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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. 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 WILLIAM J. GALYA, (01292686), (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Pozzorubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 11-12 February 1945. Captain Galya, while leading his Company in a night attack on a well-fortified Japanese hill position near Fozzorubio, accomplished his task with superlative military ability and rare courage. Bravely moving forward with the advance party, Captain Galya, by his keen powers of observation and expert terrain appreciation, maneuvered his troops through enemy-held area all during the night, successfully evading discovery by the foe. By amazingly skillful direction and control of his men, Captain Galya flanked and surprised the entrenched Japanese, thereby capturing the vital hill-mass without casualties. Captain Galya's outstanding military proficiency, exceptional determination in spite of exhausting terrain, and inspiring leadership are worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Rita Mae Galya (wife) 226 Woodside Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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:

Private First Class SILAS JONES JR., (37369568), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 9 January to 20 August 1945. Home address: Mr. Silas Jones Sr. (father) 212 Cherry Street, West Plains, Missouri.

Sergeant WILLIAM KOPY, (35022429), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Natangalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 14 January 1945. Sergeant Kopy demonstrated rare courage and aggressive fighting spirit in action under severe enemy fire. While supporting Infantry operations with shells from his Self-Propelled 105mm Howitzer, his weapon was put out of action by hostile fire, but Sergeant Kopy, alert to the situation, quickly

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deployed his men in defensive positions to repel possible Japanese counter-assaults. In addition, Sergeant Kopy made several attempts to rescue the damaged M-7 from its exposed location but he was prevented by severe hostile machine-gun fire. His vigorous leadership and military proficiency reflect great credit on Sergeant Kopy and the military service. Home address: Mrs. (mother) Kopy (mother) 375 Homestead Street, Akron, Ohio.

First Lieutenant IRVING LONDA, (O-1304248), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 14 May 1945. Lieutenant Londa, commanding a Heavy Weapons Platoon, displayed rare courage and expert terrain appreciation while he was leading his men across open terrain under severe enemy fire to support Riflemen defending a newly-won hill position. In order to discover the most protected route of advance Lieutenant Londa bravely reconnoitered the area to be crossed although often exposed to hostile shelling and machine-gun fire. Finally determining the most covered approach, Lieutenant Londa, by skillful control and deployment of his troops and equipment, successfully reached his objective without casualties. Lieutenant Londa's display of bravery and coolness under fire was an inspiration to his men and reflects great honor on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Evelyn S. Londa (wife) 573 Lafayette Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant TED J. MARSZALEK, (35354208), (then Corporal), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 1 February to 1 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Catherine R. Marszalek (mother) 4111 Torrence Avenue, Hammond, Indiana.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL - Posthumous

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 posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant PHILLIP GIORDANO, (16084529), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 January 1945. Sergeant Giordano, while personally defending his Company Commander's position against concerted Japanese assaults under very intense hostile artillery shelling, displayed great courage and fidelity to duty. During the fierce battle Sergeant Giordano's Commander directed the fire of his various weapons in a loud voice, thus attracting the special attention of enemy attack troops. Sergeant Giordano bravely repelled single-handedly several fanatical Japanese attacks. While actively engaged in defending the Company Commander, Sergeant Giordano was instantly killed by a tree burst from a hostile artillery shell. Because of Sergeant Giordano's gallant conduct and spirited fighting ability his Commander was able to hold his ground and direct his defense unhampered by enemy action. Sergeant Giordano's courage and devotion to duty under fire reflect the highest honor and credit on himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Beatrice Giordano, (mother), Scotland, Illinois.

Corporal ALVIN H. ISACHSEN, (39611581), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 9-10 January 1945. Corporal Isachsen, commanding an amphibian tank which landed with the first wave at Lingayen Gulf, demonstrated rare courage and military skill throughout the landing operation and the following hours. While traveling from ship to shore, Corporal Isachsen alertly spotting targets of opportunity, placed accurate fire on them. After reaching the beach he guided his vehicle quickly across hazardous terrain to his designated objective. During the advance on the following day an enemy shell explosion destroyed Corporal Isachsen's tank and severely wounded him and two companions. In spite of pain and shock Corporal Isachsen immediately attempted to rescue his helpless comrades until he was instantly killed by another direct Japanese shell explosion. Corporal Isachsen's great courage and fidelity to duty under fire reflect the highest credit on himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Josephine Isachsen, (mother), Wolfpoint, Montana.

Staff Sergeant IRVIN JAMISON, (6812511), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 11 March 1945. Sergeant Jamison was a Forward Observer of a Mortar section supporting a Rifle Company during its attack against Japanese forces near Antipolo. Suddenly the mortar positions were subjected to intense hostile small-arms and mortar fire in preparation for an all-out assault by the enemy in an attempt to dislodge our troops from the advantageous high ground. In

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order to place effective fire on the foe, Sergeant Jamison bravely left the safety of his foxhole, crawled to a location exposed to the fierce hostile barrage, and coolly proceeded to direct accurate mortar fire, neutralizing the enemy positions. While in the performance of this gallant act Sergeant Jamison was mortally wounded. The indomitable courage, professional skill and gallant disregard of his life, demonstrated by Sergeant Jamison in this action reflect the highest honor on himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Cecelia L. Jamison, (wife), 4105 Montana Avenue, Baltimore, 6, Maryland.

Staff Sergeant GILBERT TRUJILLO, (6954116), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Sugarloaf Hill, Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 March 1945. Sergeant Trujillo, displayed exceptional bravery and military skill while he was rescuing a wounded soldier during an attack on strongly entrenched enemy fortifications in the vicinity of Sugarloaf Hill. Although several attempts had failed to overrun the enemy positions Sergeant Trujillo's Platoon assaulted the hostile installation once again. During this attack the Platoon was met with a hail of Japanese machine-gun and small-arms fire which pinned down the men and caused several casualties. Seeing an injured companion who lay helplessly exposed to hostile fire, Sergeant Trujillo fearlessly ran to his aid and, while attempting to remove him to a safe place, he was instantly killed by enemy action. Sergeant Trujillo's gallant sacrifice in behalf of an injured comrade is worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mr. John O. Trujillo, (father), Box # 292, Raton, New Mexico.

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I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL-POST HUMOUS. By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order #819, 4 February 1944, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, ID, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class PAUL A. DEMOULE, (20143970), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hill 200, Natangalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 14 January 1945. Private Demoule, cannoneer on a 105mm Self-Propelled Howitzer, distinguished himself by his untiring devotion to duty and great courage under enemy fire while performing a fire mission in direct support of forward Infantry assault troops. In closely following the advancing soldiers, Private Demoule's vehicle traveled over very rugged and slippery terrain which roughly threw the occupants about. In spite of this Private Demoule constantly occupied himself preparing ammunition when not engaged in a fire mission. Because of his tireless efforts the crew was able to place a very large volume of exploding shells on the hostile positions at a critical stage of the attack. Just as Private Demoule's mission was completed a direct hit by an enemy shell set the weapon ablaze and forced him to leave the vehicle. While seeking cover to defend his position, Private Demoule was instantly killed by a burst of hostile machine-gun fire. Private Demoule's rare courage, initiative, and fighting spirit reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Malvina Gorbell, (relationship unknown), Landon Road, Saco, Maine.

Sergeant PHILIP J. FEMINELLA, (32273304), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cablon, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 21 January 1945. Sergeant Feminella, a scout for an advance party during an attack on enemy positions near Cablon, demonstrated great military skill, physical endurance, and courage while he was ferreting out well-concealed Japanese snipers. Although the fire had pinned down Sergeant Feminella's squad, he voluntarily crawled forward until he located the positions which were in caves hidden by bamboo growth. Hastily returning to his squad and securing a companion, Sergeant Feminella, stealthily maneuvering to the rear of the enemy cave, surprised the snipers and wiped them out with hand grenades. By his initiative and fighting spirit Sergeant Feminella enabled his Company to continue on its mission without further delay. Next of Kin: Mrs. Marcelina Feminella, (mother), 100 Skillman Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant LEMUEL MARTIN, (37406300), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 9 May 1945. Sergeant Martin demonstrated splendid individual initiative and devotion to duty when surprise Japanese fire split up his Company column and pinned down the rear elements. Immediately per-

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that the troops must be organized and deployed in position to meet possible enemy assaults, Sergeant Martin bravely exposed himself, as he circulated among the men encouraging them and moving them to more protected locations. While thus fearlessly performing his duty of leadership, Sergeant Martin was mortally wounded by a hostile artillery shell which exploded nearby. Sergeant Martin's rare courage and fighting response under fire, reflect great honor on himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Laura M. Martin, (mother), RFD #1, Box # 79, St. Genevieve, Missouri.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1945, (Sect. II, Bulletin, 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry, Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private JAMES T. LEE, (38541427), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Apo Ann, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 14 May 1945. Private Lee, runner in a Heavy Weapons Squad, demonstrated rare courage and praiseworthy fidelity to duty although wounded in the shoulder by Japanese sniper fire. In spite of the pain and shock from the injury, Private Lee completed his mission of supporting the attack of Infantry Assault Troops until the objective was safely won. Private Lee's coolness and fighting determination, in spite of his injury and the enemy's fire, reflect great honor on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Roy B. Lee, (mother), Box # 54, Bullard, Texas.

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL-POSTHUMOUS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star Medal is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class JOSEPH C. LUZ, (31366486), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Alcorn, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 27 January 1945. While on patrol in the vicinity of Alcorn, Private Luz noticed that his Squad Leader had been suddenly wounded by enemy action and lay helplessly exposed to hostile mortar shelling. Fully cognizant of the risk to his life from Japanese shelling of the area, Private Luz gallantly ran toward his stricken leader to render first-aid and carry him to safety. Just before he reached his wounded comrade an enemy mortar shell explosion killed Private Luz. His gallant sacrifice of his own life in behalf of the life of his fellow soldier reflects the highest credit and honor on Private Luz and the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Marie Luz, (widow), 592 Alden Street, Fall River, Massachusetts.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. 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, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Corporal ANTHONY W. KOCIAN, (38520393), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Lumban, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 5 April 1945. Corporal Kocian demonstrated rare courage and individual initiative under severe enemy fire while re-establishing communications from his company, which was isolated, to friendly units. Surprised by Japanese ambush parties Corporal Kocian's Company was pinned down and deprived of means of contacting higher echelons. Realizing the seriousness of the situation and recalling that a radio set was abandoned in an exposed area because of devastating hostile machine-gun fire, Corporal Kocian immediately crawled as close as possible to the set and then dashed across an open space to the radio, although he was met with a hail of rifle and machine-gun fire. Recovering the vital set, he again ran across the exposed ground safely rejoining his unit and re-establishing greatly needed communication with friendly units. Corporal Kocian's gallant conduct and alert response to the battle situation reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anthony Kocian, (mother), Box 234, West, Texas.

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III. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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:

Staff Sergeant ROY L. MILLER, (38478022), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Nam, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 May 1945. Sergeant Miller, while engaged in repulsing a fierce Japanese assault on his Platoon's position, demonstrated rare courage and fighting spirit in the face of concentrated enemy small-arms fire. Although some of his companions were forced to withdraw by the severity of the hostile charges, Sergeant Miller clung fearlessly to his position on an exposed hill-crest, resisting the enemy so effectively with his sub-machine-gun fire that the Japanese force was finally broken up and dispersed. Sergeant Miller's brave and aggressive response to the battle situation undoubtedly was largely responsible for preventing the loss of newly captured positions until reinforcements arrived. Sergeant Miller's bravery and fortitude under fire reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. S.O. Miller, (mother), General Delivery, Quinlan, Tex. S.

First Lieutenant FRANK B. OBER, (O-461964), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 January 1945. Lieutenant Ober demonstrated great courage and professional skill while personally establishing contact with isolated elements of his Battalion. On one occasion after dark Lieutenant Ober advanced alone across twelve hundred yards of enemy infested terrain, laying a telephone wire, to provide communication between the Battalion Command Post and a forward company. The devotion to duty and fearless response to the military situation, exemplified by this action of Lieutenant Ober, were undoubtedly largely responsible for overcoming serious communication problems encountered during the Battalion's combat operation. Lieutenant Ober's valuable service reflects great credit on himself and the United States Army. Home address: Frank B. Ober, (father), 500 Saint George Road, Baltimore, 2, Maryland.

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I. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL. 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 ERNEST W. CORDAN, (32791101), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Arundel, New Georgia, Solomon Islands on 12 September 1943. Home address: Mrs. Helen Cordan, (aunt), 165 East 49th Street, New York, New York.

Sergeant JACK W. MORROW, (35086343), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Clark Field, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. Home address: Nannie Morrow, (mother), Delta, Kentucky.

Corporal HERMAN K. ROPER, (34787349), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Alacran, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Laila M. Roper, (mother), Blountstown, Florida.

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

Private First Class STANLEY J. SZYMANSKI, (13059452), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Home address: Mr. John Szymanski, (father), 514 Gato Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JACK V. WAHLSTROM, (32840866), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Tay Tay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. H. Wahlstrom, (mother), 75 Lee Avenue, Jamestown, New York.

Private HERBERT L. WELDON, (38669560), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise Weldon, (wife), 304 Webster Street, Van Buren, Arkansas.

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II. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Sergeant JAMES V. FORTUNATO, (33687973), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #284, 6 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:

Sergeant JAMES V. FORTUNATO, (33687073), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 11 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rachel Fortunato, (wife), 2778 Zephyr Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant BURT T. PARKINSON, (O-1555262), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #174, 10 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:

Second Lieutenant BURT T. PARKINSON, (O-1555262), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bolac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 May 1945. Home address: Dr. G. T. Parkinson, (father), 419 4th Avenue, North, Twin Falls, Idaho.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class STANLEY J. SZYMANSKI, (13059454), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #376, 17 September 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 STANLEY J. SZYMANSKI, (13059454), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Hill #355, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. Home address: Mr. John Szymanski, (father), 514 Sato Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

III. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section I, General Orders #265, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 2 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class STANLEY J. SZYMANSKI, (13059454), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

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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, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

First Lieutenant JOHN A. ABBE, (O-1994376), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. Lieutenant Abbe as leader of a reconnaissance group of the Heavy Weapons Company was given the mission of reconnoitering and selecting suitable positions for overhead machine-gun fire in support of our attacking troops. Although the mission was purely reconnaissance, Lieutenant Abbe and his party suddenly found themselves confronted by a numerically superior enemy force. With keen presence of mind, he quickly deployed his group and, attacking immediately with hand-grenades and machine pistols, succeeded in killing the entire hostile force without sustaining a single casualty among his men. Lieutenant Abbe's timely action, superb leadership, and aggressive fighting spirit won him the admiration and respect of his fellow soldiers. Home address: Mrs. J. A. Abbe (mother) 827 South Montclair Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

First Lieutenant ARTHUR M. CARD JR., (O-2042903), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 30 April to 30 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Arthur M. Card Jr. (wife) 36 Forest Street, Groton, Connecticut.

First Lieutenant FRANK KAY, (O-1306728), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. The Infantry Company, of which Lieutenant Kay was Executive Officer, was ordered to secure and hold enemy-held Hill #700. Several attempts had been previously made by other troops to take this objective, but they were forced to withdraw as the Japanese still held the commanding ground. Fully cognizant of this fact, Lieutenant Kay with twenty men at 2000 hours, moved out over difficult and hazardous wooded terrain in proximity of the hostile positions in order to launch a night attack. Through his detailed planning and coordination and by his brilliant leadership and skillful maneuvering of his men, Lieutenant Kay successfully accomplished his mission and held the position all night until the remainder of the Company joined the

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group the following day. Lieutenant Kay's daring and heroic action contributed immeasurably to the combat success of his organization.  
Home address: Mrs. Mary Kyznarich (mother) 417 Newton Street,  
Iron Mountain, Michigan.

First Lieutenant JOEY I. MOORE, (O-1315854), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 9 May 1945. The Infantry Company, of which Lieutenant Moore was the Weapons Platoon Leader, was given the mission of securing the remaining half of enemy-held Hill #1410. When the leading Infantry Platoon contacted the foe it encountered a heavy volume of hostile mortar and rifle fire. Realizing the necessity of supporting weapons, Lieutenant Moore, with utter disregard for his own safety, fearlessly exposed himself to the Japanese snipers and with calculated coolness proceeded to give the fire orders over his telephone. As a result of his accurately placed mortar fire the enemy weapons were silenced, enabling the Company to successfully accomplish its mission with a minimum of casualties. The courage and superb fighting spirit displayed by Lieutenant Moore are exemplary of the high traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Martha H. Moore (wife) 502 Maine Street, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Chief Warrant Officer THOMAS I. NEALE, (W-2111670), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 6 April to 20 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Thomas I. Neale Jr. (wife) PO Box 183, Ross Hill, North Carolina.

Captain ROBERT W. RUDD, (O-405768), (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, during the period 30 June to 23 September 1943. Home address: Mrs. V. K. Rudd (mother) Hanson, Kentucky.

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I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES C. BECKEL, (39568265), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 23 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Beckel, (mother), 466 Terreno Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Corporal JOSEPH A. DALTON, (37251147), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 20 March to 27 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Irma L. Dalton, (wife), Manson, Iowa.

Major WILLIAM L. LATTA, (O-23627), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pozorubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 16 February 1945. On the night before his unit was relieved from combat in the vicinity of Pozorubio, Major Latta displayed courage, daring, and exceptional devotion to duty by volunteering to lead a small combat team which was ordered to capture a prominent hill deep in enemy territory. Although his men knew that they were to be relieved on the following day, Major Latta maintained the morale of his troops at a high level by his exemplary leadership and inspiring personality. With praiseworthy military proficiency and terrain appreciation Major Latta brought his team safely through the enemy infested territory during the night and with stealthy maneuvering secured his objective at daybreak. Major Latta's excellent planning, skillful handling of his men and bold conduct during the hazardous night movement reflect great honor on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Pauline S. Latta, (wife), Woodsdale Street, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Major EVERETT W. ROBINSON, (O-322507), (then Captain), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 15 February to 5 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jamie C. Robinson, (wife), 199 Davis Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK J. WEDAS, (33359536), 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 12 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Danicki, (sister), 3351 Baltimore Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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Private First Class EDWARD S. WALTERS, (3507034), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 20 March 1945 to 27 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy J. Walters, (wife), Charles Town, West Virginia.

II. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #3153, 11 May 1942, (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order #3242-A, 11 September 1942, (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND E. HUBER, (33473702), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 31 January to 23 June 1945. Corporal Huber was on temporary duty with his Battalion Air Section throughout this period. His primary duty was that of Air Observer, alternating with another observer on reconnaissance flights. Corporal Huber flew on almost half of all the air missions of his Battalion, totaling well over 300 combat hours. Corporal Huber's original instructions were to watch for friendly and enemy aircraft. So great were his initiative and ability, however, that soon he was acting as an integral part of the pilot-observer team. His skill in detecting enemy camouflage, in discovering artfully concealed installations and other gun positions, was far greater than that of an ordinary observer. Because of this ability, coupled with initiative and keen judgment, Corporal Huber was directly responsible for the destruction of many enemy gun positions, installations, and personnel. Often under enemy fire, Corporal Huber displayed great calm and daring and as a result contributed immeasurably to the effectiveness of the Battalion Air Section. Home address: Mrs. Sophia Huber, (mother), 913 North 4th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL. 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 onlisted man:

Private First Class WALTER J. BENKO, (36657989), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 4 February 1945. Private Benko's Platoon was subjected to a determined enemy attack under cover of darkness while an enemy Machine Gun, 60 yards away, raked the Platoon with fire. Private Benko, aware of the seriousness of the situation and without regard for his personal safety, fearlessly arose in his position exposed to the intense fire and threw grenades at the hostile Machine Gun until it was silenced, causing a total collapse of the entire enemy attack. Private Benko's indomitable courage and accurate throwing of grenades were instrumental in the success of many of his Platoon's missions and reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Susan Benko, (mother), 4443 North Kenard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

II. AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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 BILL D. ALVERSON, (38509111), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of South Luna, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 May 1945. On this day, Sergeant Alverson, a Heavy Machine Gun Squad Leader, was delivering supporting overhead fire for advancing friendly troops. During the ensuing fight, his Squad was subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire, under which an enemy force was advancing. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, he quickly ordered his men to follow him and fearlessly crossed several hundred yards of open terrain to a more protected position. Sergeant Alverson then set his Heavy Machine Gun in action and inflicted severe damage and casualties on the enemy. Sergeant Alverson's display of courage, devotion to duty, and his own personal initiative reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ethel Alverson, (mother), Johnny Lind, Arkansas.

