersey.

Private JOSEPH E. LEIAGE, (32664332), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Landa, New Georgia, Solomon Islands on 9 September 1943. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy LeFage, (mother), 40 1st Main Street, Chateaugay, New York.

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SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Sergeant THOMAS C. HOLBERMAN, (35465164), (then Private First Class, Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #461, 12 July 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Sergeant THOMAS C. HOLBERMAN, (35465164), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Hill #1500, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lucy Durham, (sister), Route #2, Harrodsburgh, Kentucky.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Sergeant THOMAS C. HOLBERMAN, (35465164), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #461, 12 July 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Sergeant THOMAS C. HOLBERMAN, (35465164), Infantry, United States Army. Wounds received in action against the enemy at Bigti, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lucy Durham, (sister), Route #2, Harrodsburgh, Kentucky.

3. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class EDWIN S. RICE, (32956727), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #461, 12 July 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class EDWIN S. RICE, (32956727), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Samban, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rosaine S. Rice, (wife), 90 Headley Terrace, Irvington, New Jersey.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

*Malvin K. Bass*

MALVIN K. BASS,  
Captain A.G.D.,  
Asst Adj General.

C. P. ROBBINS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #23

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.....462

12 July 1945

MILITARY ORDER -

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

Private First Class JOHN A. CALEB, (53016734), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Danortis-Pozorrubio Area, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 10 January to 26 January 1945. Private Caleb, as a litter bearer in a Collecting Company, repeatedly made long and arduous hauls from the front lines, by night as well as day, which action was accomplished in a superior manner. In performing this service he was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Caleb's exemplary courage and devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Claronda Caleb, (mother), Dolzoni Route, Antlers, Oklahoma.

Private First Class JOHN HOOKSTRA, (36329549), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Danortis-Pozorrubio Area, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 10 January to 26 January 1945. Private Hookstra, as a litter bearer in a Collecting Company, repeatedly made long and arduous hauls from the front lines, by night as well as by day, which action was accomplished in a superior manner. In performing this service he was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Hookstra's devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Bernice Dieze Hookstra, (wife), 7335 South Sangamon, Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Third Grade JOHN S. JACZINSKI JR., (20126052), Ordnance, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Agnes Jaczinski, (mother), 21 Grove Street, New London, Connecticut.

Technician Fourth Grade THEODORE LADONIERE JR., (20154231), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 3 May 1945 to 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Iva Ladoniere, (mother), 27 Sayles Street, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Second Lieutenant GEORGE W. MACKIE, (C-2023744), (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Linday, Philippine Islands on 11 January 1945. Home address: Mr. William Mackie, (father), Sarre, Vermont.

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Sergeant THOMAS R. MADDEN, (36014801), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 15 May 1945. Home address: Miss Marie Madden, (sister), 8028 South Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Third Grade JAMES W. MAMWANG, (20135317), Ordnance, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Mamwang, (mother), Pennsylvania Avenue, Mianctic, Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant OLISSE M. MELADA, (20152232), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area during the period 50 June 1945 to 12 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jennie Melada, (mother), 3 Summit Street, Montpelier, Vermont.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT R. REID JR., (39197382), Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Sylvia F. Reid, (mother), 6819 South Pine Street, Tacoma, Washington.

BY ORDER AND OF MAJOR GENERAL WIRE:

OFFICIAL:

C. F. ROBBINS  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief of Staff

*Harry A. Bosch Jr.*  
HARRY A. BOSCH JR.  
Major, AGD  
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
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GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.....463

ORIGINAL ORDER - 21

13 July 1945.

SECTION I -- AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL  
SECTION II -- AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1912 (Bulletin 43, 1912), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

Private First Class CARL E. P. DEBATTIO, (20132969), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Palapad, Pangasinan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 January 1945. Private DeBattio was a member of a patrol which was attempting to destroy a group of Japanese emplaced in well-fortified positions. In attempting to elude the enemy another member of the patrol was wounded and fell to the ground within twenty yards of the enemy emplacements. Private DeBattio, in the face of enemy rifle and hand grenade fire, and with complete disregard for his own safety, dashed to the wounded man and dragged him to concealment and safety. Private DeBattio's courageous act exemplifies the highest traditions of the service. Home address: Sr. Salvatore DeBattio, (father) 53 Franklin Street, Saugatuck, Connecticut.

First Lieutenant DANFORTH KNAFLA, (O-1191330), (then Second Lieutenant), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Hill 1500, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. Lieutenant Knafla serving as an Artillery Forward Observer with an Infantry Battalion which was under enemy artillery fire, volunteered to accompany an Infantry patrol to higher ground where he might observe enemy guns. Enroute, the patrol met with some enemy resistance during which Lieutenant Knafla personally accounted for the killing of one. On reaching the higher ground, Lieutenant Knafla observed the two hostile 155 mm guns firing on our troops. While under enemy artillery and rifle fire, he skillfully adjusted artillery fire on the two Jap guns resulting in their total destruction. This accomplishment undoubtedly saved the lives of many friendly troops. Lieutenant Knafla's cool courage, proficiency, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. John Knafla, (mother), 608 Broadway, Souk Rapids, Minnesota.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1942 (Part. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

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Corporal WALTER J. BUCKO, (31038912), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, for the period 14 April to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mr. Stanley Bucko, (father), 11 Evaline Street, Central Falls, Rhode Island.

Private First Class CHARLES C. TODD, (35933764), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Boprio, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Private Todd volunteered to lead a burial party to a Casualty Collection Area of his company, and lost their lives on the previous day in action against the enemy. After successful loading, the group on its destination which involved traversing over treacherous terrain infested with enemy snipers, Private Todd kept vigilance for enemy interference during the rites, and burial of the dead. Private Todd's admirable spirit in willingly risking his life so that the fallen soldiers could receive their final tribute and proper deliverance is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Mary K. Todd, (mother), 1706 Nash Avenue, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Private First Class DOUGLAS G. FRIEST, (38339076), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Hill #355, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 January 1945. Private Friest accompanied an Assault Company to establish a sound perimeter line to a Mortar Observation Post. As the assault progressed, the Company was subjected to intense hostile mortar and machine gun fire which inflicted some casualties. In the light of the fact that the attack had progressed farther than anticipated, Private Friest was faced with a shortage of wire to complete his mission. He promptly volunteered to return to the rear to obtain more wire and in so doing rendered his services in the evacuation of the wounded over a hazardous route to a point of safety. Upon the successful removal of the casualties, Private Friest obtained the additional wire and returned to complete his task. Private Friest's exemplary courage, fidelity and devotion to duty are in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. William H. Friest, (father), Cicero, Illinois.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL L. J. G.:

C. I. REEBIN  
Colonel GOC  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

WALTER K. HESS  
Captain LGS  
Asst Adj General.

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HEADQUARTERS 45D INFANTRY DIVISION  
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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 45d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class JOHN M. CUMMINS, (37604233), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Damortis-Pozorrubio Area, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 10 January 1945 to 26 January 1945. As a Collecting Company litter bearer, Private Cummins, repeatedly made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. By night as well as by day, this action was performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service he was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Cummins' exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anna Cecilia Cummins, (mother), 1035 Grand View Place, St Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class RAYMOND H. DAVIS, (35254214), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Damortis-Pozorrubio Area, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 10 January 1945 to 26 January 1945. As a Collecting Company litter bearer, Private Davis repeatedly made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. By night as well as by day, this action was performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service he was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Davis' exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Myrtis Davis, 207 North Liberty Street, Glasgow, Kentucky.

Private First Class MELVIN W. EHLERS, (37159789), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Damortis-Pozorrubio Area, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 10 January 1945 to 26 January 1945. As a Collecting Company litter bearer, Private Ehlers repeatedly made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. By night as well as by day, this action was performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service he was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Ehlers' exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Francis Echl, (sister), 311 West Locust Street, Davenport, Iowa.

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Private First Class DELMONT C. ELLIOTT, (31373506), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Danortis-Pozorrubio area, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 10 January 1945 to 26 January 1945. As a Collecting Company litter bearer, Private Elliott repeatedly made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. By night as well as by day, this action was performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service he was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Elliott's exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Beatrice Elliott, (Mother), 014 Main, Elliot, Maine.

Private First Class ORLAND A. FOSTER, (3986620), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Danortis-Pozorrubio area, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 10 January 1945 to 26 January 1945. As a Collecting Company litter bearer, Private Foster repeatedly made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. By night as well as by day, this action was performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service he was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Foster's exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Maude Dittus, (Mother), 29 West Third Street, Newport, Kentucky.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

C. P. ROBERTS  
Colonel, SSC  
Chief of Staff

*Ervin R. Moss*

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Asst Adj General

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HEADQUARTERS 45D INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #13

GENERAL ORDERS  
NO.....465

ORIGINAL ORDER -

13 July 1945.

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 45d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant JOSEPH F. CICOTTE, (57005905), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Damortis-Ipozorubio area, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 10 January to 28 January 1945. Sergeant Cicotte, as a litter bearer in a Collecting Company, repeatedly made long and arduous hauls from the front lines, night as well as day, which action was accomplished in a superior manner. In performing this service he was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Sergeant Cicotte's devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mr. Joseph E. Cicotte, (father), 2620 Louisiana Place, St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class HAROLD IDELL, (42971341), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 11 January to 22 January 1945. Private Idell, working as a member of a Collecting Company, repeatedly made long and arduous hauls from the front lines, night as well as day, which action was accomplished in a superior manner. In performing this service he often was subjected to artillery, mortar, and sniper fire in open terrain, usually under enemy observation. Private Idell's resourcefulness and courage are deserving of merit and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Idell, (mother), 107 East 104th Street, New York, New York.