Sergeant LOUIS L. ORTIZ, (39860493), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Hill #1410, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 10 May 1945. On this day, Sergeant Ortiz's Company was attacking a heavily defended enemy hill. During the ensuing battle the leading Platoon was

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pinned down by withering machine gun-fire and unable to advance. Sergeant Ortiz, acting as Forward Observer for the Mortar Section, aware of the situation and realizing that delay might cost several lives, immediately placed heavy concentrations of mortar fire on the Japanese positions. As a result his Company was able to proceed and successfully complete its mission. His devotion to duty, initiative and outstanding courage undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his companions and gained the admiration of the men of his Company. Home address: Mrs. Dolores Ortiz, (mother), Box #684, Glendale, Arizona.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM D. TURNER, (O-1318105), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 10 January to 12 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Phillip D. Turner, (father), Route #1, Waynesville, North Carolina.

First Lieutenant JAMES E. VILLANO, (O-1323991), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 21-24 March 1945. When his Company Commander became a casualty shortly after launching an assault against enemy-held Mt. Tnuan, Lieutenant Villano, realizing the momentum of the attack was in immediate jeopardy, promptly assumed command of the leaderless Infantry Company. Quickly reorganizing his men Lieutenant Villano aggressively pressed forward the attack in a most exemplary and vigorous manner. Fearlessly exposing himself to heavy hostile sniper and mortar fire, he constantly remained in the forefront of the ensuing action leading and encouraging his men. The superb leadership, aggressive fighting spirit, and coolness under fire exhibited by Lieutenant Villano were prime factors in effecting the final success of the attack. Home address: Mr. Julius Villano, (brother), 5 West 63rd Street, New York, New York.

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I. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL. 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:

Private First Class HARRY E. BURROW, (34808954), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hettie Burrow, (mother), Spruce Pine, Alabama.

Private First Class ANTHONY M. CUMBO, (32773591), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mt Cayumayuman, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Clara Cumbo, (mother), 302 Stanton Street, Dupont, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade JACK L. HAMMOND, (32877680), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nina Hammond, (mother), 502 Ivy Street, Elmira, New York.

Private First Class ROBERT M. JERNIGAN, (35001885), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Jernigan, (mother), 3124 Pennock Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private WILSON M. LINDSAY, (36986353), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Shirley E. Lindsay, (wife), 17184 Ashton Road, Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class HENRY R. MAEHS, (38563131), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Ben G. Maehs, (father), 415 South Jackson Street, Enid, Oklahoma.

Second Lieutenant CARL R. H. MARK, (O-2007375), Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at New Georgia, Solomon Islands on 15 August 1943. Home address: Miss Catharine L. Mark, (sister), 207 Jefferson Street, Hyde Park, Reading, Pennsylvania.

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II. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private HERBERT R. BURNETT, (34725257), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #217, 19 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:

Private HERBERT R. BURNETT, (34725257), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Roy M. Burnett, (father), Route #3, Bristol, Tennessee.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade JACK L. HAMMOND, (32677680), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #680, 19 September 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:

Technician Fifth Grade JACK L. HAMMOND, (32677680), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nina Hammond, (mother), 502 Ivy Street, Elmira, New York.

III. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section II, Paragraph I, General Orders #310, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 13 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Purple Heart Medal to Technician Fifth Grade JACK L. HAMMOND, (32677680), (then Private First Class), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

So much of Section II, Paragraph I, General Orders #369, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 31 August 1945, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Warrant Officer Junior Grade EUGENE T. LACHAPPELLE, (W-2124667), United States Army, as reads "Mr. Amos L. LaChapelle, (brother), 301 Main Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island" is amended to read "Mrs. Amos F. LaChapelle, (mother), 27 Capital Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island".

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I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL - POSTHUMOUS. By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1916, (Bull. 43, WD, 1916), a Silver Star Medal is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant CLIFFORD R. BENCE, (11061802), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 21 March 1945. During the attack on Mount Tanauan the leading elements of Sergeant Bence's Company were pinned down by extremely heavy enemy machine-gun fire which was inflicting numerous casualties. Organizing a small group of men, Sergeant Bence ordered them to follow him around the left flank of their Company and into a position from which they could fire and advance on the hostile machine gun position. From this point, Sergeant Bence daringly crawled forward to within a few yards of the gun emplacements and single-handedly put the enemy weapon out of action with a hand grenade. In accomplishing this brave deed, Sergeant Bence lost his life, but the courage and self-sacrifice displayed by him will live on forever in the hearts of those with whom he served. Next of kin: Mrs. George Bence (mother) 141 Plinkette Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Sergeant AUBREY R. BIGGERS, (53507499), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 24 May 1945. Sergeant Biggers, leading his Squad on patrol with the mission of mopping up the passed enemy troops who were holding well protected emplacements in caves, advanced toward suspected enemy positions. Without warning, the foe suddenly attacked the patrol with a heavy volume of rifle and grenade fire from hidden positions. It was necessary to withdraw immediately or be completely wiped out. Realizing withdrawal was impossible without covering fire, Sergeant Biggers calmly ordered his Squad to retreat while he remained behind providing the necessary fire. Alone and unmindful of the slim possibility of escaping with his life, he courageously advanced in the face of a withering hail of bullets to a position from which he could deliver effective covering fire. The Squad then successfully withdrew to a position of relative safety. Sergeant Biggers sacrificed his life in order that his comrades-in-arms might live on. His fearless behavior and devotion to duty provided an inspiring example to his Squad and upholds the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Lucy O'Hinchman (mother) Route 4, Batesville, Arkansas.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL - OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - Posthumous. By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant DOMELD W. DOUGLAS, (0-2043038), Infantry, by this headquarters as published in Section I, General Orders #431, 5 July 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is posthumously awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1916, (Bulletin 43, WD, 1916). The citation is as follows:

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First Lieutenant DONALD W. DUGAS, (O-2043033), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 21 March 1945. During the attack on Mount Tanauan, the leading elements of Lieutenant Dugas' Company came under extremely heavy machine-gun fire making further advance impossible. It was determined that the fire was coming from enemy positions on the next ridge but they were so well concealed that they could not be located. Lieutenant Dugas, acting as observer for the Mortar Section, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, moved forward to a position affording better observation. In so doing, Lieutenant Dugas was wounded, but even though bleeding profusely, he located the enemy gun positions and brought his mortars to bear on them, finally knocking them out thus making it possible for the Company to continue the attack. Weak from loss of blood, Lieutenant Dugas died three days later in a hospital, but his bravery, courage and supreme sacrifice will remain a lasting credit to the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Florence M. Dugas (mother) 19 Pine Street, Kowhegan, Maine.


III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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:

Second Lieutenant STEVE J. LIARAKOS, (O-2023640), (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 March 1945. Lieutenant Liarakos, a forward Mortar Observer, displayed outstanding courage and exceptional ability in spotting well-concealed enemy digging-in activities and counter-attack movements, thereby neutralizing the hostile maneuvers by accurately directed mortar shelling. Throughout the day Lieutenant Liarakos, constantly exposed to enemy fire, observed fearlessly the enemy terrain, quickly shifting and adjusting fire from target to target inflicting many casualties on the Japanese. As a result of the constant accurate shelling of the foe directed by Lieutenant Liarakos, the hostile forces were so weakened that friendly troops successfully overran the enemy positions in the late afternoon. Lieutenant Liarakos' courage, keen vision, and military skill reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. John Liarakos (father) 29 Vale Street, Lewiston, Maine.

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I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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.

First Lieutenant CHARLES E. HUNT, (O-1288556), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, during period 30 June to 28 August 1943. Lieutenant Hunt, as Supply Officer for his Battalion which was engaged with the enemy throughout this period, exemplified the high qualities of courage, fortitude and inspiring leadership while supplying forward elements which were fighting the Japanese under the most difficult jungle conditions. Lieutenant Hunt personally organized, guided, and spurred on supply carrying parties in spite of the very great terrain obstacles and almost constant enemy artillery and sniper fire. Although he was stricken with intermittent attacks of malaria during this period, Lieutenant Hunt continued his splendid performance of duty, thereby making certain that rations, water, and ammunition reached the most forward elements daily. Lieutenant Hunt's initiative, physical endurance, and organizing ability in the face of very difficult conditions reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. David P. Hunt, (mother), c/o Mr. H. Terwilliter, 106 Wood Street, Rutherford, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant BELFORD F. PAULK, (O-1316198), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Fozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 27 January 1945. On that day Lieutenant Paulk, a Heavy Weapons Platoon Leader assigned to support a Company assaulting enemy-held hill 700, displayed great courage and professional skill while responding to a fanatical Japanese counter-attack which forced his Company to withdraw across open terrain subject to very heavy hostile shelling. Lieutenant Paulk led his Platoon through the enemy fire to a small knoll and from this exposed position directed covering fire at the foe so effectively that the remainder of the Company was able to withdraw unharmed by the enemy. By his outstanding leadership and fighting initiative Lieutenant Paulk was undoubtedly responsible for limiting the Company casualties to a minimum and permitting the Company to establish defenses which successfully repelled the enemy assault. Home address: Mrs. Margie T. Paulk, (wife), Box 585, Dennison, Texas.

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II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL-OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medals awarded to the following named officers by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded them by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citations read as follows:

First Lieutenant CHARLES E. HUNT, (O-1288556), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 18 March 1945 to 1 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. David P. Hunt, (mother), c/o Mr. H. Terwilliter, 106 Wood Street, Rutherford, New Jersey.

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, on 19 January 1945. Lieutenant Siegal displayed great bravery and splendid physical endurance while recovering an abandoned Heavy Machine-Gun and considerable ammunition which were in danger of falling into the hands of the enemy. Setting forth bravely from the comparative safety of the Battalion Command Post, Lieutenant Siegal crawled under cover of darkness across four hundred yards of enemy shelled terrain and with the aid of a companion pushed and pulled the heavy gun and ammunition back to the Command Post. By his coolness, determination and inspiring devotion to duty under fire, Lieutenant Siegal merits great credit for himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Bettie J. Siegal, (wife), 1763 North Wilcox Avenue, Hollywood, California.

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I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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 HOMAS P. BRIDGES, (38435286), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 27 January to 30 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna L. Bridges (wife) 813 Cambrell Street Fort Worth, Texas.

First Lieutenant DENIS E. SNYDER, (O-1512623), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 27 April 1945. On that day, Lieutenant Snyder, Weapons Platoon Leader, distinguished himself by his audacity and efficiency in the face of a fanatical enemy counter-attack. Shortly after his unit had captured its objective the Japanese assaulted the hill under cover of mortar and artillery fire with such force that they threatened to penetrate the Company defense. Lieutenant Snyder quickly advanced to an exposed position and there swiftly directed accurate mortar fire on the hostile installation thereby pinning down the foe. During this action Lieutenant Snyder was wounded but he continued performing his duties until the Japanese withdrew. His courage and professional skill merit for Lieutenant Snyder the praise and admiration of all with whom he served. Home address: Mrs. Cecil K. Snyder (mother) 428 West 15th Street, Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant JOHN A. TOMARCHIO, (O-1313236), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 19 January 1945. Lieutenant Tomarchio was ordered to secure a portion on his Company's sector that was thought to be unoccupied. As his Platoon moved into position it received hostile automatic artillery fire. Lieutenant Tomarchio's Platoon Sergeant was immediately killed. Disregarding his own safety, he moved to a forward location and directed mortar and artillery fire on the enemy guns. When friendly fire failed to knock out the Japanese weapons it became necessary for the Platoon to be moved from the shelled area. Lieutenant Tomarchio stayed with one Squad and placed covering fire on the foe, enabling the remainder of his Platoon to move out of the danger area. He then took the Squad that remained with him and recovered the dead body of the Platoon Sergeant to a position where it could be evacuated. Lieutenant Tomarchio's devotion and courage merit great credit on himself and the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Nancy Santoro (mother) 113 Pond Lane, Syracuse, New York.

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Private First Class CHARLES E. WAKELEY, (37485365), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 28 March 1945. Private Wakeley displayed exceptional personal bravery and calm professional skill under severe enemy mortar shelling while setting up his radio in a position which was unprotected from hostile snell fragments. The Japanese attacks, which had inflicted many casualties, made it necessary to obtain supporting fire and reinforcements. Private Wakeley bravely exposed himself to place his set in operation and successfully transmitted a call for assistance to friendly forces. By this brave and timely action under fire Private Wakeley undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and earned great credit for himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ethel E. Wakeley (mother) Hartington, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant CALVIN C. WYATT, (34735224), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 3-28 May 1945. Sergeant Wyatt demonstrated a splendid fighting spirit and aggressive leadership while constantly engaged with the enemy throughout this period. Frequently exposing himself to severe hostile fire to observe the Japanese situation and to plan the best tactical execution of his mission, Sergeant Wyatt always obtained his objective with a minimum of casualties and a maximum of destruction to the foe. Personally accounting for many of the enemy, Sergeant Wyatt's brave military conduct was an inspiration to his men and a material factor in the success of his unit. In all his daring and courageous contacts with the foe Sergeant Wyatt proved himself to be an exceptional soldier and leader. Home address: Mrs. A. B. Wyatt (mother) Route #1, Crossville, Tennessee.

II. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDER. So much of General Order #512, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 23 July 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Bronze Star Medal to Captain BERNARD R. BUIE, (O-419322) Infantry, is hereby revoked.

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I. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL. 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 MILTON H. FREEDLAND, (12206504), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Pearl Levine, (mother), 93 Avon Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

Private WALTER E. WOODS, (35088189), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Fort Stotsenberg, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nannie Woods, (mother), Goose Rock, Kentucky.

II. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class MICHAEL J. EOVINE, (31358518), Infantry, by Headquarters 41st Field Hospital, as published in General Orders #2, 27 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:

Private First Class MICHAEL J. EOVINE, (31358518), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Luna, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Eovine, (mother), 67 Springfield Street, Somerville, Massachusetts.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private MILTON H. FREEDLAND, (12206504), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #685, 20 September 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 MILTON H. FREEDLAND, (12206504), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Pearl Levine, (mother), 93 Avon Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class JOHN R. WILLIAMS, (31310123), Corps of Military Police, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #107, 19 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:

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Private First Class JOHN R. WILLIAMS, (51310123), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary L. Williams, (mother), 251 King Street, Cohasset, Massachusetts.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private WALTER E. WOODS, (35088189), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #685, 20 September 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 WALTER E. WOODS, (35088189), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bambang, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nanvie Woods, (mother), Goose Rock, Kentucky.

III. AMENDMENTS OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section I, General Orders #388, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 28 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private MILTON H. FREEDLAND, (12206504), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

So much of Section I, General Orders #297, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 8 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Silver Star Medal to Staff Sergeant PATSY L. PALENZA, (20129044), Infantry, as reads "9 January 1945 to 14 January 1945" is amended to read "9 January 1945 to 15 January 1945".

So much of Section I, General Orders #2, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 15 February 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class ROBERT J. WITT, (35732585), Infantry, as reads "a Purple Heart is awarded" is amended to read "a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded".

So much of Section I, General Orders #155, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 3 May 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart Medal to Private WALTER E. WOODS, (35088189), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Major CARL B. BARNES, (O-397576), General Staff Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 1 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Carl B. Barnes, (wife), Raleigh, North Carolina.

Second Lieutenant JOSEPH J. LATORRE, (O-2026874), (then Staff Sergeant), Military Police Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 12 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Concetta LaTorre, (mother), 228 Front Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Technical Sergeant ELMER R. RUTT, (37328161), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area, during period 24 October 1944 to 24 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elyse Ruth Rutt, (wife), 1145 Gaylord Street, Denver, Colorado.

Sergeant PETE SANTIBANEZ, (39548951), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hill 355, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 January 1945. During his Company's assault against Japanese-held Hill 355, Sergeant Santibanez demonstrated rare courage and keen presence of mind in the performance of his duty. When an enemy machine-gun squad, unnoticed by the leading elements of the Company, moved into a commanding position, Sergeant Santibanez promptly manned his machine-gun and, placing accurate and devastating fire on the position, succeeded in killing the entire hostile squad. By his quick and timely action Sergeant Santibanez undoubtedly prevented our troops from sustaining numerous casualties and was a prime factor in frustrating the enemy attempt to impede the Company's advance. Sergeant Santibanez's courage and persistence in the face of great danger, reflect great credit on himself and the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Frances Santibanez, (mother), 112 South Vine Street, Anaheim, California.

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Corporal JAMES D. SHIRLEY, (36504364), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at BosoBoso, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 April 1945. Corporal Shirley, a Radio Operator attached to the rear guard of a Reconnaissance Patrol, demonstrated praiseworthy alertness and exceptional personal bravery during a surprise attack by the Japanese. The enemy fire pinned down the Patrol and cut it off from friendly troops. Bravely exposing himself in full view of the foe Corporal Shirley purposely drew the hostile fire in his direction thereby permitting the rest of his comrades to withdraw to safety. By this quick-witted and courageous act under fire, Corporal Shirley won the respect and admiration of all the men who served with him. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Shirley, (mother), Route # 2, Clinton, Indiana.

Master Sergeant GEORGE E. WHITTAKER, (35559369), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 January 1945. Sergeant Whittaker, while risking his life to bring two critically wounded comrades to a hospital, displayed rare courage and skill in spite of great danger from enemy and friendly military installations. In order to transport his stricken companions to needed medical attention it was necessary to drive twenty miles in darkness without lights, through an area infested with both friendly road-blocks and enemy patrols. In spite of this danger Sergeant Whittaker successfully drove an ambulance to the rear hospital and, although he was wounded on a number of times enroute, bravely drove back to his unit the same night serving as guide to a convoy of badly needed ambulances. The courage and initiative demonstrated in this action by Sergeant Whittaker undoubtedly saved the lives of the two wounded men and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Army. Home address: Mr. George E. Whittaker, (father), Route #2, Box 350, Toledo, Ohio.

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I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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:

Captain JAMES C. BALL, (O-1308908), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 4 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Betty D. Ball (wife) 1400 1/2 Camden Avenue, West Los Angeles, 25, California.

Captain MONTCALM R. BUTEAU, (O-419322), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munda, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, on 12 July 1943. Captain Buteau, commanding Battalion Headquarters Company, displayed splendid fighting initiative and great personal bravery, while meeting a surprise Japanese mortar and machine gun attack on his Battalion which was marching in a column up the Munda Trail. During the first fight Captain Buteau, realizing that the Battalion was in danger of enemy envelopment on its right flank, personally placed all of Headquarters Company troops on line as riflemen at the threatened point thereby enabling the Battalion to quickly disperse the foe. Captain Buteau's energetic response to the battle situation and intelligent use of his administrative troops reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Pauline M. Buteau (wife) 1 Spring Street, Danielson, Connecticut.