Private First Class RICHARD C. JODOIN, (51365334), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 11 January to 22 January 1945. Private Jodoin, as a member of a Collecting Company, worked long and arduous hours in making litter hauls from the front lines. On numerous occasions Private Jodoin was called upon to make litter hauls under the cover of darkness, all of which were accomplished in a superior manner. While performing this service he was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Jodoin's outstanding devotion to duty, fortitude, and steadfastness of purpose are in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Home address: Mrs. Ida Jodoin, (mother), 53 Hathorne Street, Salem, Massachusetts.

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Private First Class RAMON W. MARGESON, (31373437), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Zamortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 10 January to 26 January 1945. Private Margeson, as a member of a Collecting Company, was called upon to make numerous long and arduous hauls with litter patients from the front lines. Working both day and night, this was accomplished in a superior manner. While performing this service he was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Home address: Mr. Edward M. Margeson, (father), Box #24, Gilwinton, New Hampshire.

Private First Class JOSEPH E.P.D. SARRAZIN, (11122775), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Zamortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 10 January to 26 January 1945. Private Sarrazin, working as a member of a Collecting Company, was repeatedly called upon to make litter hauls from the front lines, night as well as day. This service was performed in a superior manner. While accomplishing this service Private Sarrazin was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Sarrazin's exemplary courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Arthur Sarrazin, (father), Box 100, Sabattus, Maine.

Private First Class CARL R. TENNANT, (33094037), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Zamortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 11 January to 22 January 1945. Private Tennant, as a member of a Collecting Company, was repeatedly called upon to make long and arduous hauls of litter patients from the front lines. On numerous occasions these hauls were made under cover of darkness. These services were accomplished in a superior manner. In the performance of these actions Private Tennant was usually under heavy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Tennant's steadfastness and loyalty reflect great credit upon the military service. Home address: Mrs. Jessie Tennant (mother), R.F.D. #1, Spraggs, Pennsylvania.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

C. P. ROBBINS  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICER:

*Walter A. Haver*  
WALTER A. HAVES  
Captain, ASD  
Assistant General.

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
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GENERAL ORDERS  
NO.....466

ORIGINAL ORDER

14 July 1945.

SECTION I---AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL  
SECTION II---AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin #3, WD, 1918), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class DONALD G. BRUCH, (36801537), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 12 January 1945. Private Bruch was serving as a member of a Demolition Squad, whose mission was to penetrate the enemy lines and destroy an ammunition and supply dump containing over four hundred (400) tons of enemy food supplies, small arms, artillery and mortar ammunition, four (4) 37mm guns, five (5) mortars and one (1) .50 caliber machine gun. Although observed by the enemy the squad reached its destination and earnestly set about in the preparation and placing of the explosive charges which resulted in the complete destruction of the dump. Private Bruch's complete disregard of personal safety, fortitude, and steadfastness in the face of these trying conditions reflect great credit on the military service and are in keeping with its highest traditions. Home address: Mrs. Emma Bruch, (mother), 506 North Richmond Street, Appleton, Wisconsin.

Private First Class HOWARD W. CARMODY, (36801647), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 12 January 1945. Private Carmody was a member of a Demolition Squad, whose mission was to penetrate the enemy lines and destroy an important supply dump containing over four hundred (400) tons of food, artillery pieces, and small arms ammunition. The squad reached its destination, after travelling over terrain under close observation by the enemy, and immediately set about in the preparation and placing of explosives which resulted in the complete destruction of this important enemy installation. Private Carmody's exemplary courage, steadfastness, and devotion to duty exhibited in the successful accomplishment of this mission are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Audrey Carmody, (mother), Route #4, Sawyer, Wisconsin.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 7, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

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Corporal RICHARD D. BARTLETT, (34814451), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Damortis-Pozorrubio area, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 10 January to 26 January 1945. Corporal Bartlett, as a member of a Collecting Company, was repeatedly called upon to make long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines, night as well as day, which action was accomplished in a superior manner. While performing this service he was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Corporal Bartlett's fidelity, measure of efficiency, and deep devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Julette Bartlett, (wife), Route #5, Cullman, Alabama.

Technician Third Grade JOHN G. DELANEY, (37139794), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Damortis-Pozorrubio area, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 10 January to 26 January 1945. Sergeant Delaney, as an Acting Litter Platoon Sergeant, repeatedly supervised and made long and arduous hauls from the front lines, working night as well as day. Although subjected to enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire, these hauls were always accomplished in a superior manner and greatly aided in the successful evacuation of all litter patients. Sergeant Delaney's great personal courage, tenacity, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest standards of the United States Army. Home address: Mr. Frank Delaney, (father), c/o General Delivery, Elkton, South Dakota.

Second Lieutenant LEONARD W. HEGLAND, (O-2047355), Medical Adm. Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Damortis-Pozorrubio area, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 10 January to 26 January 1945. Lieutenant Hegland, working as a Litter Platoon Leader in a Collecting Company, exhibited great skill and sound judgment in guiding his platoon repeatedly through darkness and rough terrain in evacuation of casualties from the front lines, thereby saving the lives of numerous comrades by expediting medical attention. In performance of this service he was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire in open terrain, under enemy observation. Lieutenant Hegland's fine leadership, efficiency, and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Hilda J. Hegland, (mother), 1806 Main Street, Miles City, Montana.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

*Harry A. Doose, Jr.*  
HARRY A. DOOSE, JR.  
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C. F. ROBBINS  
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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
NO. 467.....467

ORIGINAL ORDER

14 July 1945.

SECTION I---AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS  
SECTION II---AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL  
SECTION III---AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

1. So much of Section I, Paragraph I, General Orders #284, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 6 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Purple Heart Medal to Second Lieutenant GUY C. BOUTELLE, (O-2007270), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

2. So much of Section I, Paragraph I, General Orders #410, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 1 July 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class EARL F. HILL JR., (39476489), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

SECTION II

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named Officers:

Second Lieutenant GUY C. BOUTELLE, (O-2007270), (then First Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emma L. Estes, (mother), North Waterford, Maine.

Captain FRANK E. HELSEL, (O-485156), Chaplain Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nancy L. Helsel, (wife), 802 Jones Street, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania.

SECTION III

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant GUY C. BOUTELLE, (O-2007270), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #467, 14 July 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant GUY C. BOUTELLE, (O-2007270), Infantry, United States Army for wounds received in action against the enemy at Lunban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emma L. Estes, (mother), North Waterford, Maine.

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GO #467, Hq 43d Inf Div, 14 July 1945. Sec III, Cont'd.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class EARL F. HILL, JR., (39476489), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #120, 24 April 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class EARL F. HILL, JR., (39476489), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 June 1945. Home address: Mr. Earl F. Hill, (father), Route #4, Lawton, Oklahoma.

3. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class LUCIOUS C. CAGLE, JR., (34256713), Infantry, by Headquarters 9th Station Hospital, as published in General Orders #41, 25 August 1943, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class LUCIOUS C. CAGLE, JR., (34256713), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Morling Hill, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Julia Ann Cagle, (mother), Whittier, North Carolina.

4. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Corporal JAMES D. SHIRLEY, (36504564), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #19, 5 February 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Corporal JAMES D. SHIRLEY, (36504564), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Kay Barban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Kathryn Shirley, (wife), Rocko Harbor, Michigan.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KING:

OFFICIAL:

*Harry A. Bosch Jr.*

HARRY A. BOSCH JR.  
Major, A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

C. F. ROBBINS,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

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PERSONNEL INFORMATION AS OF 1/1/50, HQ 488 Inf. Div., 1st AF, 11AF

LISTING OF THE 100TH AIRBORNE DIVISION

1st Lt Jack A. Harmon, 30082402	500th Coll Co, 100th AB, APO #70
2nd Sgt Richard A. Burger, 11871425	Hq 100th AB, APO #70
2nd Sgt Theodore C. Layton, 30082401	Hq 100th AB, APO #70
1st Lt Ralph A. Malcolm, 30082714	506th Coll Co, 100th AB, APO #70
2nd Sgt Billy S. Smith, 30082100	Hq 100th AB, APO #70
1st Lt Robert J. Schreff, 30082000	506th Coll Co, 100th AB, APO #70
1st Lt Stanley C. Sofenak, 30082114	500th Coll Co, 100th AB, APO #70
Pfc Frank J. Turkalj, 35690199	506 Coll Co

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GENERAL ORDER  
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ORIGINAL ORDER

14 July 1945

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9413, 7 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin S, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 438 Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade JACK M. HARMON, (20355902), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January 1945 to 22 January 1945. As a Collecting Company litter bearer, Corporal Harmon repeatedly made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. By night as well as by day, his action was performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service, Corporal Harmon was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Corporal Harmon's exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Betty M. Harmon, (wife), R. R. #1, Cushing, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD A. HUNTER, (11671433), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January 1945 to 31 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret H. Hunter, (mother), 18 Wall Street, North Adams, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant THEODORE O. LAVINE, (39439101), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January 1945 to 31 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Lavine, (wife), Box 173, Newberg, Oregon.