First Lieutenant GEORGE T. HARRIS, (O-1284364), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Digi, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 April 1945. Lieutenant Harris, a Platoon Leader, was given the mission of patrolling the Sapa Minoyan River and the adjacent high ground to establish a route over which the entire Battalion could move toward its objective. The terrain to be traversed had not been cleared of the Japanese, and enemy disposition was not known. Lieutenant Harris led his patrol to a point 100 yards south of the objective hill, where they were fired upon by the foe. Ordering his men to take cover, Lieutenant Harris moved to an exposed point from which he carefully determined the enemy positions and strength. Using the information thus gained he moved one Squad into firing position and succeeded in inflicting many casualties upon the enemy, forcing him to withdraw. Lieutenant Harris then reassembled his patrol and continued on his mission. The location of the enemy force and the establishment of a safe route enabled the Battalion to take its objective the following day without suffering a casualty. The devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Harris, his prompt appraisal of what might well have been a successful enemy ambush, and his able execution of an important mission are in keeping with the highest military traditions. Home address: Mrs. Anna Harris (wife) 2614 South Grant Street, Denver, Colorado.

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First Lieutenant JOSEPH C. KILGORE, (O-1305264), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Balidbiran, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 1 April 1945. On that day Lieutenant Kilgore displayed exceptional bravery and fighting initiative in meeting a very difficult battle field situation. An enemy automatic weapon was so situated that Lieutenant Kilgore's Company was pinned down and in danger of being overrun by attacking Japanese foot soldiers. Realizing that conventional methods of laying in friendly mortars on the hostile weapon were too slow and inaccurate because of darkness and the terrain, Lieutenant Kilgore informed his Battery that he would expose himself on the skyline in order to silhouette a white piece of paper at a point on a line between his battery and the enemy target so that his crew could bring accurate fire quickly onto the Japanese installations. Because of this bold action the enemy weapon was quickly silenced and the hostile assault repelled. Lieutenant Kilgore's prompt action, initiative and bravery under fire was an example and inspiration to all his troops. Home address: Mr. Theodore A. Kilgore (father) League City, Texas.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM B. WHITE, (O-1510623), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 30 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mildred T. White (wife) Box 238 Hillsboro Road, Route #1, Durham, North Carolina.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL - OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain MONTCALM R. BUTEAU, (O-419322), Infantry, by this headquarters, as published in General Orders #627, this date, 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:

Captain MONTCALM R. BUTEAU, (O-419322), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 29 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Pauline W. Buteau (wife) 1 Spring Street, Danielson, Connecticut.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class ANTHONY E. BELPEDIO, (36626895), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 10 May 1945, Private Belpedio conducted himself with exceptional alertness and fighting spirit during a determined enemy attack on his Company's positions. Under cover of a diversionary attack on an adjoining sector the enemy troops attacked in force along a well concealed route of advance leading to Private Belpedio's foxhole. Spotting the advancing foe at the earliest possible moment, Private Belpedio opened fire immediately killing several of the Japanese and temporarily pinning down the remainder. Private Belpedio's quick action not only served to momentarily halt the enemy but also alerted his comrades so that the subsequent hostile charges were successfully repulsed. For his coolness and bravery in close contact with the foe Private Belpedio deserves praise and admiration from his fellow soldiers. Home address: Mrs. Carmella Belpedio, (mother), 2928 West Lexington Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant FRANK V. BOOTH, (33439755), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands; on 10-22 June 1945, Sergeant Booth, as acting Squad Leader, exhibited a high degree of courage, initiative, and fighting ability in close contact with the Japanese throughout this period. Time after time, Sergeant Booth, inspiring his men to a high level of aggressiveness and determination by his personal fortitude and bravery, attacked numerically superior enemy forces, killing many hostile soldiers and dispersing the rest. In addition Sergeant Booth always returned to his unit with accurate information of the enemy military situation for use in future operations. Sergeant Booth merits praise and admiration from all his fellow soldiers because of his exceptionally superior conduct in the face of enemy fire. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude Booth, (mother), Box 51 A, RFD #1, Clarpton, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT M. BRITNER, (31272703), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 11 January 1945. Sergeant Britner's unit was subjected to vary

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damaging enemy artillery fire which was inflicting many casualties and delaying the advance of the Battalion. Sergeant Britner bravely volunteered to advance to an Observation Point guided by Japanese collaborationists and from there to direct friendly naval gun fire at the hostile batteries. Because of this bold and aggressive action the enemy field pieces were soon silenced and the Battalion accomplished its mission with a minimum of casualties. Sergeant Britner's alertness and courage under fire reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Jessie F. Britner, (mother), Fullin Court, South Norwalk, Connecticut.

First Lieutenant MORRIS E. LANTZ, (O-515026), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 29 April 1945. Throughout this period Lieutenant Lantz, as Leader of a Machine-Gun Platoon, displayed exceptional military skill and superior judgement in the tactical employment of his weapons. On 19 January when a strong enemy force counter-attacked the Rifle Company which his Platoon was supporting, Lieutenant Lantz promptly placed his machine guns in strategic positions and by directing deadly and accurate fire succeeded in killing sixty-eight Japanese and repulsing the hostile assault, without sustaining a single casualty among his men. On another occasion, when all the officers of a Rifle Company had become casualties, Lieutenant Lantz assumed command, reorganized the Company and continued pressing the attack until the objective was secured. The aggressive fighting spirit, rare courage, and bravery, exhibited by Lieutenant Lantz throughout this period, reflect great credit and honor on himself and the United States Army. Home address: Mr. Herbert A. Lantz, (father), 308 North Madrover, Bell Fontaine, Ohio.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL ING;

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I. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL. 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 BERNARD A. HOLLROOK, (39617403), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea, on 7 August 1944. Home address: Mrs. Loretta M. Holbrook, (mother), 1118 Fifth Avenue, Great Falls, Montana.

Sergeant PHILIP C. SWANSON, (37477618), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Carl E. Swanson, (mother), 4938 Fowler Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska.

II. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class JOSEPH BULGER, (32633754), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #103, 17 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 JOSEPH BULGER, (32633754), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Santa Maria, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Bulger, (mother), 20-31 121 Street, College Point, New York.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private MANUEL P. HERNANDEZ, (38460814), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in 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. The citation is as follows:

Private MANUEL P. HERNANDEZ, (38460814), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bulao, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gregoria P. Hernandez, (mother), 424 West Nueva Street, San Antonio, Texas.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Corporal BERNARD A. HOLLROOK, (39617403), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #689, 20 September 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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Corporal BERNARD A. HOLBROOK, (39617403), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Morling Hill, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Loretta M. Holbrook, (mother), 1118 5th Avenue, South, Great Falls, Montana.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Corporal BERNARD A. HOLBROOK, (39617403), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #689, 20 September 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 BERNARD A. HOLBROOK, (39617403), 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. Loretta M. Holbrook, (mother), 1118 5th Avenue, South, Great Falls, Montana.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade SAM LAFATA, (37601908), Infantry, by Headquarters Forward Area; as published in General Orders #5, 9 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:

Technician Fifth Grade SAM LAFATA, (37601908), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Birdie Scherdino, (mother), 1910a Bacon Street, St Louis, Missouri.

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I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class MERY J. BRAGG, (36452536), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 10 January to 10 May 1945. During this entire period Private Bragg performed his duties as ammunition bearer in an outstanding and efficient manner. On various occasions it was necessary for Private Bragg to traverse difficult terrain under heavy enemy machine-gun fire in order to keep his Mortar Squad adequately supplied with vitally-needed ammunition. The aggressive spirit, courage, and keen devotion to duty displayed by Private Bragg in the performance of his hazardous duties are exemplary, and contributed immeasurably to the combat success of his organization. Home address: Mrs. Helena Bragg, (mother), Route #3, West Branch, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant KARL V. CHURCH, (39912340), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bigti, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 9 May 1945. Sergeant Church bravely disregarding his own safety, dashed to the rescue of a critically wounded comrade who had fallen exposed to heavy Japanese machine-gun fire. With the aid of a companion, Sergeant Church succeeded in dragging the injured soldier to a safe place. After rendering first-aid Sergeant Church and his comrade carried the wounded man to a Battalion Aid-Station. By his brave act Sergeant Church undoubtedly saved the life of a fellow soldier. Home address: Mr. Vernon Church, (father), LaVerkin, Utah.

Private First Class GOVERNOUR EVANS, (13114253), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 30 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nelridge E. Evans, (wife), 3425 Powelton Avenue, Philadelphia, (4), Pennsylvania.

Sergeant ALFRED P. FORCUCCI, (32093043), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sugar Loaf Hill, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 19 March 1945. Sergeant Forcucci exhibited rare courage and inspiring leadership while reorganizing a civilian

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carrying party which had been dispersed by surprise enemy fire. Although his men suffered several casualties Sergeant Forucci bravely circulated among them calming them and moving them to more protected positions. At the same time he called for and directed friendly mortar shelling so accurately that the hostile installation was soon silenced. Sergeant Forucci's quick thinking and coolness under fire reflect great honor on himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Morif or Forucci, (father), 45 Lincoln Avenue, White Plains, New York.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR WITH LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class FELIPE L. ESQUIVEL, (39860486), by this Headquarters, as published in General Orders #127, dated 27 April 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The Citation is as follows:

Private First Class FELIPE L. ESQUIVEL, (39860486), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 10 March 1945 to 10 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Chonita L. Esquivel, (mother), Route #1, Box # 191, Glendale, Arizona.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL L. W. KING:

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I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #11810, 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:

Corporal STANLEY I. BLOOM, (36158579), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 February 1945. On that day Corporal Bloom displayed rare courage and cool mechanical ability when the oil filter on his M-7 was damaged by enemy fire, thereby stalling the gun-mount at an unprotected place. In spite of a constant stream of bullets directed at the vision slit by the foe Corporal Bloom calmly repaired the damaged part, even though he was wounded himself before his task was completed. Because of his bravery and skill, his valuable self-propelled gun was saved from destruction by the enemy. Home address: Mr. Irven L. Bloom (father), RFD #2, Three Rivers, Michigan.

Private First Class LASHIL O. CHRISTIANSEN, (36732378), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 21 January 1945. On that night, the Japanese attacked the perimeter defended by Private Christiansen and his Company. During the engagement, a companion in a forward position was seriously wounded, weakening the defense at that point. Realizing the entire sector was endangered, Private Christiansen left the safety of his foxhole, boldly crawled toward the neutralized sector, administered first aid to his stricken comrade, and skillfully manned the position until the enemy force was completely routed. This heroic and altruistic act on the part of Private Christiansen contributed materially in repulsing the hostile attack. Home address: Mrs. Esther Christiansen (mother) 1534 Keystone Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant JOSEPH J. DAVIS, (32923352), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 10 May 1945. In order to bring mortar fire on enemy positions, Sergeant Davis bravely volunteered to operate a mortar from a slightly defilade location although there was great danger from hostile artillery installations which were registered in on the area. Firing with amazing rapidity and accuracy Sergeant Davis and two companions completed their mission of destruction of Japanese installations within range before enemy long range artillery shelling forced them to withdraw. The heroism and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Davis reflect great honor on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Agnes J. Davis (wife) 33 High Street, Butler, New Jersey.

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Chief Warrant Officer HARLAN G. RICHARDSON, (W-2116194), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the South Pacific Area, during period 2 October 1942 to 30 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Carl L. Stacey (mother) 32 June Street, South Gardner, Massachusetts.

Private First Class JOHN B. VASQUEZ, (39528223), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 19 January 1945. When a large force of enemy troops infiltrated behind our lines, attempting to destroy a Battalion Command Post, Private Vasquez demonstrated superb military proficiency and courage. Under cover of darkness and in the face of withering enemy fire he aided in moving a heavy machine gun to an advantageous position, directed a number of riflemen to strategic locations, and then assisted in firing the machine gun with such accuracy that heavy losses were inflicted upon the hostile forces. Private Vasquez's aggressive leadership and heroism contributed immeasurably to the successful defense of the perimeter. Home address: Mrs. Mary B. Vasquez (mother) 4001 Bemis Street, Los Angeles, California.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL - OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By the direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant ROBERT A. RORIE Jr., (O-1111338), Corps of Engineers, by this headquarters as published in Section II, General Orders #651, dated 29 August 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, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant ROBERT A. RORIE Jr., (O-1111338), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 27 May to 9 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy G. Rorie (wife) 106 Northeast 7th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KING:

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I. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL. 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 LEO J. BONDREAU, (31252657), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at New Georgia, Solomon Islands on 12 July 1943. Home address: Mrs. Mary Boudreau, (mother), 16 Hopkins Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Technician Fourth Grade MANUEL CABRAL, JR. (39099712), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rose Cabral, (mother), 166 Sunnyside Avenue, Campbell, California.

First Lieutenant CLARK W. COX, (O-1030349), Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Santa Maria, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eleanor V. Cox, (wife), 300 North 31st Street, Corvallis, Oregon.

Technician Fourth Grade ALVIN L. GRIFFITH, (33091841), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Robert L. Griffith, (mother), Coeburn, Virginia.

Private First Class WILLIAM G. MACKAY, (33429118), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Flora S. Mackey, (mother), Road #2, Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

Private JOHN S. SCOTT, (36694009), Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 April 1945. Home address: Miss Louise Cook, (friend), 1520 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

First Lieutenant HERBERT H. SIEGAL, (O-1299806), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bettie J. Siegal, (wife), 1736 North Wilcox Avenue, Hollywood, California.

Sergeant AMERICO VENDETTI, (31130510), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Lingayen Beach, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lena Vendetti, (mother), 42 Battey Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

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Private RODNEY K. WHITE, (37607907), Infantry, United State Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bamban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Genevieve White, (mother), Club House, Poroulaenum, Missouri.

II. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART AND OAK LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class VERNON C. CAMPBELL, (37562776), Infantry, by Headquarters 54th General Hospital, as published in General Orders #14, 20 March 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 VERNON C. CAMPBELL, (37562776), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Fork Ridge, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Campbell, (mother), Federal Dam, Minnesota.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant JOSEPH R. PANOC, (31361853), 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:

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH R. PANOC, (31361853), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen R. Panoc, (wife), 14 Dowling Street, Fall River, Massachusetts.

III. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section I General Orders #70, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 21 February 1945, as pertains to the award of the Silver Star Medal to Technical Sergeant FREDERICK R. HEESEMAN, JR., (32166509), Infantry, as reads "The following day while leading his platoon in a new attack against the enemy he was killed." is amended to read "Later that day, while leading his platoon in a new attack against the enemy he was killed."

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. 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, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class DONALD J. CARBERRY, (36732370), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 16 January 1945. When his Squad Leader was wounded during an engagement with the enemy, Private Carberry unhesitatingly assumed command of the group, promptly and efficiently reorganized it, and continued to press the attack. He then assisted in the evacuation of his stricken comrade so that urgently needed medical attention could be administered promptly. The superb leadership, coolness under fire, and combat proficiency exhibited by Private Carberry were a constant inspiration to the men serving with him. Home address: Mrs. Jane Cory, (mother), 4830 West Rice Street Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT H. GREEN, (31253000), (then Private), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munda, New Georgia Group, British Solomon Islands, during period 13 July to 6 August 1945. Corporal Green, as mortar observer, conducted himself coolly, bravely, and skillfully even though frequently exposed to very heavy enemy fire throughout this period. During many Japanese counter-attacks in darkness and inclement weather, Corporal Green remained unprotected in the forward areas observing hostile activity and directing friendly mortar shelling of the enemy installations. Corporal Green's fearless disregard of enemy fire permitted him to obtain a much better view of the Japanese situation and thereby greatly aided his Company in the completion of its mission. Home address: Mrs. Ethel L. Green, (mother), RFD #2, Woodstock, Vermont.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM A. GRIER, (34596866), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 21 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Alice Grier, (mother), route #2, Mathew, North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade DAVE O. LINDEOTH, (36014403), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 24 January 1945. In order to close a gap in his

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Company's defenses Corporal Lindroth with the aid of two comrades voluntarily carried a Heavy Machine-Gun to the exposed forward slope of a hill which was being shelled by the enemy and hastily placed their weapon in operation. Bravely remaining in this danger zone throughout the Japanese barrage Corporal Lindroth was ready to repel any assault by hostile foot-soldiers following the enemy artillery concentration. This brave volunteer act reflects great honor on Corporal Lindroth and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Minnie D. Ross, (mother), 103 California Avenue, Danville, Illinois.

Private First Class RAYMOND S. RAFFERTY, (31257519), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 10 January to 10 May 1945. Throughout the entire difficult Luzon Campaign, Private Rafferty, as a Company Communication Man, exhibited the highest qualities of extreme fortitude and aggressiveness in the performance of his arduous tasks. On numerous occasions when it became necessary to maintain vital communication with various units of his Company, he bravely exposed himself to heavy enemy sniper fire in order to accomplish his missions. Private Rafferty's indomitable courage and keen devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to the combat success of his organization. Home address: Mrs. Marie Rafferty, (mother), 19 Beach Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade OF WACHTEL, (32987556), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth E. Wachtel, (wife), 251 West 81st Street, New York City, New York.

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I. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL. 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 WILLIAM ADUSKEVICZ, (31379137), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 February 1945. Home address: Mr. William Aduskevicz, (brother), 248 Old Turnpike Road, Southington, Connecticut. ✓

Private First Class FRANK R. BELL, (35703998), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 May 1945. Home address: Helen E. Bell, (wife), Bardstown, Kentucky. ✓

Corporal DALE D. HUGHES, (37670637), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Vera M. Hughes, (mother), 522 South Lucas Street, Iowa City, Iowa. ✓

Private First Class WILSON R. MADDOX, (34788452), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. A. D. Maddox, (mother), Route #4, Box #111, Marianna, Florida. ✓

Private First Class FRANK N. McMACKIN, (39729397), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Plume Ridge, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Pearl B. Bockelmann, (mother), 318 West Adams Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. ✓

Sergeant LEONARD NADLER, (32905557), Field Artillery, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Palapad, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Selma Nadler, (wife), 1801 University Avenue, Bronx, New York. ✓

Staff Sergeant HORACE W. PHILLIPS, (39862166), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Gaymayuman, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth S. Phillips, (mother), Ashurst, Arizona. ✓

Technician Fifth Grade THEODORE F. TABLOSKI, (31389002), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Theodore F. Tabloski, (wife), 139 Grand Street, Lowell, Massachusetts.

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II. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart medal awarded to Technician Third Grade JOHN C. MAYER, (32906499), Medical Department, by Headquarters 41st Field Hospital, as published in 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:

Technician Third Grade JOHN C. MAYER, (32906499), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Famy, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 April 1945. Home address: Dr. William Mayer, (father), 240 East 19th Street, New York, New York.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart medal awarded to Private First Class JOHN L. POLITO, (37480891), Medical Department, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #206, 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:

Private First Class JOHN L. POLITO, (37480891), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Esther M. Hughes, (friend), 1639 Ogden Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart medal awarded to Private First Class JOHN L. POLITO, (37480891), Medical Department, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #206, 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:

Private First Class JOHN L. POLITO, (37480791), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Esther M. Hughes, (friend), 1639 Ogden Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska.

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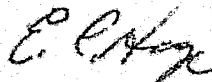
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TO: Staff Sergeant John L. Polito  
18th Medical Group  
APO 370, c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, California

1. So much of General Orders 694, Headquarters 43rd Infantry Division, dated 21 September 1945, as pertains to the award of an Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart to Private First Class John L. Polito, AF 37 480 891, for wounds received in action, 15 May 1945, is withdrawn.