Private First Class RALPH A. MALCOLM, (58691714), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January 1945 to 22 January 1945. As a Collecting Company litter bearer, Private Malcolm repeatedly made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. By night as well as by day, this action was performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service, Private Malcolm was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Malcolm's exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Nora Malcolm, (mother), 312 Meadow Avenue, Charleroi, Pennsylvania.

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Staff Sergeant BILLY G. LAWS, (33393160), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January 1945 to 31 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth E. Laws, (wife), Box 365, Crossett, Arkansas.

Private First Class ROBERT J. SCHLEFF, (6669300), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Dumortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January 1945 to 22 January 1945. Private Schleff, a Collecting Company litter bearer, repeatedly made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. By night as well as by day these actions were performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service Private Schleff was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Schleff's exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Kathryn Schleff, (mother), 2324 Ripley Street, East Gary, Indiana.

Private First Class STANLEY S. SEFCHEK, (33390144), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Dumortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January 1945 to 22 January 1945. Private Sefchek, a Collecting Company litter bearer, repeatedly made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. By night as well as by day these actions were performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service Private Sefchek was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Sefchek's exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mr. John Sefchek, (brother), 113 Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class FRANK J. TURKALJ, (33390198), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Dumortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January 1945 to 22 January 1945. Private Turkalj, a Collecting Company litter bearer, repeatedly made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. By night as well as by day his actions were performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service Private Turkalj was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Turkalj's exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Barbara Turkalj, (mother), Box 377, Yukon, Pennsylvania.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WELLS:

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #43

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.....469

ORIGINAL ORDER # 469

14 July 1945

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

In the direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #119, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin S, #D, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class RAY A. CLARK, (33290225), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January 1945 to 19 January 1945. Private Clark, a Collecting Company litter bearer, repeatedly made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. By night as well as by day, this action was performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service, Private Clark was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Clark's exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Cora Clark, (mother), Red Row, Slickton, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class CHARLES C. DRAWBAUGH, (33311895), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January to 19 January 1945. Private Drawbaugh, a Collecting Company litter bearer, repeatedly made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. By night as well as by day, this action was performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service, Private Drawbaugh was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Drawbaugh's exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mr. Clyde S. Drawbaugh, (father), U.D. #1, Dover, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade RICHARD J. GORDON, (51047876), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January to 19 January 1945. Sergeant Gordon, a Collecting Company litter bearer, repeatedly made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. By night as well as by day, this action was performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service, Sergeant Gordon was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Sergeant Gordon's exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Rose M. Gordon, (mother), 383 Arrington Avenue, Apartment B-3, Hartford, Connecticut.

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Private First Class JOHN J. HALL, (33027933), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Dumortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January 1945 to 22 January 1945. Private Hall, a Collecting Company litter bearer, repeatedly made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. By night as well as by day, this action was performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service, Private Hall was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Hall's exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Hall, (mother), 429 East Mahanoy Street, Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant THURMAN W. JAMES, (39016714), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Dumortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January 1945 to 22 January 1945. Sergeant James, a Collecting Company litter bearer, repeatedly made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. By night as well as by day, this action was performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service, Sergeant James was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Sergeant James' exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Madeline Mae James, (wife), 28 Center Street, Salinas, California.

Private First Class EMILIO J. LAVIN, (3134174), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Dumortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January 1945 to 22 January 1945. Private Lavin, a Collecting Company litter bearer, repeatedly made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. By night as well as by day, this action was performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service, Private Lavin was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Lavin's exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Amelia Lavin, (mother), 41 Merchant Street, Barre, Vermont.