2. The Second Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart was previously awarded to above named man for wounds received in action, 15 May 1945, by General Orders 44, Headquarters 132nd General Hospital, dated 17 July 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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 VIRGIL HUERTA, (39830196), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 March 1945. Private Huerta conducted himself with exemplary courage and fighting spirit while firing his M-7 at a well-concealed Japanese artillery position located in a large cave. When the enemy installations were located, Private Huerta quickly brought accurate fire and in spite of intense machine-gun fire directed at him and the gun by the enemy, continued shelling the foe's heavy gun until it was finally demolished. Because of Private Huerta's rare courage and military skill a hostile installation which had inflicted many casualties, was put out of action. Home address: Mr. Gilbert Huerta, (brother), 222 Bonnevillie Street, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sergeant JOSEPH F. SENDZIK, (32362261), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sugar Loaf Hill, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 27 March 1945. Sergeant Sendzik conducted himself with exemplary courage and fighting spirit while directing large-caliber gun fire at a well concealed Japanese artillery position located in a large cave. When the enemy installation was located Sergeant Sendzik quickly jumped upon a box in order to observe his fire more accurately and remained in that exposed position, in spite of a heavy concentration of small-arms fire which infiltrating enemy foot-soldiers directed at him, until the foe's heavy gun was destroyed by a direct shell explosion. Because of Sergeant Sendzik's rare courage and military skill a hostile installation, which had inflicted many casualties on his unit, was put out of action. Home address: Mrs. Virginia H. Sendzik, (wife), 806 Grove Street, Point Pleasant, New Jersey.

Private First Class VALENTINE C. SUMNER, (38467596), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 24 January 1945. On that day Private Sumner with one companion bravely advanced under heavy fire to the forward slope of a hill in order to fill a gap in his company's defenses. In spite of the fact that he was without protection from shell fragments caused

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by Japanese artillery shelling of the area, Private Sumner bravely remained in this exposed location, constantly on the alert to repel any enemy assault on the hill following the hostile artillery concentrations. Private Sumner's fighting initiative is a credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Sumner, (wife), 1422 South Main Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL-OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class ANTHONY L. MARSIGLIA, (33721500), by this Headquarters, as published in General Orders #526, dated 31 July 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, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation reads as follows:

Private First Class ANTHONY L. MARSIGLIA, (33721500), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 21 January 1945. During a severe Japanese night attack on his Company Sector, Private Marsiglia risked his life to rescue a seriously wounded comrade who had fallen in an area which was receiving such hostile machine-gun and small-arms fire. In spite of the grave danger Private Marsiglia ran to his stricken companion and evacuated him to a safe place. This brave act reflects great honor on Private Marsiglia and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Catharine Marsiglia, (mother), 1638 Clarkson Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under 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 men:

Corporal DENNIS BERTHA, (13027011), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. When his Company had suffered several casualties who had fallen in an area which was protected from very intense enemy mortar fire, Corporal Bertha risked his life continuously for a long period of time while administering first-aid and dragging the injured soldiers to protected places. The gallant conduct of Corporal Bertha under fire and his tireless efforts in behalf of wounded men reflect the highest honor and credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Julia Osse, (mother), Box #713, Martins Creek, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH J. DiSANTO, (32846542), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 16 January 1945. Sergeant DiSanto fearlessly went to the aid of a mortally wounded companion who had fallen on the forward slope of a hill which was being subjected to very concentrated artillery, mortar and small-arms fire by the Japanese installations. Without thought of himself Sergeant DiSanto crawled to the stricken soldier and bravely carried him through a hail of shell fragments and bullets to a protected place. His gallant action under fire reflects the highest honor on Sergeant DiSanto and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Angelina DiSanto, (mother), 185 Caroline Street, Bayde, New York.

Private FRANK N. McMACKIN, (39729397), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Luzon, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 May 1945. On that day Private McMackin conducted himself with exceptional courage and fighting initiative while fighting off an enemy ambush party which had pinned down most of his comrades in an area devoid of any protection against the concentrated hostile automatic-weapon fire. Carrying a heavy machine-gun and ammunition without assistance Private McMackin hastily moved to a small knoll and from there effectively relieved the pressure on the rest of his unit by drawing much of the enemy attention on himself and by placing a large volume of accurate fire on the hostile positions. Private McMackin continued his fighting activity until he was wounded by the foe and then evacuated. Home address: Mrs. Mildred A. McMackin, (wife), 1624 South Catalina Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

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Sergeant JAMES E. STEINKIRCHNER, (19182886), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 28 January 1945. Although wounded himself Sergeant Steinkirchner bravely risked his life to rescue two badly wounded comrades who were in danger of further injury from very intense Japanese mortar fire. After dragging his stricken companions to a safe place Sergeant Steinkirchner took up an abandoned Automatic Rifle which he operated so skillfully that an approaching enemy assault force was broken up and dispersed with numerous casualties. In spite of his own wounds Sergeant Steinkirchner continued his aggressive fighting activity until his position was secure. Home address: Mrs. Mary M. Steinkirchner, (mother), 1548 Fairfield Avenue, Glendale, California. ✓

Staff Sergeant CLARENCE E. WOODY, (34761032), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 7 April 1945. On that day Sergeant Woody detected an enemy force estimated at one hundred and sixty approaching the Company perimeter under cover of darkness. He alerted the men about him and by throwing grenades held off the enemy in front of his position, but he was unable to warn those further to the flank who could not see the enemy from their fox-holes. Five of the foe were within a few feet of his comrades when Sergeant Woody exposing himself to the Japanese and to the flying fragments of his own grenades, flung across the front of the perimeter, killing three of the enemy and revealing the hostile activity to his companions. Sergeant Woody's courageous action and alertness under fire were important factors in the security of the Company in the thorough defeat inflicted on the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Kate A. Woody, (wife), Route # 3, Dawsonville, Georgia.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. 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, 43rd Infantry Division to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class ARTHUR D. GALVIN, (39702043), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of the Shambu Line, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 21 March 1945. During a combat patrol over difficult and densely-vegetated terrain, the squad of which Private Galvin was Scout was ambushed by the enemy. In the ensuing action the Browning Automatic Rifleman was seriously wounded. With utter disregard for his personal safety in the face of heavy hostile machine-gun fire, Private Galvin unhesitatingly crawled forward and succeeded in moving the stricken soldier to safety. This courageous and altruistic act on the part of Private Galvin is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Helen Ester Galvin, (wife), 1324 West 3rd Street, Santa Ana, California.

Chief Warrant Officer HENRY W. LEDGER, (W-2116196), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January 1945 to 2 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Pearl Ledger, (wife), Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts.

Sergeant BERNIE RAYMOND, (36014214), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 March 1945. Sergeant Raymond, seeing that two men attempting to escape from a burning tank which had been damaged by an exploding land mine, immediately rushed to the fire-covered tank with a fire extinguisher and stubbornly fought the fire in spite of intense heat and exploding ammunition which greatly endangered his life. After the flame was reduced considerably Sergeant Raymond attempted to free the two trapped men but the flames, flaring up again greater than before, exploded such a volume of 75mm shells and caused so much heat that he was forced away from the vehicle. Sergeant Raymond's fearless attempt to rescue his helpless comrades, even though it was unsuccessful, reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Frank Raymond, (brother), Freeborn, Illinois.

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Private First Class LINDSAY M. STALLINGS, (33631203), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 April 1945. Private Stallings displayed splendid initiative and rare courage by exposing himself to friendly and enemy fire in order to bring up ammunition for his Mortar Section which had run out of shells in attempting to repel a persistent enemy attack in force. In spite of flying shell fragments and bullets Private Stallings made many trips between the mortars and the ammunition dump thereby providing sufficient additional fire power which was largely instrumental in successfully breaking up the enemy assaults. Private Stallings' initiative, rare courage, and devotion to duty, reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Nina Stallings, (mother), Robbinsville, North Carolina. ✓

Private First Class RODNEY K. WHITE, (37607907), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 19 May 1945. Private White was a member of a carrying party sent out in conjunction with a patrol to recover bodies and equipment lost in a previous engagement. When they had approached to within four-hundred yards of their objective, enemy machine-gun fire prevented further advance. Mortar concentrations neutralized the hostile fire. Under cover of smoke Private White and his companions worked about thirty minutes, recovering the bodies and such valuable equipment. During this time another Japanese machine-gun placed fire upon the area from a different direction. Headless of the risk involved, Private White applied himself assiduously and energetically until his appointed mission was completely accomplished. Home address: Mrs. Genevieve White, (mother), Club House, Herculanum, Missouri.

BY COLONEL OF MAJOR GENERAL WTC:

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, (Bulletin 43, MD, 1918), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant PETER ARCINIEGA, (39565006), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 27 April 1945. When some of his comrades were pinned down in the open by surprise enemy machine-gun fire, Sergeant Arciniega bravely stood up in order to silence the foe more quickly with his automatic weapon and to divert the attention of the Japanese from his unprotected companions. This prompt and gallant act by Sergeant Arciniega undoubtedly saved the lives of several of his comrades and reflects the highest honor on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Petra F. Arciniega, (mother), 3348 East First Street, Route # 3, Los Angeles, California.

II AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, MD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade ELSHAN WEINER, (32464736), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 31 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hilda G. Weiner, (wife), 695 West 28th Street, Paterson, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT J. OWEN, (37339534), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of New BocoBoco, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 April 1945. Sergeant Owen, while bringing vitally needed supplies to men engaged in combat with the Japanese, was informed that the road to the front was under fire from enemy machine-guns. Fully cognizant of the danger to his life, Sergeant Owen continued on his mission and by speeding a distance of One Thousand yards through the hail of bullets successfully arrived at the front and then personally distributed the much needed rations. Then Sergeant Owen again bravely drove across the danger area arriving back at the supply dumps safely. Sergeant Owen by his initiative, firm courage, and devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to the high morale of the front line troops. Home address: Mrs. Robert J. Owen, (wife), 835 Carroll Street, San Francisco, California.

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Private First Class LUTHER W. WELCH, (38458942), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of the Shiuribu Line, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22nd March 1945. Private Welch, seeing two men attempting to escape from a burning tank which had been damaged by an exploding land mine, immediately rushed to the fire-covered tank with a fire extinguisher and stubbornly fought the fire in spite of intense heat and exploding ammunition which greatly endangered his life. After the flame was reduced considerably, Private Welch attempted to free the two trapped men but the flames, flaring up again greater than before, exploded such a volume of 75mm shells and caused so much heat, that he was forced away from the vehicle. Private Welch's brave attempt to rescue helpless comrades, even though it was unsuccessful, reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Welch, (mother), General Delivery, Pipe Creek, Texas.

Staff Sergeant JULIAN A. ZIENOWICZ, (31038398), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945. After dark on that day when his Company was located on Hill 1500 near Agut, Sergeant Zienowicz displayed unusual courage and devotion to duty. Under cover of a severe rain-storm, the organization was subjected to a heavy attack by the enemy. During the hard pressed attack communications failed and Sergeant Zienowicz disregarding his own personal safety went forward, found and repaired the numerous breaks, in spite of a heavy concentration of enemy small-arms and mortar fire. This heroic and unselfish act on the part of Sergeant Zienowicz undoubtedly was instrumental in repelling the savage attack since as a result supporting fire was immediately directed on the attackers. Home address: Mrs. Felicia Zienowicz, (mother), 129 Curry Road, Cranston, Rhode Island.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KING:

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Major VILTON H. BENTON, (C-365273), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo and Mawa Dams, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 6 May to 18 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lucille Bremer, (wife), 1500 Preston Avenue, Austin, Texas. ✓

First Lieutenant BRODIS J. JURWICZ, (C-1180565), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 6 May to 18 May 1945. Lieutenant Jurowicz, an Artillery Forward Observer attached to Filipino Guerrilla forces, calmly and skillfully adjusted his Battery's shelling of the enemy installations throughout this period, even though he was constantly exposed to hostile artillery and sniper fire. In addition Lieutenant Jurowicz encouraged and instructed the Guerrilla officers so that they might take better advantage of their fire power. Lieutenant Jurowicz's conduct of fire missions resulted in great damage to the enemy and materially hastened the capture of the unit's objective with a minimum of casualties. Home address: Mr. Andrew Jurawicz, (father), 1311 Middlesex Street, Lowell, Massachusetts. ✓

Technical Sergeant THEODORE A. KOELLER, (20616713), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 January 1945. Sergeant Koeller in the face of continuous withering fire from attacking Japanese forces left the safety of his M-7 to rescue two injured soldiers who were in grave danger of further injury from flying shell fragments. After safely removing his stricken comrades to the Aid-Station, Sergeant Koeller bravely returned to his weapon undeterred by the enemy fire guiding reinforcements. Sergeant Koeller's bravery and selfless regard for the welfare of his fellow soldiers reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Vivian Koeller, (wife), 1925 South Fifty-Sixth Court, Cicero, Illinois. ✓

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Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM J. STEFFENS, (36298671), (then Private), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at North Arundell Island, Saeikarasi Area, New Georgia Group, British Solomon Islands, on 19 September 1943. While refilling a gap in Company defenses caused by fanatical Japanese attacks, Sergeant Steffens' companions, in a machine gun crew, became casualties leaving him to man the heavy gun alone. In spite of the very costly efforts of the enemy to neutralize the newly placed gun Sergeant Steffens stubbornly fought off the foe with accurate fire and occasional well-placed hand grenades. His bold fighting spirit reflects great credit on Sergeant Steffens and the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Joseph Steffens, (mother), 423 Draper Street, Kaukauna, Wisconsin.

Private First Class IRA WILKEY, (36131846), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 27 June 1945. Throughout this period, as Battalion Truck Driver engaged in the difficult and hazardous task of transporting vitally-needed supplies to front line elements, Private Wilkey exhibited exceptional skill and courage. On numerous occasions, he fearlessly exposed himself to hostile artillery and small-arms fire and land-mines in the performance of his duty. On 6 April while so engaged in transporting vital supplies to the forward elements in combat, Private Wilkey was ambushed but he calmly sped through the hail of enemy bullets and safely arrived at the front. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on Private Wilkey and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ira J. Wilkey, (mother), Route # 1, Garahan, Texas.

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I. AWARDS OF SILVER STAR MEDAL. 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:

Captain NATHAN R. JOHNSON, JR., (O-1031815), (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 9 January 1945. On that day, Captain Johnson as S-2 of the Battalion was to guide the leading elements of the unit to the 1st day's objective over territory that was known only through study of maps and aerial photographs. His was the task of leading the troops over a pre-arranged route, feeling out the enemy as he went. Since the landing was effected a considerable distance from the point designated, it was imperative that Captain Johnson quickly and correctly ascertain the various points of reference in order to progress both in right direction, along the route designated and in accordance with the time schedule. Upon disembarking, with cool courage and with unhesitating judgement Captain Johnson ascertained how far the landing was made from the planned point and set out ahead of the leading elements to determine the route that was to be followed. Timidness or bad judgment could have been disastrous for the Battalion and would have seriously jeopardized the accomplishment of the Regimental mission. Captain Johnson remained at the head of the leading elements through out the entire day. He maneuvered the Battalion columns so skillfully that re-organization and carefully searching out the flanks at every point designated as inter-mediate objectives was accomplished on schedule. The column was subjected to intermittent enemy artillery fire but by careful selection of routes and by taking advantage of the concealment afforded by the terrain, Captain Johnson accomplished his mission with a minimum of casualties. Captain Johnson's courage, skill, devotion to duty and his deep sense of responsibility was an inspiration to all officers and enlisted men of the Battalion. Home address: Mr. Nathan R. Johnson, Sr. (father), 151 Woodward Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

Captain BEN R. LINDQUIST, (O-329341), (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Palao, Palao, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 16 January 1945. A road-block established by Captain Lindquist's Battalion was attacked in great force by the Japanese who subjected the area to an enormous volume of fire power and assaulted at close quarters the Weapons Platoon sector furiously and persistantly for thirteen hours. Although many of his fighting companions were killed or wounded during the long fight Captain Lindquist gallantly moved about from fox hole to fox hole replenishing ammunition, improving the deployment of his men, and inspiring them with his courageous conduct. Undoubtedly, Captain Lindquist's exceptional bravery and leadership were a material factor in successfully resisting the concerted efforts of a powerful enemy force. Home address: Mrs. Eoula M. Lindquist, (wife), 10681 Nottingham Road, Detroit, Michigan.

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First Lieutenant KENNETH V. SWANSON, (O-1175595), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Hill #1500, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 24 January 1945. Although exposed to a heavy volume of enemy fire which wounded him during the day, Lieutenant Swanson coolly and skillfully adjusted artillery shelling of known Japanese installations and targets of opportunity whenever they appeared. As a result the defense of his Battalion sector was greatly aided and the enemy military positions weakened. Lieutenant Swanson's courage and military proficiency under withering fire, even though wounded himself, were worthy of the best traditions of the military service and an inspiration to all who served with him. Home address: Mrs. Kenneth Swanson, (wife), Aurora, Nebraska.

II. AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #119, 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 officers:

Major HOWARD W. JOHNSTON, (O-1291126), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area, during period 10 March 1944 to 2 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jane Stevenson Johnston, Traer, Iowa.

Major JOHN R. TAYLOR, JR., (O-328612), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 6-18 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Taylor, (wife), 2414 North Prairie Street, Dallas, Texas.

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I. AWARD OF THE SOLDIERS MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 3, WD, 1926), a Soldiers Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class ROBERT I. LOWE, (33523003), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For heroism in the vicinity of Gapan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 August 1945. On that night Private Lowe plunged into a deep river to rescue two soldiers who had accidentally crashed their "peep" through the side of a bridge into the water. One of the men was unconscious when brought to the bank by Private Lowe but by immediately applying artificial respiration he restored breathing to the stricken soldier, thereby saving his life. After this Private Lowe took the two men to a hospital for medical treatment as soon as possible. Private Lowe's brave conduct in risking his life to rescue the two men and his skillful application of first aid technique reflect great honor on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Cora M. Lowe (mother) Austinsville, Virginia.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #8419, 4 February 1944, (Sec. 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 Fourth Grade SABATINO A. D'ORTENZIO, (36550571), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sisson, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 28 January to 5 February 1945. Throughout this period, as a member of an Artillery Liaison Party attached to an Infantry Regiment occupying Hill #1500, Sergeant D'Ortenzio performed his duties with exceptional skill and courage. Although frequently exposed to heavy and accurate hostile machine-gun, artillery, and sniper fire, he constantly maintained and operated the communications lines so vital to the successful completion of the Regiment's missions. Largely through his untiring efforts and ability in assisting to place effective counter-battery fire, he aided materially in breaking up threatening counter-attacks by a strong and determined enemy. The courage, aggressiveness, and keen devotion to duty exhibited by Sergeant D'Ortenzio are in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Marie D'Ortenzio (mother) 13710 Pelkey, Detroit, Michigan.

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Private First Class KARL A. RENTER, (37461753), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 30 May 1945. Throughout this period Private Renter exhibited rare courage and skill while constructing communication lines under combat conditions. On one occasion when other linemen failed to repair a broken telephone wire because of very heavy enemy fire, Private Renter, fully aware of the danger, bravely hurried to the break and repaired it successfully without injury to himself. His bravery and devotion to duty reflect great honor on Private Renter and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Renter (mother) 1235 West Fourth Street, Davenport, Iowa.

Private First Class HOWARD J. BODE, (37430791), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. During that day Private Bode was under terrific enemy mortar and artillery fire. As a result of this fire two trucks loaded with ammunition and equipment were set ablaze. Without orders, and on his own initiative, Private Bode left the comparative safety of his foxhole and in spite of heavy small-arms fire rushed across open terrain to the trucks, seized a fire extinguisher and put out the blazes on both vehicles. Private Bode's action resulted in the saving of much valuable equipment and prevented the ammunition from exploding. Home address: Mrs. Olga Bode (mother) Maple, Minnesota.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL - OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant JOHN A. FERGIOME, (O-2007339), Ordnance Department, by this headquarters, as published in General Orders #565, dated 26 June 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:

Second Lieutenant JOHN A. FERGIOME, (O-2007339), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 30 May to 31 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Angeline Fergione (mother), 29 Wilson Street, New London, Connecticut.

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I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918. (Bulletin 43, 10, 1918), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division to the following named officer and enlisted man.

First Lieutenant BERNARD H. LEADERS, (O-1183729), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Lumban, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 5 April 1945. Lieutenant Leaders, was Artillery Liaison Pilot observing from the air the progress of his Division. By skillful adjustment of artillery fire, he drove the enemy from encampments about the bridge and prevented its destruction. After a small group of our forces had seized the bridge and had been cut off by the enemy, Lieutenant Leaders dropped a message to troops of an adjoining Division, two miles distant, telling them of the critical situation and requesting that a road be cleared of logs and litter so he could land. Although the road was under a gusty wind blowing, Lieutenant Leaders succeeded in making a landing in the limited space, narrowly avoiding a crash. He left his radio and operator with the post forward elements of the adjoining Division after establishing communication with his own unit. Lieutenant Leaders, then took off, secured another radio and operator, and returned to continue his surveillance of the combat connecting several fire missions for each of the two forces. During this entire period, Lieutenant Leaders conducted himself in a most gallant manner, displaying unusual initiative and skill. He was materially furthered the action of the divisions at a critical time. Home address: Mrs. Doris B. Leaders, (wife), 600 South 11th Street, Yuma, Washington.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK J. RUSSO, (O154486), Corp of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 29 January 1945. About two miles west of Rosario, while members of Corporal Russo's platoon were attacking a heavily fortified position they were stopped by strong enemy machine-gun fire. One squad moved forward with a machine gun and blocks to bring their fire to bear upon one of the foe's pill boxes. These men were caught in a strong cross-fire and several were wounded. One later disregarded to his own safety Corporal Russo crawled forward and succeeded in pulling one of the men out of the direct fire. He then moved forward again and helped to pull another man safely back, although while performing these acts, he was slightly wounded himself. Home address: Mr. Joseph Russo, (father), 3 Gidley Street, Newport, Rhode Island.

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II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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 JOSEPH R. PANOC, (31361853), (then Private), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 April 1945. Sergeant Panoc with one companion bravely volunteered to carry a critically wounded comrade to the Battalion Aid-Station although the route to be taken was subject to enemy machine-gun fire and crossed a mine and booby trap zone placed for the protection of the Company perimeter during the night. Because of Sergeant Panoc's bravery and determination the life of the stricken soldier was undoubtedly saved. His fearless conduct in the middle of known danger reflect great credit on Sergeant Panoc and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Helen Panoc, (wife), 14 Downine Street, Fall River, Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade HORACE J. SLANKER, (35218954), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 5 April 1945. On that day, Corporal Slanker, was a member of a reconnaissance patrol sent to locate the vast Malinawan Cave. Although several previous patrols to this area failed to find it, this patrol was fortunate as it located the entrance to the enemy-held cave. Upon approaching the cave the group was fired on by an unestimated number of the foe. In spite of the advantageous position of the Japanese guarding the stronghold, Corporal Slanker and his companions were able to remain in position long enough to determine the exact location of the cave and to study the terrain for the possible avenues of approach. This initial reconnaissance of the caves paved the way for the subsequent successful reduction of the enemy fortifications, for the capture of a large amount of Japanese equipment. By his courage and steadiness under fire and exemplary performance of duty Corporal Slanker materially aided the successful completion of the patrol's mission. Home address: Mrs. Marie C. Slanker, (mother), Route # 2, New Carlisle, Ohio.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL [REDACTED]:

OFFICIAL:

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I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. 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, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant JOSEPH R. MANVILLE, (20154157), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 29 January 1945. Sergeant Manville bravely volunteered to rescue several wounded men from an area which was swept by severe enemy machine-gun fire. With selfless regard for the welfare of his companions, he gallantly left the safety of his fox-hole and made two trips to the location of his injured comrades thereby removing two helpless soldiers to safety. This brave and generous act on the part of Sergeant Manville reflects the highest honor on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Amy Manville, (wife), 8 Lucas Avenue, Newport, Rhode Island.

Sergeant CHARLES V. RIVERA, (20154118), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 29 January 1945. Sergeant Rivera bravely volunteered to rescue several wounded men from an area which was swept by severe enemy machine-gun fire. With selfless regard for the welfare of his companions he gallantly left the safety of his fox-hole and crawled to the location of his injured comrades. Sergeant Rivera successfully removed one helpless soldier to safety but in attempting to save another he was seriously wounded himself. This brave and generous act on the part of Sergeant Rivera reflects the highest honor on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Raffaella Rivera, (mother), 51 Brynton Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH A. TERENZIO, (31358135), (then Private First Class), United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Caurigan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 9 February 1945. Sergeant Terenzio saw a violent explosion at the entrance to a Japanese cave stronghold which inflicted many casualties on friendly troops who were attempting to drive out Japanese defending the cavern. Responding to the immediate need of the wounded for first-aid Sergeant Terenzio, then a rifleman, gathered several comrades and led them to the location of the helpless soldiers although they were in hostile territory. Although placed under fire by the foe the rescue party succeeded in evacuating all of the dead as well as several wounded soldiers including one man who

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was discovered almost covered with debris from the explosion. S recent Terenzio was himself wounded in the action yet he gallantly refused any attention so that the best care could be devoted to the other injured men. Home address: Mrs. Rose Terenzio, (mother), 39 Gage Avenue, Beverly, Massachusetts.

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

Private First Class FRED E. MCCARTHY, (31304883), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 25 January 1945. While accompanying a Filipino litter carrying party over rugged and enemy infested terrain Private McCarthy conducted himself with great courage and inspiring coolness when the group became disorganized on account of artillery fire which was suddenly placed on them by the Japanese moving about among the civilians in spite of flying shell fragments. Private McCarthy encouraged and reorganized the Filipinos so that the party continued on its mission. Although several shells exploded very near to the group Private McCarthy selected a route of advance which provided the best possible protection from hostile fire and as a result successfully brought the civilians and the wounded safely to the rear. Private McCarthy's inspiring leadership, which instilled confidence in his men was a material factor in the satisfactory completion of the ensuing mission. Home address: Mrs. Mary McCarthy, (mother), 14 Barton Road, Medford, Massachusetts.

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I. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL. 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:

Private First Class SIDNEY ALPERT, (31356956), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rose Alpert, (mother), 130 Evans Street, Lorchester, Massachusetts. ✓

Private First Class ANGEL BELTRAN, (39862096), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Anthony E. Beltran, (brother), 110 Eber Street, Apt #34, Calexico, California. ✓

Private First Class VERGIL L. BRANDT, (39339709), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pozarrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Iona Brim, (sister), Box 695 Warrenton, Oregon. ✓

Private First Class GEORGE R. LOISELLE, (31264173), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Herma Loisel, (mother), 112 Martin Street, Lowell, Massachusetts. ✓

First Lieutenant JOHN S. MCKAY, (O-272274), (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pot Pot, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Home address: Mr. D. D. McKay, (father), 5233 Carpenter Street, Downers Grove, Illinois. ✓

Private First Class EDWARD E. SARGENT, (38342999), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Ola Sargent, (mother), 101 Tule Street, Pampa, Texas. ✓

II. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to First Sergeant BERT A. BERTOLERO, (39054019), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry, as published in General Orders #95, 14 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. ✓

First Sergeant BERT A. BERTOLERO, (39054019), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marion Rose Bertolero, (wife), 406 45th Street, Oakland, California. ✓

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Sergeant CALVIN E. COPELAND, (6266435), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #61, 30 March 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 CALVIN E. COPELAND, (6266435), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Wawa Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ester R. Copeland, (wife), Route #1 Mesquite, Texas.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class BERT W. JOHNSON, (38407119), Medical Department, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #344, 15 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 BERT W. JOHNSON, (38407119), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Wanda L. Johnson, (wife), Box #115, Mannsville, Oklahoma.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class GEORGE R. LOISELLE, (31264173), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #704, 22 September 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 R. LOISELLE, (31264173), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hermina Loisel, (mother), 112 Martin Street, Lowell, Massachusetts.

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I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR-MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class TONY STALLONE, (39412784), Infantry, 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. On that day while Private Stallone, a rifleman, was acting as night flank security for an ammunition carrying party, the group was placed under heavy surprise fire by a Japanese patrol. Being nearest to the enemy, Private Stallone bravely moved to a point from which he could fully observe the foe and, by firing his weapon swiftly and accurately, held off the hostile patrol until reinforcements arrived. Private Stallone's fighting reaction to the Japanese attack inflicted many casualties on the enemy and permitted the party to proceed safely to its destination. Home address: Mr. Nick Stallone, (father), Route # 2, Box # 1352, Modesto, California.

Private First Class JOHN SUDA, (13005763), 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 9 May 1945. When a comrade fell in the open critically wounded and in danger of further injury from withering enemy fire, Private Suda, with a companion, bravely ran to the aid of the stricken soldier. Finding that the helpless man needed the immediate care of a surgeon, Private Suda and his comrade succeeded in evacuating the wounded soldier to an aid-station although they were constantly endangered by hostile sniper fire. Private Suda's quick and generous act was largely instrumental in saving the life of the injured soldier. Home address: Miss Stella Suda, (sister), 82 Harding Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey.

Private First Class GODFREY R. WATSON, (39309993), 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 April 1945. During a concentrated enemy artillery barrage Private Watson's Company was ordered to withdraw to the protection of a hill. In the movement a group of replacements became disorganized. Realizing that a Japanese attack was likely to follow the hostile artillery concentration Private Watson immediately left his protected position and by moving about

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among the replacements encouraging and reorganizing them he was able to deploy them into defensive positions to meet the expected assault of the foe. Private Watson's initiative and quick intelligent reaction to the combat situation much greater than expected from a man with his grade, reflects great honor on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Margaret L. Watson, (wife), c/o, John L. Gary, West Linn, Oregon.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL-OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class JAMES A. MacDONALD, (32663316), Infantry, as published by this Headquarters, General Orders #325, dated 14 June 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation reads as follows:

Private First Class JAMES A. MacDONALD, (32663316), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Angat, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 11 May 1945. Ordered to support with machine-gun fire the attack of an Infantry Company, Private MacDonald on his own initiative, selected a position exposed to enemy observation and bullets but from which he was able to cover the entire route of the approach to the objective. Although often endangered by hostile artillery shelling, Private MacDonald calmly and skillfully subjected the Japanese installations to well-aimed machine-gun fire throughout the action. His intrepidity and calmness in battle facilitated the capture of the objective with only one casualty and reflects great credit on Private MacDonald and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Christina MacDonald, (mother), 127 Canal Street, Massena, New York.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

I. 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, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant GLENN L. KEMP, (33282892), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 27 April 1945. On that night the Japanese made an attack on Sergeant Kemp's Company position with a concentration of rifle fire and hand grenades. Sergeant Kemp upon sighting two of the enemy who had infiltrated the perimeter quickly responded to the serious situation. With utter disregard of his own life Sergeant Kemp left the security of his fox-hole and killed both of the enemy. By this action Sergeant Kemp was exposing himself not only to enemy fire, but the possibility of our own troops mistaking him for the enemy and opening fire. Sergeant Kemp's daring action and complete disregard of his own safety undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Edna Kemp, (mother), 521 West 5th Avenue, McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class NORMAN H. LAVALLEE, (31023901), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Hill 355, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 14 January 1945. Private LaVallee was a member of an Engineer Demolition Team assisting an Infantry Regiment during its attack on Hill #355. Learning the enemy entrenched in a tunnel was holding up the advance of leading Infantry elements with automatic-weapon fire, Private LaVallee with three companions fearlessly crawled forward with prepared charges to destroy the Japanese strong-point. Fully cognizant of the risk involved, Private LaVallee with the aid of his comrades succeeded in hurling a twenty-pound charge into the mouth of the tunnel. The resulting explosion neutralized the hostile emplacement, enabling the Infantry to continue its advance and successfully capture its objective. This gallant and daring act on the part of Private LaVallee is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Henry I. LaVallee, (father), 255 Prairie Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

Private First Class PAT H. MONDRIEL, (39209483), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Scobia Ridge, Barban River area, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 14 March 1945. Private Mondriel was advancing with an assault platoon along a ridge when concentrated enemy machine-gun fire from three caves forced it to a halt. Private

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Mondhan, immediately sizing up the situation crawled forward under constant hostile fire to a point approximately one-hundred yards ahead. From there he threw smoke grenades and under that concealment advanced to within a few yards of the caves entrances. With hand grenades he forced the enemy from their weapons and killed seven of them as they attempted to withdraw. As a result of that gallant action the platoon was able to continue its advance without further casualties. Private Mondhan's fighting spirit and military skill clearly demonstrated great personal courage and devotion to duty. Home address: Mr. Charles A. Mondhan, (father) 1818 12 th Street, Anacortes, Washington,

Private First Class GEORGE H. SMITH, (36471177), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippines Islands, on 16 March 1945. Private Smith, assigned as rifle protection to a Filipino Litter Carrying Party, conducted himself with exemplary courage and initiative when heavy enemy fire was directed at the group. The civilians abandoned the litter in the open but Private Smith bravely dragged them to cover although fully exposed to hostile fire most of the time. Then encouraging and dominating the civilians by the force of his leadership Private Smith reorganized them and successfully removed the litters to safety. His quick and gallant response to the situation undoubtedly saved the lives of his wounded comrades and reflects the highest honor on Private Smith and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Bertie Mae Smith, (mother), Route # 2, Wilburton, Oklahoma.

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I. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL. 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:

Second Lieutenant JAMES C. CLAY, (O-1171089), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Joe M. Clay, (mother), Paris, Arkansas.

First Sergeant WILLIE E. FAUROT, (36865716), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Delores Faurot, (wife), 301 South Hamilton Street, Marshall, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT C. SCOTT, JR. (14192323), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Claude Scott, (father), 400 Sage Street, Teecsa, Georgia.

Private CLARENCE E. SIMON JR. (35551229), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Carrigan Hill, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mazola C. Simon, (mother), 851 Hampton Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

Corporal NORMAN A. SPECHT, (38462891), 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. Hulda Specht, (mother), Route #10, San Antonio, Texas.

II. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Sergeant PHILLIP E. GIRARD, (31287133), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #129, 26 March 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 PHILLIP E. GIRARD, (31287133), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pot Pot, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Rosaire Girard, (father), 53 Portland Street, Springfield, Massachusetts.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade PETER J. SHYMSKE, (33689772), Medical Department, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #256, 29 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:

Technician Fifth Grade PETER J. SHYMSKE, (33680772), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Viola Shymske, (mother), 2550 Saint Tichen Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class IVAN V. WELCH, (39915561), Infantry, by Headquarters 54th Evacuation Hospital, 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 AR 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class IVAN V. WELCH, (39915561), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Apugan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marian Welch, (wife), 124 Oak Street, Midvale, Utah.

III. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section I, General Orders #265, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 31 August 1945, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Private First Class FRANK P. RYDER, (35380810), Infantry, as reads "Ray Banfan" is amended to read "Kay Bamban".

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. 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, 43rd Infantry Division to the following named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant EDWIN D. EGGLESTON, (39292328), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret P. Eggleston, (wife), 921 Poppy Street, Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class MICHAEL E. FAY, (39860475), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 7 February 1945. While moving up into the road-block near Rosario, Private Fay was slightly wounded and returned to the Battalion Aid-Station for treatment. Although his wounds were treated, Private Fay was still in a weakened condition yet he returned to his machine gun on the road-block. All during that night the road-block was attacked and harrassed by small Japanese patrols. Private Fay fired the machine gun throughout the night repulsing every enemy attempt to penetrate or destroy the block. During the attack Private Fay managed to kill eight of the foe and materially aided in repulsing the determined attack of the Japanese. Home address: Mrs. Ferol I. Fay, (mother), 340 North 12th Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Private CUSTIS F. HARPER, (20949685), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Baras, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 March 1945. On that day Private Harper, a member of a small dismounted reconnaissance patrol in the vicinity of Baras, displayed outstanding courage and coolness by carrying out orders and setting a very large enemy ammunition dump on fire. Although the enemy tried very hard to kill him with small-arms fire to save the dump. Private Harper's coolness under fire and unquestioning obedience to orders reflects great credit on the military service and were a material factor in killing many of the enemy as well as destroying the ammunition supply dump. Home address: Mary A. Robinson, (mother), Fort McKenzic, Sheridan, Wyoming.

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Private First Class CHARLES F. HUDSON, (38627139), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Sugar Leaf Hill, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 16 March 1945. Private Hudson bravely left the safety of his fox-hole to render first-aid and drag to safety two severely wounded comrades in spite of the danger to his life from assaulting Japanese foot-soldiers and concentrated enemy fire. This exemplary regard for the lives of his fellow soldiers reflects great credit on Private Hudson and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lula Mae Hudson, (mother), Route # 2, Box # 60, Hickory Flat, Mississippi.

Private First Class THOMAS R. SCHWAB, (33428916), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Rosario and Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 11 May 1945. Throughout this period Private Schwab has conducted himself with exemplary courage and heroic devotion to duty. Constantly leading carrying parties over the roughest terrain and often exposed to hostile fire; Private Schwab's successful accomplishment of every mission, in spite of the great obstacles to be overcome, was a vital factor in the combat success of his unit. In addition Private Schwab demonstrated outstanding ability while laying many mines and booby traps which caused numerous casualties to the enemy. Private Schwab by his superior devotion to duty reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Schwab, (mother), Building 30, Longfellow Drive, Homestead, Pennsylvania.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Captain JOEN J. JOHNSON, (O-1316904), 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 25 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margot Johnson (wife), 569 Pennsylvania Avenue, Glen Ellyn, Illinois. ✓

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I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. 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, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant ARTHUR T. LARSON, (39388939), (then Sergeant), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Hill 355, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 24 January 1945. Sergeant Larson was a member of an Engineer Demolition Team assisting an Infantry Regiment during its attack on Hill 355. Learning the enemy entrenched in a tunnel was holding up the advance of leading Infantry elements with automatic-weapon fire, Sergeant Larson with three companions fearlessly crawled forward with prepared charges to destroy the Japanese strong-point. Fully cognizant of the risk involved, Sergeant Larson with the aid of his comrades succeeded in hurling a twenty-pound charge into the mouth of the tunnel. The resulting explosion neutralized the hostile emplacement enabling the Infantry to continue its advance and successfully capture its objective. Although wounded by a fragment from an exploding mortar shell Sergeant Larson courageously continued with his demolition work until three more hostile emplacements were neutralized and one mountain gun destroyed. Sergeant Larson's indomitable courage, gallantry, and firm determination reflect great credit to himself and to the United States Army. Home address: Mr. Arthur F. Larson, (father), 1227 Warren Avenue, Bremerton, Washington.

Private First Class ALVIN A. MARSTEN, (39477884), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 7 March 1945. When a seriously wounded companion rolled helplessly down a hill toward a fifty foot high cliff Private Marsten bravely left the safety of a fox-hole to stop the fall of his fellow soldier. Unable to move the injured man to safety by himself Private Marsten gallantly held on to his helpless comrade even though enemy riflemen were firing at him; until with the aid of another he dragged the wounded man to safety. Private Marsten's great courage is in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Home address: Mrs. L. A. Blake, (sister), 8408 Duncen Avenue, Seattle 8, Washington.