BY COLONEL OF THE JOINT GENERAL WING:

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GENERAL ORDERS  
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ORIGINAL ORDER -

15 July 1945

SECTION I -- AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL  
SECTION II - AMENDMENTS OF GENERAL ORDERS

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 13, W.D., 1918), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel EROLD H. DUNBAR, (0401512), (then Major), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. When the Battalion attacked against the enemy and held up because of terrific hostile fire, Colonel Dunbar, Battalion Commanding Officer, immediately left his Observation Post and moved up to where the most forward elements of his leading rifle company were located. Upon arrival at the front lines, Colonel Dunbar found the men disorganized, low in spirits, and that some casualties had been sustained. Immediately and without regard for his own safety, Colonel Dunbar moved about under the heavy enemy fire and personally reorganized the platoons and encouraged the disheartened men. Colonel Dunbar's conspicuous act of courage and leadership in the face of intense hostile fire inspired his men with renewed confidence. They advanced with a firm and grim determination and with an indomitable fighting spirit and successfully drove the Japs from the entrenched positions. Home address: Mrs. Alvera B. Dunbar, (wife), 287 Farmington Avenue, Bristol, Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant PAUL A. STEVENS JR., (35390361), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 5 May 1945 to 22 May 1945. Sergeant Stevens, a Reconnaissance Sergeant, distinguished himself by his superior accomplishment of duties above and beyond his normal tasks. Sergeant Stevens, not only performed outstanding reconnaissance and map work but, in the absence of the Company Commander, assigned the weapons platoons to their missions, routed supplies to the widely scattered units and assisted greatly in keeping control of troop movements. During the operations for control of the Ipo Dam, all the Company officers and the First Sergeant became battle casualties. The fighting progressed fiercely, Sergeant Stevens assumed the duties of the Company Commander. In this position he ably performed the duties of a Commanding Officer, Executive Officer and a First Sergeant. In addition to his fine reconnaissance work, he continued to act in these capacities during four (4) days of intense battle. Sergeant Stevens' exemplary courage, outstanding leadership and keen devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Eva Stevens, (mother), 1364 Thornhill Road, Lorain, Ohio.

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Corporal GARTHE W. STONE, (37209723), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Ipo Dam Sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 May 1945. During a column formation movement towards the Ipo Dam area, and while under enemy artillery fire, Corporal Stone distinguished himself by his gallant and quick action. During the enemy shelling which resulted in some casualties, Corporal Stone, without regard for his personal safety, rushed out onto the open field to effect rescue of the wounded. The casualties were in perilous circumstances because of the grass fire which was razing on the field resultant from the enemy artillery shelling. Corporal Stone, assisted by an officer, succeeded in rescuing one of the casualties from the field and carried him to a point of safety. Corporal Stone's altruistic action and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Odell Stone, (mother), 2023 North 16th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM A. WALKER, (34209659), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Ipo Dam Sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 May 1945. When the Japanese made an attack on the Company positions with a concentration of mortar, rifle fire and hand grenades, Sergeant Walker keenly and quickly analyzed the serious situation. He fearlessly left the security of his foxhole with a sound power-phon, boldly advanced under heavy enemy fire to an exposed position where he observed the location of two enemy mortars. By his courageous and skillful leadership, Sergeant Walker directed his Mortar Section into position and effected the destruction of the enemy mortars. Sergeant Walker's during action and complete disregard for his own safety undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and contributed immeasurably to the fulfillment of the Company's mission. Home address: Mrs. Edith K. Walker, (mother), 214 East Philip Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

#### SECTION II

1. So much of Paragraph 1, Section II, General Orders #457, Headquarters, 43d Infantry Division, dated 11 July 1945, pertaining to the award of the Bronze Star to Sergeant PRESCOTT W. CHASE, (31088151), Medical Department, as reads, "For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon", is amended to read, "For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon".

2. So much of Paragraph 1, Section II, General Orders #441, Headquarters, 43d Infantry Division, dated 7 July 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Corporal GARTHE W. STONE, (37209723) is hereby revoked.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #43

17 July 1945

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER...471

ORIGINAL ORDER  
AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant LESTER E. EGGERS, (20747875), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 February 1945. Sergeant Eggers, a member of an Artillery Liaison Party, assisted in establishing and maintaining a forward Observation Post on the front lines in the face of intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Under constant exposure to the enemy, the unselfish and heroic efforts of this man contributed to the successful resumption of telephone communication which had been severed and disrupted by hostile action. Sergeant Eggers' personal courage, proficiency, and keen devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ella Eggers, (mother), Verdi, Minnesota.