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II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class LELAND HAYES JARRED, (37519753), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of the Shimbu Line, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 March 1945. On that day when Private Jarred's Platoon was suddenly attacked by a large enemy force he bravely exposed himself to the enemy and fired his automatic-weapon swiftly and accurately permitting his pinned down companions to maneuver to more protected positions. Because of Private Jarred's courageous reaction to the situation his unit successfully broke up the Japanese attack with a minimum of casualties. Home address: Mrs. Jessie L. Jarred, (mother), Route # 1, La Cygne, Kansas.

Sergeant EMIL ROBINSON, (35869647), (then Private), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 18 May to 28 June 1945. Since all the officers and non-commissioned officers had become casualties Sergeant Robinson was acting Platoon Sergeant and at times Platoon Leader throughout this period. His organization and leadership, while directing his Platoon when attacking Company objectives, was outstanding. Always brave and aggressive in battle Sergeant Robinson personally killed thirteen of the enemy during the period mentioned. His coolness and inspiring personality under fire reflects great credit on Sergeant Robinson and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Martha J. Hicks, (mother), Dwarf, Kentucky.

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I. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL. 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:

Corporal JAMES C. BANISTER, (38437953), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dora Banister, (mother), 58 South 36 $\frac{1}{2}$  Street, Paris, Texas.

First Lieutenant PAUL F. BLISS, (O-129122), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Paul F. Bliss, (wife), 634 East 5th Street, Sidalia, Missouri.

Captain VITO V. DEPALMA, (O-1300615), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Kay Bam Ban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Catherine DePalma, (mother), 4 Carpenter Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Captain JOHN S. EGENBERGER, (O-337826), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. A. H. Egonberger, (brother), 4337 Corby Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Private JAMES P. FORTIER, (3134375), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bolac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise Fortier, (mother), 89 South Street, Waterbury, Connecticut.

Captain EUGENE E. GREENLEY, (O-376578), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Kay Bam Ban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth W. Greenley, (wife), Knight Hall, Laramie, Wyoming.

Private First Class EDWIN J. HEINZ, (37614093), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Kay Bam Ban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Francis E. Heinz, (wife), 674 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

First Lieutenant PHILIP J. HUGHES, (O-1223231), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Sugar Loaf Hill, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Philip J. Hughes, (wife), 1542-41st Avenue, San Francisco, California.

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Private First Class WADE I. JOHNSTON, (38688935), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bulao, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Irene Johnston, (mother), Route #2, Perrin, Texas.

II: AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class ALBERT E. BROZBEIT, (32953919), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #217, 19 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:

Private First Class ALBERT E. BROZBEIT, (32953919), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Brozbeitz, (mother), 85 Timber Avenue, Westville, New Jersey.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class WILLIE A. JOHNSON, (38657287), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #190, 16 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:

Private First Class WILLIE A. JOHNSON, (38657287), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bulao, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Berna Beatrice Johnson, (wife), Route #1, Box 126, Leesville, Louisiana.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KING:

OFFICIAL:

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

C. P. ROBINSON  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief of Staff



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I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9119, 4 February 1941, (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 JOHN W. BAKER, (34275164), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cabanatuan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 1-20 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Vrdie T. Baker (mother) Route #2, Ramer, Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES R. DORTON, (33443941), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 January 1945. On this date, near Manaog, Corporal Dorton voluntarily drove his machine gun-mounted, quarter ton truck directly into the face of enemy small-arms fire in order that the machine gunner could place effective fire on a group of Japanese that had a guerrilla patrol pinned down. As a result of Corporal Dorton's heroic and courageous action the patrol was able to maneuver and succeed in dispersing the hostile group. Home address: Mrs. Hazel Dorton (wife) 1412 Valley Avenue, Winchester, Virginia.

Staff Sergeant LESLIE L. FRY, (33508673), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cabanatuan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 27 April to 15 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ella L. Fry (wife) 3721 Northwest 14th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Technician Fourth Grade PAUL P. KUBLI, (32037333), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cabanatuan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 1-20 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Kubli (mother) 132 Seneca Street, Penn Yan, New York.

Staff Sergeant WADE H. SMITH Jr., (34635012), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 May 1945. When heavy enemy fire pinned down many of the men of his Company, Sergeant Smith voluntarily placed his Mortar Battery at an exposed location in order to shell the hostile positions. Since the enemy was dug in within fifty feet of the Company perimeter Sergeant Smith exposed himself to hostile fire in order to adjust the angle so that nearby friendly troops would not be injured. Because of his bold and daring conduct, Sergeant Smith was largely responsible for silencing the dangerous Japanese installations. Home address: Mrs. Winnie B. S. Smith (mother) Box 254, Macon, Mississippi.

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II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL - OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Sergeant ROBERT G. ARELLO, (34809381), (then Private First Class), Infantry, by this headquarters, as published in General Orders #28, dated 23 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 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Sergeant ROBERT G. ARELLO, (34809381), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 10 April to 5 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rose P. Arello (mother) 502 North Pine Street, Florence, Alabama.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Major GERALD W. GRIFFITH, (O-452343), (then Captain), Infantry, by this headquarters, as published in General Orders #147, dated 1 May 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:

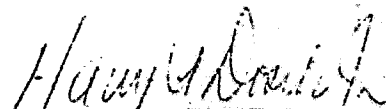
Major GERALD W. GRIFFITH, (O-452343), (then Captain), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 23 May to 31 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Catherine V. Griffith (wife) 2653 Dolphin Avenue, San Pedro, California.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Major JOSEPH A. LILBERMAN, (O-385916), Corps of Engineers, by this headquarters, as published in General Orders #26, dated 30 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:

Major JOSEPH A. LIEBERMAN, (O-385916), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 27 April to 9 July 1945. Home address: Mr. David Lieberman (father) 4124 Norfolk Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

  
HARRY A. DOSCH Jr.  
Major, AGD  
Adjutant General

C. P. ROBBINS  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief of Staff

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. 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, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class GORDON M. SPOTTS, (37555033), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 January 1945. The Weapons Platoon, of which Private Spotts was a member, took up positions to support the Company attack and cover the assaulting element. In order to effectively provide the covering fire Private Spotts and his assistant gunner without hesitation, moved their machine gun to an exposed position in the face of withering enemy small-arms fire. A few moments later the assistant gunner was mortally wounded by a hostile bullet and Private Spotts, at great risk and with complete disregard for his personal safety carried his stricken comrade to a protected position. Private Spotts immediately returned to the gun position, again courageously exposing himself to direct, intense enemy machine-gun fire, and retrieved the weapon. This gallant act on the part of Private Spotts was responsible for saving the life of his wounded companion. Home address: Mrs. Ibe Spotts, (mother), 219 James Avenue, Mankato, Minnesota.

I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class JOHN AGUILAR, (39299769), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 10 May 1945. Throughout this period, Private Aguilar, as gunner of an 81mm mortar, exhibited qualities of courage and combat proficiency in the performance of his hazardous task. His rapid and accurate direction of mortar shelling materially contributed to the high standard of achievement set by his unit in accomplishing its fire missions. On many occasions Private Aguilar voluntarily continued on duty day and night in order to provide mortar support for forward elements of his Company. His loyalty and devotion to duty under fire reflect high honor on Private Aguilar and the military service. Home address: Mr. Jose Aguilar, (father), Box 864, Yuma, Arizona.

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Technical Sergeant ALEXANDER COCHRANE, (36130773), (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lingayen Beach, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January 1945 to 15 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. David Cochran, (mother), 7001 Pinchurst Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH J. DiSANTO, (32846542), (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 January 1945. While moving his squad in position to protect his Company's right flank Sergeant DiSanto courageously exposed himself to enemy fire in order to choose the most covered route of advance. During this time his Squad was engaged in fighting off the foe. Sergeant DiSanto boldly moved among his men controlling their fire and calling their attention to new targets. When the position finally became untenable Sergeant DiSanto kept his men fighting until the rest of the unit had moved to a better location and then waited till the last man of his squad had rejoined his Company before withdrawing himself. Home address: Mrs. Mary DiSanto, (wife), 131 Huron Street, Syracuse, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT A. STENISE, (36742137), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Etta Senese, (mother), 7219 S. Damen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL ING:

OFFICIAL:

C. F. ROBBINS  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief of Staff

*Harry A. Dosch Jr.*  
HARRY A. DOSCH JR.  
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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL. 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 THEODORE R. BROWN, (33454698), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Palac Palac, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 January 1945. After fighting off an all-night enemy attack, just at daybreak, Private Brown noticed ten Japanese running toward his position. Opening fire with his pistol at a range of 75 yards, Private Brown killed several of the enemy and when two hostile grenades dropped into his fox-hole he swiftly threw them back, thereby momentarily halting the foe. But the Japanese resumed their assault and reached his position while he was reloading so Private Brown engaged two with his trench knife. Although he suffered two serious bayonet wounds in the encounter Private Brown succeeded in fighting his way to a nearby fox-hole and with the help of the occupants repelled the enemy. Home address: Mr. Charles B. Brown, (brother), 3414 Eads Street, Washington, D.C.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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 LAWRENCE T. EVANS, (O-1103154), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Cabanatuan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 26 April to 9 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary L. Evans, (wife), 221 Oak Terrace, Mount Penn, Reading, Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Colonel RAYMOND E. KINCH, (O-369461), (then Major), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area, during period 6 July 1944 to 16 May 1945. Colonel Kinch was distinguished himself as proficient and fearless leader of men throughout the New Guinea and Luzon Campaigns. Again and again as Battalion Commander during the Ipo Dam operation Colonel Kinch inspired his men to high achievements by personally leading them in night-time assaults against enemy strongholds. Regardless of the intensity of hostile fire Colonel Kinch at all times shared the

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dangers and hardships of the most forward elements of his unit.  
Home address: Mrs. Royce Kinch, (wife), 68 Western Avenue,  
Augusta, Maine.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD KRINGSBERGER, (35630134), Corps  
of Military Police, United States Army. For meritorious achievement  
in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon,  
Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 1 July 1945. Home  
address: Mrs. Jennie Kringsberger, (mother), 115 Hudson Avenue,  
Newark, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant ARNOLD F. LUCHETTI, (37582100), Corps of  
Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in con-  
nection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity  
of Cabanatuan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 27 April to  
15 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise L. Luchetti, (wife),  
Monero, New Mexico.

Captain ERNEST L. SAMPLE, (O-1304795), Infantry, United States  
Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations  
against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9  
January to 15 July 1945. Captain Sample distinguished himself as  
a courageous leader during the Luzon Campaign. Then a Company  
Commander he continuously displayed boldness, daring, and fearlessness  
by advancing at the head of his company in night attacks, by  
constantly exposing himself to enemy fire to direct the battle  
and by personally engaging the foe on numerous occasions. Captain  
Sample's coolness, calmness, and indifference to danger, while  
under fire, were an inspiring example to his officers and men. Home  
address: Mr. Frank Sample, (father), 801 South Main Street,  
Goshen, Indiana.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KING:

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C. P. ROBBINS  
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Chief of Staff

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HENRY A. DOSCH JR  
Major, AGD  
Adjutant General.

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I. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-15, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class JAMES C. ALLEN, (39209379), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Morling Hill, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. Home address: Mr. John J. Allen, (father), 4654 Orcas Street, Seattle, Washington.

Private First Class DAVE W. GEORGE, (39333011), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mattie George, (mother), 10007 North Denver Court, Portland Oregon.

Private First Class THEODORE H. JACOBSON, (39477742), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. William Coveyton, (mother), Port Angeles, Washington.

Private GEORGE W. LAMBERT, (35391497), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bolao, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Junior McKinley Lambert, (father), Roanoke, West Virginia.

Second Lieutenant THOMAS A. MAROON, (O-2007409), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Hill 860, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Sadie Maroon, (mother), 6 Main Street, North Vassalboro, Maine.

Sergeant ALEXANDER G. MARTINEZ, (38351824), (then PFC), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Victoria G. Martinecz, (mother), Cerrillos, New Mexico.

Sergeant EMIL ROBINSON, (35869647), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Martha Jane Hicks, (mother), Dwarf, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant FRED SULLIVAN, (31268587), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bolao, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Sullivan, (mother), Box #37, Groveston, New Hampshire.

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First Lieutenant JOHN E. WECK, (O-1301730), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 April 1945. Home address: Mr. John J. Weck, (father), 7 Kupsch Street, Sayreville, New Jersey.

II. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class JAMES C. ALLEN, (39209379), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #715, 25 September 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 JAMES C. ALLEN, (39209379), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 May 1945. Home address: Mr. John J. Allen, (father), 4654 Orcas Street, Seattle, Washington.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Sergeant ALEXANDER G. MARTINEZ, (38351924), (then Private First Class), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #715, 25 September 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 ALEXANDER G. MARTINEZ, (38351924), (then Private First Class), 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. Victoria G. Martinez, (mother), Carrillos, New Mexico.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Sergeant ALEXANDER G. MARTINEZ, (38351924), (then Private First Class), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #715, 25 September 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 ALEXANDER G. MARTINEZ, (38351924), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Kay Bamban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Victoria G. Martinez, (mother), Carrillos, New Mexico.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

C. P. ROBBINS  
Colonel GSC  
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*Harry D. Dosch Jr.*  
HARRY D. DOSCH JR.  
Major, AGD  
Adjutant General

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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 1945, (Gen. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1941), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class ROY E. PANNELL, (31607273), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 15 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Martha A. Pannell (mother) Lee Creek, Arkansas.

Corporal FRANK A. SUPRYNOWICZ, (31170607), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 June 1945. Corporal Suprynowicz and several companions voluntarily set out to kill or capture a party of well armed Japanese. Although they surprised the enemy and killed several, the remainder fought back fanatically, pinning down some of Corporal Suprynowicz's companions. Swiftly crawling to a vantage point, he placed such effective fire on the hostile soldiers that they started to flee. Bravely rushing around them in the open, Corporal Suprynowicz took up a covered position from which he killed several of the enemy and cut off the retreat of the rest. His coolness, quiet thinking, and high devotion to duty resulted in the complete rout of the enemy and reflect the highest qualities of leadership in the service. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Suprynowicz (mother) 99 Notchkiss Street, Middletown, Connecticut.

Captain FRANK E. TRIBUR, (O-1283924), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 4 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Frank Tribur Sr. (mother) 5008 Fourth Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Sergeant AMERICO VENDETTI, (31130510), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 June 1945. Sergeant Vendetti volunteered to carry a heavy machine gun on a patrol to kill or capture a well armed Japanese force. Although he succeeded in placing surprise fire on the foe from close range, killing several, the enemy fought back fanatically with small arms and grenades. But Sergeant Vendetti by bravely exposing himself was able to fire so powerfully at the Japanese that they were all dispersed or killed. His coolness and skill under fire reflect great credit on Sergeant Vendetti and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lena Vendetti (mother) 12 Valley Street, Providence, Rhode Island

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Private First Class W. L. WESTBROOK, (39514331), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 January 1945. On this night Private Westbrook's Company underwent a heavy attack from the enemy. Disregarding the hail of enemy fire, Private Westbrook stood up in his position so as to get a better view of the enemy and brought withering fire on the foe. When his gun jammed, Private Westbrook continued to oppose the enemy by throwing hand grenades until the hostile fire was silenced and Japanese forces were routed. Home address: Mrs. Lila Westbrook (mother), Route #3, St. Joseph, Louisiana.

Sergeant CLIFFORD A. WHITE, (39134185), (then Private First Class), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 May 1945. While advancing with his platoon to take a Japanese stronghold, Sergeant White and his companions were ambushed from all sides by the enemy. Quickly responding to the situation, Sergeant White hurriedly set up his light machine gun and fully exposing himself, placed such effective fire on the well concealed foe that all of the hostile weapons were silenced. Because of Sergeant White's initiative and swift, accurate firing of his weapon, his Platoon was able to withdraw from a precarious position without further casualties. Home address: Mrs. Elsie Miller (sister) Concrete, Washington.

Private First Class ELSIE L. WINN, (39916227), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 April 1945. Private Winn's Company was defending a road-block near Pantay, a Japanese infiltration party attempting to penetrate the Company perimeter. When the enemy was betrayed by a trip flare, Private Winn immediately directed machine-gun fire at the foe. Although Private Winn was constantly exposed to hostile bullets he continued operating his weapon for over an hour until the Japanese fled abandoning eighteen of their dead. Home address: Mrs. Effie Winn (mother) Roosevelt, Utah.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KING:

OFFICIAL:

C. P. ROBINS  
Colonel, G3C  
Chief of Staff

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HARRY A. BOSCH JR.  
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I. AWARD OF THE SOLDIERS MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, Vol. 1926), a Soldiers Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class MURRAY A. STEIN, (33596856), Infantry, United States Army. For heroism near Yokama, New Guinea on 16 October 1944. When a comrade was caught in a strong undertow about one hundred yards from shore Private Stein fearlessly plunged into the surging water and by means of magnificent swimming ability reached the unconscious body of his drowning fellow soldier. Although he was buffeted about by huge waves Private Stein held the stricken man above the water until they were both pulled to shore by a life line which others threw to him. Private Stein's bold and resolute act was directly responsible for saving the life of a companion soldier. Home address: Mr. George A. Stein (father) 5743 Virginian Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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 PHILIP F. FLEISIG, (39142319), Branch Immaterial, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 6 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Philip F. Fleisig (wife) Tracy, California.

Private First Class MELVIN R. OUTTERSIDE, (33539987), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. Private Outterside volunteered to lead a party to rescue and give first aid to several soldiers who had fallen wounded and helpless in an area which was under heavy enemy fire. While attempting to reach the wounded, the group was subjected to hostile fire. Ordering his men to take cover, Private Outterside, disregarding his own safety, exposed himself while discovering a covered route which enabled them to reach the wounded men without injury. On the return trip Private Outterside boldly advanced ahead of the column in order to draw the fire of any Japanese in the area and thereby forewarn his comrades of the danger. Home address: Mrs. M. R. Outterside Sr. (mother) 1009 South Shaver Street, Pasadena, Texas.

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First Lieutenant THOMAS J. PAPPAS, (O-1319153), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 25 February to 10 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen L. Pappas (mother) 47 Beach Street, Dover, New Jersey.

Sergeant MICHAEL A. RIGGILO, (35397032), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 13 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary H. Riggilo (mother) 411 South Sixth Street, Steubenville, Ohio.

Private First Class LOUIS I. RIGGLIS, (36475031), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 13 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Della Riggins (mother) R.F.D., Box 59, East St. Louis, Illinois.

Corporal VINCENT A. WONSON, (32310112), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 1 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Wonson (mother) 54 Hanmeyer Street, Brooklyn, New York.

First Lieutenant JOHN F. YANT, (O-1313454), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 April 1945. Lieutenant Yant was leading his Platoon against strong enemy fortifications near Mount Yubang when it was subjected to a concentrated mortar, grenade, machine-gun and small-arms attack by the Japanese. Among the casualties was Lieutenant Yant who suffered a severe head wound because of which he was later hospitalized for sixty days. In spite of shock and painful loss of blood Lieutenant Yant spurred his men forward so aggressively and with such speed that the entrenched foe was overpowered and the objective taken. Home address: Mrs. Ruth M. Yant (wife) 143 Grand Avenue, Northwest Canton, Ohio.

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HEADQUARTERS 43D INFANTRY DIVISION  
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I. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 300-5, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade ALLEN T. BOWDEN, (16103873), Field Artillery, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Robert M. Bowden, (father), 2001 Alma Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Private MANUEL CARRILLO, (38331130), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bigti, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Juanita Carrillo, (wife), Box #66, Laredo, Texas.

Private First Class JAY C. GERBER, (33515978), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mt. Alava, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. Home address: Mr. James W. Gerber, (father), 142 North Spruce Street, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ROBERT J. KRAFT, (39935476), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emma G. Kraft, (mother), Shelby, Montana.

Private First Class WAYNE A. LOWRANCE, (38344785), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Hill #385, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Guida G. Lowrance, (mother), Box #27, Dimmitt, Texas.

Private First Class THEODORE V. MAIER, (37666707), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Hill #170, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Fairrie E. Maier, (mother), 1104 South 25th Street, Dodge, Iowa.

Private First Class JOHN H. McCREARY, (39688527), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Sapang, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Vesta McCreary, (mother), Route #1, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Private First Class WILLIAM G. MCGEE, (34917505), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bualon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth F. McGee, (wife), 402 Commercial Avenue, Alabama City, Alabama.

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Private First Class JOSEPH O. ORDOGNE, (38652481), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bambang, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Caroline Ordogne, (wife), Choctaw, Route #2, Thibodaux, Louisiana.

Private First Class KENNETH J. STROM, (37548969), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Mt. Alava, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ellen Strom, (mother), Route #3, Box #324, Duluth, Minnesota.

II. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Corporal JAMES T. LEE, (38641427), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #303, 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:

Corporal JAMES T. LEE, (38641427), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Hill #815, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eldia Lee, (mother), Box #3, Bullard, Texas.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class ERNEST SMITH, (34409542), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #12, 27 March 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 ERNEST SMITH, (34409542), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 April, 1945. Home address: Mrs. Stella Smith, (mother), Winter Haven, Florida.

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I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. 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 men:

Private First Class ARNOLD J. KARIUS, (36902034), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Private Karius, although almost exhausted from many days and nights of fierce combat, volunteered with six companions to carry their seriously wounded Battalion Commander to medical attention. The route back was across very rough and broken terrain which was infested with enemy patrols. With stubborn determination, Private Karius and his companions moved laboriously step by step not stopping for rest nor for cover from enemy shell fragments or bullets until they arrived at a safe place with their stricken Commander. Although Private Karius literally dropped with exhaustion at the Battalion Command Post; he soon answered the impelling call of duty and returned to his defense position over the same difficult and dangerous route. Home address: Mrs. Ella Karius (mother) RR #2, Bellville, Illinois.

Private First Class GERALD NELSON, (36552064), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 January 1945. On this date, Private Nelson's Infantry Company attacked strong enemy positions on Hill #580. During the course of the assault, the Japanese launched a fierce counter-attack causing some casualties to our troops. Observing a seriously wounded soldier in an exposed position, Private Nelson fearlessly rushed forward in the face of hostile fire and succeeded in moving the injured man to safety. Private Nelson then returned and assisted in evacuating another wounded companion to an aid-station. Largely because of Private Nelson's bold and resolute action the lives of two comrades were undoubtedly saved. Home address: Mrs. Martha Nelson (mother) 306 North 25rd Street, Saginaw, Michigan.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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:

Captain JOHN A. COBB JR., (9-101317), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 4-24 June 1945. Home address: Capt. John A. Cobb Sr. (mother) 1205 Hanover Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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Private First Class ARNOLD J. KARIUS, (36902034), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 May 1945. Willingly responding to a call for litter bearers, Private Karius, undeterred by darkness, enemy artillery shelling, or possible ambush, laboriously trudged over the rugged and slippery path to the wounded men. Because of his remarkable memory of terrain and resolute spirit he and his companions successfully brought the litters back to the Aid-Station without getting lost or suffering casualties from evening patrols. Private Karius expended his energy to a maximum in this task in order to keep the wounded men as comfortable as possible. His remarkable bravery and physical endurance reflect high honor on Private Karius and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ella Karius (mother) RR #2, Belleville, Illinois.

Private First Class CLUSTER F. PAC, (33059351), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 March 1945. Attached to a leading Platoon assaulting Sugar Loaf Hill on that day, Private Pac under intense enemy fire acted in utter disregard of his personal safety to assist wounded in the Company. Finding that the entire Company was pinned down by small-arms fire after assisting wounded in the leading Platoon, Private Pac made his way through the enemy line of fire to give needed aid to the remainder of the Company. After completion of this task he led a litter party back to the forward element to evacuate its injured. Private Pac's heroic efforts and unflinching devotion was undoubtedly instrumental in saving the lives of several wounded. Home address: Mrs. Julia Pac (mother) 1144 Albion Street, Wyandotte, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant GEORGE M. VEREMEYCHIK, (33431514), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, and Kumagaya, Japan, during period 15 June to 25 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Veremeychik (mother) 952 Eighth Avenue, Brackenridge, Pennsylvania.

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1944, (Bulletin 43, WD, 1944), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade SIDNEY F. FLOYD JR., (34788108), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 May 1945. Corporal Floyd, although almost exhausted from many days and nights of fierce combat, volunteered with six companions to carry their seriously wounded Battalion Commander to a medical aid-station. The route back was across very rough broken and very slippery terrain which was infested with enemy patrols. With stubborn determination Corporal Floyd and his companions moved laboriously step by step not stopping for rest nor for cover from enemy shell fragments or bullets until they arrived at a safe place with their stricken commander. Although Corporal Floyd literally dropped with exhaustion at the Battalion Command Post he soon answered the impelling call of duty and returned to his defense position over the same difficult and dangerous route. Home address: Mr. Sidney F. Floyd Sr., (father), Grand Crossing, Florida.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Captain JAMES T. BLOEMAKER, (C-1291222), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 1 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret A. Bloemaker, (mother), 736 East Delmar Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Private First Class NAMAN S. BUCKMILLER, (39912718), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 14 March 1945. Private Buckmiller bravely volunteered to help evacuate several

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wounded companions who lay helpless in an area exposed to heavy enemy machine-gun and sniper fire. In spite of the danger to his life Private Buckmiller succeeded in removing the injured soldiers to a safe place for medical treatment. Because of his courage and devotion to duty Private Buckmiller was largely responsible for the safe evacuation of all his wounded comrades. Home address: Mrs. Emma T. Buckmiller, (mother), 160 F Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN BUTKOVICH, (12089183), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Butkovich, (mother), 174 Kussal Street, Brooklyn, (22), New York.

Sergeant WILLIAM B. EAGAN, (33626323), 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 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. John J. Eagan, (mother), 863 North Centre Street, Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class BILLIE D. GILES, (39860816), 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 17 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Henry Giles, (mother), Box 503, Chandler, Arizona.

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I. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL. 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:

Private First Class GEORGE H. P. WENNET (39135309), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Jestien Bartlett, (brother), P.O. Box 343, Chico, California.

Private First Class DAVID R. CRAMER, (38491388), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Hill #1500, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anneline Cramer, (mother), Box 1264, El Paso, Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade ELMER I. FOX, (36949804), Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Anget, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise Fox, (wife), 5244 South Artesian Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Captain BENJAMIN G. GREEN, (O-487067), Medical Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Duke Duke Island, New Georgia Group, Solomon Islands on 18 July 1943. Home address: Mrs. Benjamin G. Green, (wife), 604 East Phoenix Street, South Haven, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade GORDON L. HAYES, (39332854), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Baras, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Wilma R. Hayes, (mother), 724 Alver Street, Medford, Oregon.

Private First Class G. F. MILLER, (34721961), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945. Home address: Mr. James W. Miller, (father), Etawah, Tennessee.

Technician Fourth Grade JERMIUS J. WOZEK, (36751320), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Lingayen, Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bernice Wozek, (mother), 9615 South Racine Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT J. ZULAUF, (36448397), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Mt. Tawauan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Cornelia Zulauf, (mother), 1154 North 5th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

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II. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Captain BENJAMIN G. GREEN, (O-487067), Medical Corps, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #721, 25 September 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:

Captain BENJAMIN G. GREEN, (O-487067), Medical Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Bobonan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Benjamin G. Green, (wife), 904 East Phoenix Street, South Haven, Michigan.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to First Lieutenant CARL L. PAGE, (O-389247), 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:

First Lieutenant CARL L. PAGE, (O-389247), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945, Home address: Mrs. Carl L. Page, (wife), Erick, Oklahoma.

52. } III. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Paragraph 6, General Orders #276, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 4 June 1945, as pertains to the Award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Private First Class ALEXANDER G. MARTINEZ, (38351924), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

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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, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician 4th Grade HENRI F. DOUD, (37196562), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 5 March 1945. When a grass fire threatened to ignite a pile of powder bags which would have caused great damage if it exploded, Corporal Doud unhesitatingly grabbed fire fighting equipment and, running between the powder and the fire, attempted to put it out. When the extinguisher fluid was exhausted Corporal Doud quickly grabbed a tarpaulin and used it to beat out the flames. His quick thinking and bold response to the situation reflect great honor on Corporal Doud and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Carrie Doud, (mother), RR # 2, Hedrick, Iowa.

Corporal MANUEL A. GONZALES, (39575786), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 April 1945. When enemy fire cut the communication between the Forward Observer and a Mortar Section, Corporal Gonzales bravely left the safety of his fox-hole and crawled laboriously along the wire inspecting and repairing it although he was constantly under heavy fire. Because of Corporal Gonzales' bold and daring act the Mortar Section was able to place such a devastating barrage of exploding shells upon the hostile positions that friendly attacking infantrymen took their objective with very few casualties. Home address: Mrs. Anita Gonzales, (mother), 1200 East 60th Street, Los Angeles, California.

First Sergeant WILLIAM W. GOUGH, (34151722), (then Staff Sergeant), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 1 April to 15 May 1945. Sergeant Gough distinguished himself in the performance of his duties as Platoon Sergeant of a Combat Engineer Unit. In order to build and maintain roads right up to the front Sergeant Gough frequently reconnoitered terrain still infested by the enemy and subjected to artillery fire to locate possible roadways. Because of his efforts the transportation of supplies to the front were greatly facilitated. Sergeant Gough's superior leadership, fortitude, aggressiveness and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to

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all the men of his unit. His calmness and skill under pressure reflects great credit on Sergeant Gough and the United States Army. Home address: Mr. Mose H. Gough, (father), Kelly, Louisiana.

Private First Class JAMES MULLALLY, (26732770), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 30 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ann J. Mullally, (mother), 2542 Duane Street, River Grove, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade WINNIE H. STEWART, (31378244), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 9 May 1945. Willingly responding to a call for litter bearers, Corporal Stewart, undeterred by darkness, enemy artillery shelling or possible ambush, laboriously trudged over the rugged and slippery path to the wounded men. Because of his remarkable memory of terrain features and resolute spirit he and his companions successfully carried the injured soldiers on improvised litters to the aid-station without getting lost or suffering casualties from enemy patrols. Corporal Stewart expended his energy to a maximum in order to keep his stricken comrades as comfortable as possible. His remarkable bravery and physical endurance reflect high honor on Corporal Stewart and the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Gladys H. Stewart, (mother), RFD #1, Collinsville, Connecticut.

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25 September 1945

AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1914), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant CLIFFORD G. ARDOIN, (38183775), (then Corporal), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1946. In order to put an enemy Mortar Battery out of action which was inflicting casualties and seriously hampering the progress of his Company Sergeant Ardoin bravely jumped from the safety of a hole and ran to a point from which he could clearly observe the hostile installation. Immediately calling for and directing counter mortar fire Sergeant Ardoin was instrumental in silencing the Japanese weapons. His exemplary courage and bold spirit reflect great honor on Sergeant Ardoin and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Darzelin Ardoin, (mother), Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH S. COCO, (31345101), (then Private), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 April 1945. On that date finding himself cut off from the remainder of a column by a Japanese road block at a bridge, Corporal Coco, in disregard of his safety, drove his vehicle across the bridge. The trip was made despite the likelihood of the bridge being mined and the knowledge that enemy were on the opposite bank. Once on the other side, after parking his vehicle, he joined in repelling an enemy counter-attack further aiding to the success of his unit's mission. In thus acting so dauntlessly, Corporal Coco reflects great credit on himself and the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Santina Coco, (mother), 348 Withersfield Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Private First Class GORDON M. DELANDSHEER, (36597175), 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 June 1945. After having been on an extremely tiring supplies carrying party all that day through a constant downpour of rain and mud, Private DeLandsheer volunteered for an emergency litter bearer party that would have to travel treacherous terrain to reach the forward observation post where casualties had been assembled. Once there he went to the immediate assistance of three wounded soldiers who were unable to move in a draw 1500 yards in front of the observation post. Through his unhesitating valor, Private DeLandsheer materially aided the recovery of his fellow soldiers, and thus brought great credit to himself and the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Helen DeLandsheer, (mother), 14210 Loretts Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

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Private First Class BERNARD E. MITCHELL, (35884864), Infantry, United States Army. For her achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Philippine Islands, on 17 June 1945. Private Mitchell demonstrated outstanding physical endurance and rare courage while carrying supplies through knee-deep mud during a torrential rainstorm. Exhausted from the performance of his duties during the Mitchell willingly volunteered to return again to the front under enemy fire to evacuate several casualties. With remarkable determination Private Mitchell and several companions succeeded in removing the wounded men to safety although the route back crossed very treacherous terrain and one flood swollen river. His heroic efforts reflect high honor on Private Mitchell and the military service. Home address: Mr. George W. Mitchell, (father), 417 Cherokee Drive, Dayton, Ohio.

Private First Class FRANK ROSE, (37530902), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 1 March 1945. As a member of an Intelligence Patrol which had observed smoke coming from a stream beyond its position, Private Rose volunteered to reconnoiter the area known to have been frequented by Japanese. Because of the treacherous terrain and thick underbrush it was impossible for the entire patrol to reconnoiter as a group. At the location of the smoke, Private Rose discovered several of the foe preparing to leave. Realizing the situation would not allow for sufficient time to call his comrades he unhesitatingly opened fire on the enemy killing one and wounding two others, and causing the remainder to abandon their equipment and flee in chaos. By his excellent judgment and unhesitatingly decisive action, Private Rose set a high example for bravery and accomplishments in the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Melvina Rose, (mother), Ottawa, Canada.

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25 September 1945

Bronze Star Medal-Awards..... I  
Bronze Star Medal-Oak-Leaf Cluster-Awards.... II

1. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provision of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Stat. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade O'N. COOKE, (38478044), (then Technician Fifth Grade), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 22 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Irene Cooke, (mother), Route 3, Innis, Texas.

Private H. O. JOSEPH, (11129302), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pozorrubic, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 25 January 1945. The mortar squad of which Private Joseph was a member was pinned down by heavy enemy machine-gun fire. A rifle squad man nearby had been wounded during the barrage. Acting with quick initiative and at the risk of his life, Private Joseph carried the wounded man about a mile to an aid-station. Private Joseph's daring and quick action reflects great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Abraham Joseph, (mother), 147 Main Street, Fairfield, Maine.

Staff Sergeant PETER OLINITS, (33606031), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pozorrubic, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 25 January 1945. Sergeant Olinits and his squad were brought under heavy enemy machine-gun, mortar and rifle fire and were forced to withdraw. After directing the withdrawal Sergeant Olinits started to carry a wounded man to safety. As he was about to reach a covered position an enemy machine gun opened up on the flank and killed the man he was carrying. Once again displaying incredible courage and leadership, Sergeant Olinits crawled back another hundred yards to drag another wounded man to safety. Home address: Mrs. Anna Olinits, (mother), 118 Kado Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant RAYMOND L. SHAW, (36764475), (then Corporal), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 25 February to 11 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Charlene L. Shaw, (wife), Cambridge, Illinois.

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II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL-OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to the following named officers, by this Headquarters, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded them by the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, I.D., 1944). The citations are as follows:

Major FUGENE E. GREENLEY, (O-376578), (then Captain), Infantry United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 8 May 1945. During an enemy artillery barrage numerous casualties were incurred on our forces. A litter party was immediately organized and ordered to report to the area but due to heavy darkness it became lost, realizing the need for this party Major Greenley organized a patrol and set out in search of the litter bearers. The litter party was contacted and guided to the Battalion Aid Station where treatment was given to them. It was discovered that a litter patient and one litter squad were missing, so Major Greenley immediately reorganized the patrol and set out to locate the group. A strong enemy force was encountered but by skillful handling of his men, they were eluded and contact was made with the missing party. Major Greenley's efficient leadership, initiative and courage reflects great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth E. Greenley, (wife), Knight Hall, Laramie, Wyoming.

Captain EDWARD P. MARSHALL, (O-484121), Chaplain Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 15 February to 23 April 1945. Home address: (Unknown)

First Lieutenant CLARENCE O. SOLEM, (O-1308013), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 15 June to 16 August 1945. Home address: Mr. O. O. Solem, (father), Madison, Minnesota.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KING:

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GENERAL ORDER # 725

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. 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 THEOPHILE L. FAKIER, (18027035), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 January 1945. Private Fakier was attached to the American Red Cross unit of the regiment and landed with the assault companies on that morning. About 1000 while advancing inland, Private Fakier came across a wounded soldier and immediately administered first aid. Since no aid stations were set up at that time, Private Fakier carried the wounded soldier 400 yards to the beach to be evacuated. The initiative and courage displayed by Private Fakier in carrying his wounded comrade over open terrain under heavy enemy fire reflects great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Louis Fakier (Father), 735 North Thibodaux Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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 GUILLERMO CHAVEZ, (38554638), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 January 1945. During the night, when the machine gun in the foxhole next to Sergeant Chavez's was placed out of commission by enemy hand grenades, Sergeant Chavez, with a companion, moved into the foxhole and held off the enemy with rifle fire until another machine gun could be brought up as a replacement. During the day prior to this action, Sergeant Chavez had also personally killed four enemy snipers. The heroic actions of Sergeant Chavez were in keeping with the high traditions of the service. Home address: Miss Alicia Chavez, (sister), 118 1/2 Hidalgo Street, Laredo, Texas.

Private First Class WALTER POLANSKI, (31023465), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9-30 January 1945. On 9 January Private Polanski came ashore on Beach White #2 of Lingayen Gulf with the first assault waves of an Infantry Regiment as part of the military police detachment handling most of the traffic coming through San Fabian. His superior work and tireless devotion to duty helped materially in the successful accomplishment of the enormous task. While a member of the military police detachment in Pozorrubio, he was on post for long arduous hours and although subjected to enemy artillery fire, Private Polanski performed his task in a superior manner.

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Even under the most trying combat conditions, Private Polanski continued to perform his duties with exceptional skill, courage, and aggressiveness. Home address: Mr Stanley Polanski, (father), 5 South Maine Street, Danielson, Connecticut.

Private First Class LEONARD F SMITH, (31366852), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Zambales Mountains, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945. Acting as forward scout, Private Smith thoroughly investigated an important hill even though this hill had been reported as enemy infested the day previous. During the entire operation, Private Smith displayed outstanding qualities of initiative and devotion to duty. Home address: Mrs Bertha Smith, (mother), 129 5th Street, Fall River, Massachusetts.

Private First Class JAMES E STEWART, (34635436), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Zambales Mountains, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 February 1945. Acting as forward scout, Private Stewart thoroughly investigated an important hill even though this hill had been reported as enemy infested the day previous. During the entire operation, Private Stewart displayed outstanding qualities of initiative and devotion to duty. Home address: Mrs Myrtle S Stewart, (mother), Box 171, Benoit, Mississippi.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT T YOUNG, (32356836), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munda, New Georgia; New Zealand; Aitape, New Guinea; and Luzon, Philippine Islands during the period 1 November 1943 to 1 August 1945. Home address: Mrs Margaret R Young, (mother), 2260 24th Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York.

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I. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL. 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 ELMO J. AVILA, (39574360), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Janie Avila, (mother), Box F, Lancaster, California.