Corporal HENRY R. FREGEAU, (20129302), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 9 January 1945 to 12 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Beatrice Fregau, (mother), 230 Central Street, Forestville, Connecticut.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES R. LENTZ, (33496214), (then Technician Fifth Grade), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near the Damortis-Rosario road, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 17 and 18 January 1945. Sergeant Lentz was a member of a Forward Observation Party attached to an Infantry Assault company moving up the steep slopes of Red Ridge. Although impossible to move under cover due to the lack of trees or undergrowth, on several occasions Sergeant Lentz, acting as a Radio Operator, exposed himself to intense machine gun, sniper, and mortar fire to place his radio in a more advantageous position, which made possible the bringing of effective artillery fire on the enemy positions. Sergeant Lentz's extreme bravery and complete disregard for his personal safety is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Annetta Muldoon, (mother), R.D. #2, Jonestown, Pennsylvania.

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Corporal WILLIAM H. MONROE, (37482473), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Corporal Monroe, a member of an Artillery Forward Observation Party, was serving with an Infantry Assault Company which was ambushed by the enemy while attempting to advance up the steep slopes of Red Ridge. Although the company was forced to withdraw hastily, he remained at the artillery radio position assisting in its operation. Then dismantling the radio and with the aid of another member of the Party, carried the power pack unit of the radio set to the rear in the face of intense enemy small arms and mortar fire, thus saving a very valuable piece of equipment which was highly instrumental in directing accurate artillery fire on the enemy during the ensuing attack. By his courage and devotion to duty, Corporal Monroe clearly demonstrated his ability to overcome a difficult situation and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Loretta Monroe, (mother), 281 West 24th Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE ROGERS, Jr., (7037459), (then Private First Class), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Corporal Rogers, a member of an Artillery Forward Observation Party, was serving with an Infantry Assault Company which was ambushed by the enemy while attempting to advance up the steep slopes of Red Ridge. Although the company was forced to withdraw hastily, he remained at the artillery radio position assisting in its operation. Then dismantling the radio and with the aid of another member of the party, carried the power pack unit of the radio set to the rear in the face of intense enemy small arms and mortar fire, thus saving a very valuable piece of equipment which was highly instrumental in directing accurate artillery fire on the enemy during the ensuing attack. The exemplary courage and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Rogers was marked by a measure of efficiency above and beyond the usual. Home address: Mrs. Edith Rogers, (mother), Tekonsha, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant CARL G. ULVOG, (1244244), (then Corporal), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Sergeant Ulvog, a member of an Artillery Forward Observation Party, was serving with an Infantry Assault Company which was ambushed by the enemy while attempting to advance up the steep slopes of Red Ridge. Although the company was forced to withdraw hastily, he remained at the artillery radio position assisting in its operation. Then dismantling the radio and with the aid of another member of the Party, carried the power pack unit of the radio set to the rear in the face of intense enemy small arms and mortar fire, thus saving a very valuable piece of equipment which was highly instrumental in directing accurate artillery fire on the enemy during the ensuing attack. Sergeant Ulvog's personal courage and keen devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mr. Daniel Ulvog, (father), Wakonda, South Dakota.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KING:

OFFICIAL:

*H. A. DUBCH*  
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G. C. WUBBINS,  
Colonel, U.S.A.,  
Chief of Staff.

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GENERAL ORDERS  
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17 July 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER -

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, D, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade LEONARD A. DAVIDSON, (37422727), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area during the period 20 July 1943 to 20 September 1944. Home address: Mrs. M. A. Davidson, (mother), 116 South Milner Street, Ottumwa, Iowa

Technician Third Grade KARREL W. FREY, (35105288), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Dumortis-Rocario Sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Sergeant Frey was advancing with a column of infantrymen over steep hills and through deep gullies. As the column came upon an exposed area, an enemy artillery shell landed directly on the column, wounding several men. Without regard for his personal safety, Sergeant Frey immediately went to the aid of those wounded, rendered first aid and prepared them for litter evacuation. Sergeant Frey's exemplary courage, and keen devotion to duty unquestionably saved the lives of his wounded comrades and reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mr. Al C. Frey, (father), Route #2, Crofton, Kentucky

Technician Fifth Grade CLYDE F. MAINHART, (33694732), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Dumortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January 1945 to 22 January 1945. As a Collecting Company litter bearer, Corporal Mainhart made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. This action, by night as well as by day, was performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service, Corporal Mainhart was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire, in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Corporal Mainhart's exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lydia W. Mainhart, (mother), Box #63, West Minfield, Pennsylvania.

Technician Third Grade RALPH T. MCKENZIE, (35172231), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Dumortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January 1945 to 22 January 1945. Sergeant McKenzie, as a Collecting Company litter bearer, made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. This action, by night as well as by day, was performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service, Sergeant McKenzie was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire, in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Sergeant McKenzie's exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ruby McKenzie, (mother), Colfax, Indiana.

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Private First Class PAUL R. MILLER, (33511859), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January 1945 to 22 January 1945. Private Miller, as a Collecting Company litter bearer, made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. This action, by night as well as by day, was performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service, Private Miller was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Private Miller's exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mr. Charles F. Miller, (father), A.E. #1, Dallastown, Pennsylvania.

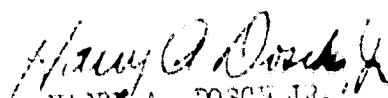
Technician Third Grade JOHN W. SIMPSON, (54232112), (then Technician Fourth Grade), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Viru Harbor, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, during the period 30 June 1943 to 22 July 1943. Home address: Mr. Z. L. Simpson, (father), Box 395-B, Route #1, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Sergeant James H. SMITH, (20835019), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Damortis, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 11 January 1945 to 22 January 1945. Sergeant Smith, as a Collecting Company litter bearer, made long and arduous litter hauls from the front lines. This action, by night as well as by day, was performed in an efficient and above superior manner. While rendering this service, Sergeant Smith was usually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in open terrain, often under enemy observation. Sergeant Smith's exemplary courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mr. Howard H. Smith, (father), 321 North Central, Cushing, Oklahoma.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

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GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER.....473

SECTION I---AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).  
SECTION II--AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
SECTION III-AWARD OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star Medal awarded to Lieutenant Colonel JAMES W. DEVINE, (0231274), Infantry, by this headquarters, as published in General Orders #23, Section II, dated 11 February 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 13, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel JAMES W. DEVINE, (0231274), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Hill #600, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 January 1945. On this date it became necessary for Colonel Devine to assume command of two battalions which were attacking Hill 600. During the advance, the Commander and all of the Company Commanders of one of the battalions became battle casualties resultant from the intensive enemy artillery fire. With utter disregard for his own life and with grim determination, Colonel Devine immediately moved up to the front line company. He promptly and aggressively effected a reorganization, and while under enemy fire appointed a Battalion Commander and the Company Commanding Officers. This accomplished, Colonel Devine immediately resumed the offensive action against the enemy. Colonel Devine's daring heroic action, outstanding leadership, and coolness under fire inspired his men to greater efforts and to the successful achievement of their mission. Home address: Mrs. Alice Devine (wife), 22 Galvin Street, Portland, Maine.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class JOHN E. ANDREO, (33700527), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Private Andreo, as a member of a Rifle Company has distinguished himself by his exceptional ability as a rifleman and scout. On the night of 18 January, during several furious enemy counter-attacks, Private Andreo steadfastly remained in his foxhole while under the withering enemy machine-gun fire and with an indomitable fighting spirit continued to place effective fire against the hostile forces. This contributed substantially to repulsing the enemy attacks. The following morning, in the vicinity of Private Andreo's position and the squad's perimeter were found 4 enemy machine guns, about 30 rifles, bayonets, numerous sabres, various kinds of explosive charges and 26 enemy dead. Home address: Mrs. Annie Andreo (mother), Leechburg, Pennsylvania.

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Sect. II, GO #473, Hq 43d Inf Div, 17 July 1945, Cont'd.

Private First Class ROBERT J. HITZELBERGER, (35263045), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 May, 1945. Private Hitzelberger, a Wireman, displayed outstanding ability and initiative in the performance of his duties in maintaining telephone communications and as a competent and alert vehicle driver while under enemy fire. On 5 May, when a heavy enemy concentration caused seven casualties within a Filipino carrying party, Private Hitzelberger, without regard for his own safety, drove his vehicle in the face of the enemy fire and successfully effected the evacuation of the wounded men. Private Hitzelberger's courage, tenacity, and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Edna M. Hitzelberger, (mother), 515 West Sherty Street, Medina, Oklahoma.

First Sergeant ARTHUR W. MOFFETT, (20150243), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Ipo Dam Area at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 May 1945. On this date, when a fierce fire fight with the enemy resulted in several casualties among our troops, a call was made for volunteers to go to the scene of action with Filipino litter-parties to remove the wounded. Sergeant Moffett unhesitatingly volunteered his services. He led a group of Filipinos over difficult terrain and precarious trails, traveling a distance of about 1500 yards and directed the successful evacuation of the wounded men. Sergeant Moffett's personal courage, leadership and devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Steller F. Moffett, (mother), 112 Portland Street, Saint Johnsbury, Vermont.

SECTION III

1. Under the provisions of War Department Circular #408, 1944, as amended, the following named officer is awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge:

Lieutenant Colonel WILBERT A. BRADY, (0182711), Field Artillery.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

C. P. ROBBINS,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff

*Harry L. Fosch Jr.*  
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Major, AGI,  
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