Private First Class FRANK L. FESCHER, (35464294), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna R. Feschler, (mother), 9401 Astor Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class VICTOR G. FUENTE, (34785402), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Santa Maria, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Odell Indie Fuente, (wife), 1006 Braddock Street, Tampa, Florida.

Technical Sergeant BURTON G. WEADE, (32940278), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Laura Wade, (mother), Jonesville, New York.

Staff Sergeant LUTHER V. RIGGSBEE, JR. (34465101), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. L. J. Riggsbee, (mother), 1705 Gunter Street, Durham, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant SALVATORE A. SCHILLIZZI, (32961626), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Schillizzi, (mother), 218 East 116th Street, New York, New York.

Private First Class CHARLES E. SIKES, (38405650), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Georgia M. Sikes, (mother), 1902 East Highland Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

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II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart medal awarded to Private First Class EDWARD E. HARRIS, (38470341), 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:

Private First Class EDWARD E. HARRIS, (38470341), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Belac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Maude Harris, (mother), 503 North Vine, Commerce, Oklahoma.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

OFFICIAL:

C. P. ROBBINS  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief of Staff

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I. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL. 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 Fifth Grade DONALD L. CLARK, (35895172), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Cablong, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jean Clark, (wife), Route #1, Franklin, Indiana.

Corporal KENNETH M. FRANCIS, (38514758), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Pozorrubon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Logan J. Francis, (mother), Box #563, Chillicothe, Texas.

Private First Class ALBERT G. KONRAD, (39591479), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Mt. Tanauan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Trancee Konrad, (wife), Box 568, Route #1, Lomita, California.

Technician Fourth Grade CECIL MORGAN, (34304424), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Pot Pot, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Beatrice Morgan, (wife), Pine Hill, Alabama.

First Sergeant HUSE O. SALISBURY, (37561310), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Cablong, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Harold Salisbury, (mother), 3036 Portland Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sergeant CHARLES S. WUHLACE, (33782922), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Mt. Tanauan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Fannie Squillace, (mother), 1743 South Bancroft Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ROBERT L. THOMAS, (35876593), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Cablong, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Annis N. Thomas, (mother), Box 107 RFD #1, West Manchester, Ohio.

II. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade DONALD L. CLARK, (35895172), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #727, 25 September 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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Technician Fifth Grade DONALD L. CLARK, (35895172), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Villages, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Joan Clark, (wife), Route #1, Franklin, Indiana.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class ALBERT G. KONRAD, (39591479), Infantry, by Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #727, 27 September 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 ALBERT G. KONRAD, (39591479), 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. Tranceo Konrad, (wife), Box #568, Route #1, Comita, California.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Private First Class HENRY J. JASINSKI, (36947771), Infantry, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders #195, 1 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:

Private First Class HENRY J. JASINSKI, (36947771), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bernice Jasinski, (wife), 6945 West Farrington Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

III. AMENDMENTS OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section I, General Orders #284, Headquarters 43d Infantry Division, 6 June 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart Medal to Technician Fifth Grade DONALD L. CLARK, (35895172), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

So much of Section 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 ALBERT G. KONRAD, (39591479), Infantry, is hereby revoked.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

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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, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade DONALD L. CLARK, (35895172), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 28 January 1945. As Transportation Corporal of a Company and detachment Corporal Clark displayed courage and bravery while boldly going under heavy enemy fire to transport wounded men to safety. Corporal Clark's deep devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Jean Clark, (wife), R. R. #1, Franklin, Indiana.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM C. GRAHAM, (38507438), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 16 January 1945. On this night the Battalion perimeter was attacked by seven enemy tanks. During one of the attacks one of our men was seriously wounded and was lying helpless in the open. With utter disregard of personal safety, Sergeant Graham left his shelter and went out to the assistance of the wounded man. By his heroic action Sergeant Graham displayed outstanding qualities as a soldier. Home address: Mrs. Ella M. Graham, (mother), 720 West 22nd Avenue, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

First Lieutenant JOHN S. MCKAY, (O-472274), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Potpot, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15-17 January 1945. A small section of Lieutenant McKay's communication platoon received orders to move out with an advance group of an Infantry Battalion. A perimeter was set up on arrival and communications were set up with the rear. At about 2330 the first burst of fire from some enemy tanks severed wire communication with the rear. Upon being informed of this break and realizing the necessity for repairs, Lieutenant McKay unhesitatingly left his shelter and speedily and efficiently made the necessary repairs thereby re-establishing communications. During this action Lieutenant McKay was slightly wounded but continued his mission until it was completed. Home address: Mr. David D. McKay, (father), 5223 Carpenter Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

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First Lieutenant R. D. McKEE, (O-1312963), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Santa Maria, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 April 1945. On this date Lieutenant McKee, upon being informed that the enemy had made a raid the night before and captured a civilian, immediately organized a patrol and proceeded to go into enemy territory. After a short contact with the enemy a short fire-fight ensued in which four of the enemy were killed and the civilian was recovered. Lieutenant McKee's decisive action was instrumental in saving the lives of a friendly civilian and reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. R. D. McKee, (wife), 1436 North Hampshire Place, Mason City, Iowa.

Technician Third Grade ROBERT J. WOLFE, (35144029), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Hill 806, near Anticolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 28 March 1945. During a surprise attack on the battalion to which Sergeant Wolfe was a member, heavy casualties were sustained. Sergeant Wolfe displayed coolness, efficiency and complete disregard for personal safety in handling all the casualties, and safely evacuated them to a battalion aid station. Sergeant Wolfe's initiative and devotion to duty reflects great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Robert J. Wolfe, (wife), 323 West Washington Street, Leland, Indiana.

BY UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND:

OFFICIAL:

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Colonel, GSC  
Chief of Staff

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Assistant General

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. 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 RAYMOND HARVEY, (39860173), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 April 1945. Private Harvey, a member of a heavy machinegun squad, was guarding a strategic road-block near Antipolo. When twenty of the enemy attacked, he held his position behind his machine gun with the knowledge that there were no supporting troops in the vicinity, opened fire, and momentarily demoralized the enemy. This immediate action stopped the enemy from placing dynamite charges in the vicinity of the road block. A fire fight developed and lasted about 30 minutes. Private Harvey held his position throughout, delivering heavy fire upon the Japanese. A check after the fight disclosed 20 enemy dead in front of the machine-gun position. By his calm courage in the face of the attack and his steadfastness in holding his position, Private Harvey won the admiration of all associated with him. Home address: Mrs J. B. Harvey, (mother), 1110 East Ireland, Phoenix, Arizona.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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 ALVIN CHAPMAN, (31345055), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. While his company was attacking Hill 200, Private Chapman manned a machine gun in an exposed position on the right flank, providing covering fire for the advancing men. In spite of heavy enemy small arms fire, and his dangerous position, he provided intense fire which broke up a concentration of the enemy preparing to counter-attack and inflicted heavy casualties upon them. A reserve platoon of our men were then able to clear out the remaining enemy without loss of life. By his determined stand in an exposed position at great personal risk, and his superior performance of duty, Private Chapman greatly contributed to the successful capture of the hill and the elimination of a large number of the enemy. Home address: Miss A. Lines, (relationship unknown), 220 Walnut Street, Hartford 5, Connecticut.

Technical Sergeant WILLIE E FAUROT, (36865716), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 May 1945. When a critical shortage of ammunition developed in his Battalion while they were under constant bombardment and heavy enemy attack, Sergeant Faurot voluntarily left

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the Battalion Command Post and made his way through artillery and sniper fire to another unit where he obtained the much needed ammunition and returned with it to the Command Post. Throughout the trip, although exposed to great danger, he went forward with an intenceness of purpose and devotion to duty that was an inspiration to the men around him. By his loyalty and utter disregard for personal safety, Technical Sergeant Faurot contributed in a large degree to the success of the defense of the Battalion Command Post. Home address: Mrs Willie E Faurot, (wife), 405 South Jefferson Street, Marshall, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade JASPER GIACOLONE, (39202265), 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 30 May 1945. Home address: Mr Vincent Giacalone, (father), 1732 South 31st Street, Tacoma, Washington.

Private First Class CLAUDE R NICKERSON, (39299836), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Private Nickerson was company wireman of a company holding a hill for the night. During the early morning hours the enemy laid down an intense knee mortar barrage which severed the only wire leading to the Battalion Command Post. Unmindful of his personal safety, Private Nickerson left the security of his foxhole exposing himself to the enemy fire, crawled along the wire to the break and repaired the line. Heavy weapons support was then secured which silenced the hostile fire and ended the possibility of enemy attack. By his outstanding display of courage, coolness under fire, and devotion to duty, Private Nickerson was an inspiration to his comrades and aided greatly in the success of their mission. Home address: Mrs Rena James, (sister), P.O. Box 52, Salinas, California.

*Mr Arthur L. Lakin*

III. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section I, General Orders #720, Headquarters 43rd Infantry Division, 25 September 1945 as reads "approved 9 July 1944, (Bulletin 43, WD, 1944)" is amended to read "approved 9 July 1918, (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918)".

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR-MEDAL. By direction of the War Department, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, 9 July 1916, (Pub. Law 43, 40, 1916), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Adjutant General, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following enlisted men:

Sergeant JOHNIE R. BURKH, (37605347), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 27 April 1945. Sergeant Burkhardt, a First Scout of a patrol given the mission of reconnoitering the location of a platoon ambushed by the enemy in the vicinity of the enemy's position, who made a heroic attempt to open a fire at close range in the vicinity of Sergeant Burkhardt's position. Although disregarding his life in the face of the enemy's fire, he boldly searched the sector, located the enemy and skillfully directed the removal by means of stretchers of the wounded and finally he remained in this exposed position until all the wounded were removed and evacuated. Sergeant Burkhardt's cool and brave conduct contributed considerably to the success of the mission and the achievement of a high command to the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Harold Willis, (mother), 2012 Ann Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR-MEDAL. By direction of the War Department, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944, (Stat. II, Publ. Law 3, 40, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Adjutant General, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following enlisted men:

Corporal WALLACE R. LOWEN, (16103878), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 12-22 April 1945. Corporal Lowen, member of a forward observation platoon, was heavily engaged in the radio and telephone communication of the platoon. He displayed remarkable strength and ability in carrying heavy equipment over difficult terrain and in maintaining communication with the platoon. At all times he remained calm and his cool and steady conduct in radio and land wire communication was of great value. On a number of occasions he volunteered to aid the Infantry by helping to man a perimeter post at night. By his energetic efforts, skillful operation of equipment, and calm and steady conduct, Corporal Lowen assisted materially in the successful completion of the mission of his platoon. Home address: Mr. Robert Lowen, (father), 2001 Alvin Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Sergeant HARRY C. FOOZE, (39588339), (Rank Private), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 March 1945. On this date, Corporal FOOZE, as first scout, acted as trail and rear guard of the main party when he observed and notified the main body of the enemy trying to flank their position. Despite the open terrain between himself and the rest of the main party and the evident danger from enemy fire he unhesitatingly crossed the open ground through the intense fire and succeeded in reaching his command. In the resulting fight two of the enemy were killed. Corporal FOOZE's devotion to duty, bravery in the face of personal danger and highly successful accomplishment of his mission, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie R. FOOZE, (wife), 707 Hiller St Street, El Segundo, California.

Private First Class BENJAMIN GREENBERG, (35916545), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, and Iwo Jima, Iwo Jima, Japan, during period 6 July to 25 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emil Greenberg, (mother), 10527 Morison Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class GEORGE G. BRANNSTOT, (35145654), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Iwo Jima, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 May 1945. Home address: Mr. R. Brannstot, (father), Route # 2, Hartsville, Indiana.

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*Rev. Wm. Gantenberg*  
27 September 1945

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. 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, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Sergeant CHARLES S. SQUILLACE, (33782922), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy during the Mt. Tanuan offensive, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 21 March 1945. Sergeant Squillace was attached to an Infantry Company as demolition man. When the advance of the Company was slowed down by heavy enemy machine gun fire Sergeant Squillace bravely advanced with a thirty pound satchel charge of C-2 and placed it in such a spot that it destroyed the enemy position. In the meantime another enemy machine gun had opened fire on the Company killing one man and injuring three others. Without hesitation, Sergeant Squillace seized another charge and with disregard for his own safety went forward, lighting the charge on the way, and threw it into the enemy position. Home Address: Mrs. Fannie Squillace, (mother), 1743 South Bancroft Street, Philadelphia, 45, Pennsylvania.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT A. BERGDOLL, (35564232), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Asan Sur, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 25 January 1945. During an attack by the platoon of which Sergeant Bergdoll was a member, it was met by heavy enemy fire and pinned down during which time two men were wounded. Although exposed to the heavy fire Sergeant Bergdoll remained in a forward position and continued to fire his rifle and to throw grenades until the enemy activity was stilled. Sergeant Bergdoll's heroic and selfless action held the enemy down while wounded were being carried to the rear and the remainder of the platoon withdrew. Sergeant Bergdoll's loyalty and devotion to duty reflects great credit to himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Claude S. Bergdoll, (mother), Route #1, Dunkirk, Indiana.

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Technical Sergeant KARL J. CARTER, (38231317), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea and Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 26 July 1944 to 26 August 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Nora Carter (mother), Box 455, Comanche, Texas.

Staff Sergeant MICHAEL J. ELENTRIO, (33948295), (then Private), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bulacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 12 May 1945. During an enemy attack on the machine-gun position of which Sergeant Elentrio was assistant gunner, it became apparent that the position must be held firmly. In order to make certain that the gun kept firing Sergeant Elentrio crawled from the position and brought back more ammunition. Then realizing the inadequacy of the single machine gun he again exposed himself, crawled back and obtained a Browning Automatic Rifle which he placed in support of the machine gun. The concentrated fire of both weapons was a major factor in breaking up the Japanese attack. Home Address: Mrs. Marie Elentrio (wife), 4522 Cottman Ave., Philadelphia, 35, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOSEPH A. FORTE, (31357073), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 March 1945. While on patrol on this date, Private Forte displayed outstanding courage and disregard for personal safety by crawling for twenty-five yards under heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire to rescue a wounded comrade. Private Forte's display of courage reflects great credit to himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Josephine Forte (relationship unknown) 12 Green Lawn Ave., Haverhill, Massachusetts.

Sergeant WILLIAM HART, (35361289), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 7-17 May 1945. Home Address: Sadie M. McCoy (sister), 311 Sycamore Street, Osgood, Indiana.

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I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. 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, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant HAROLD L. BOWMAN, (39477613), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 14 May 1945. During an advance to secure a ridge on Hill # 815 Sergeant Bowman was acting as second scout when the enemy laid down a heavy concentration of mortar, artillery, machine-gun, and small arms fire. After remaining pinned down for approximately two hours he succeeded in crawling to a place of comparative safety. Upon reaching this position and discovering that his platoon leader was in a seriously wounded condition lying in an exposed position, Sergeant Bowman, with complete disregard for his personal safety, dragged the wounded man to cover, a round trip of 150 yards, under intense fire. By his quick thinking, outstanding bravery, and devotion to the needs of a fellow man, Sergeant Bowman exemplified the highest qualities desired in a soldier. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Bowman, (relationship unknown), Veneta, Oregon.

Technical Sergeant ALFRED R. GILLOTTA, (32343967), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Teresa, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. On this date Sergeant Gullotta's company was ordered to advance on Teresa. The Company detrucked and before the men had time to disperse they were hit by heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. One man was wounded and the remainder of the Company pinned down. Sergeant Gullotta, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, volunteered to lead a three man bazooka team across open terrain and around the left flank of the enemy position. With short grass and scattered trees for his only concealment from enemy observation and fire, Sergeant Gullotta circled wide and crawled well over one-hundred yards to flank the pillbox. Upon nearing his objective he observed and killed an enemy sniper with a hand grenade. Sergeant Gullotta, having exposed his position, threw two more hand grenades into the pillbox before the enemy could bring fire of their weapons upon him. He then called up the Bazooka team and directed two rounds into the pillbox, completely demolishing it. Before withdrawing his men, Sergeant Gullotta further reconnoitered the area and blew up three caves destroying much enemy equipment. Sergeant Gullotta's aggressive leadership and devotion to duty earned for him the admiration and confidence of his men, prevented further casualties, and enabled the advance to continue without delay. Home address: Mr. Carmine Gullotta, (father), 936 East 212th Street, Bronx, New York.

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II. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect. II, Bulletin 2, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant CLAF K LAY, (39319285), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Malabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. Sergeant Lay was a member of a heavy machine-gun squad assigned the mission of providing assistance to a rifle company that was pinned down by enemy artillery and small arms fire. In order to reach the rifle company the squad had to pass through intense enemy artillery fire directed at both the squad and rifle company. While moving through this barrage, the squad leader was wounded. Sergeant Lay calmly took command of the squad and led them to the only suitable position from which they could fire down upon the enemy. Despite the fact that he was a target for enemy guns, Sergeant Lay courageously placed a withering fire upon the enemy, forcing them to halt their advance temporarily. Due to Sergeant Lay's heroic action and bravery under fire, the rifle company was able to reorganize and continue on its mission. Home address: Mrs Evelyn M Lay, (wife), Escalante, Utah.

Sergeant WALTER W MANESS, (34172367), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 May 1945. During an attack on Hill 815, the Infantry Battalion of which Sergeant Maness was a member became critically short of ammunition. Although the supply route was under heavy enemy artillery and sniper fire, Sergeant Maness unhesitatingly volunteered to replenish the supply from an adjoining battalion. With total disregard for his own safety in the face of the intense barrage, Sergeant Maness succeeded in making the round trip safely with the urgently-needed ammunition. By his daring and courageous accomplishment under intense hostile fire, Sergeant Maness contributed in a large measure to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs Walter W. Maness, (wife), 1128 Center Street, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Technical Sergeant CHARLES T MELLIA, (32961169), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. On a company patrol in the vicinity of Bench Mark 20 near Antipolo, Sergeant Mellia distinguished himself by voluntarily acting as the first scout of the leading element while advancing through a narrow corridor. By his bold and aggressive action he drew the enemy's fire, thus determining their positions. Barely escaping with his life, he managed to withdraw to a place of observation and pointed out and directed mortar fire upon the enemy emplacements, knocking them out, and allowing the company to advance through a dangerous position with no casualties. By his cool leadership, supreme bravery, and aggressive actions, Sergeant Mellia brought credit upon himself and made possible the success of the undertaking. Home address: Mr Joseph Mellia, (father), 1838 3d Avenue, New York, New York.

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Act. II, Bulletin 3, LD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant CHARLES W. BOTHE, (16067784), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 14 May 1945. Sergeant Bothe, a member of an Infantry Company, volunteered to lead a four man patrol, to seek out the strength of the enemy's fortifications. Realizing the element of time and of great importance he led his men over the most direct route through enemy territory. Upon advancing approximately two hundred yards, the patrol was pinned down by intense cross-fire from the enemy machine guns. Sergeant Bothe immediately returned the fire, and then skillfully maneuvered to a more advantageous position where he was able to throw smoke grenades, thus enabling the patrol to continue its advance. Sergeant Bothe's brave and voluntary actions reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ida Voros, (mother), 1502 Broadway, Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant BESSIE BYALL, (34284723), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 9 May 1945. Sergeant Byall, a Supply Sergeant for an Infantry Regiment, was leading a carrying party of Filipinos to the Company position with much-needed ammunition and food. During the movement up the trail, three Japanese hidden along the trail, threw grenades at the party in an attempt to rout it. Sergeant Byall was hit in the arm by a piece of shrapnel but disregarding his wound, he immediately opened fire on the enemy, killing one and driving the remaining two away. Sergeant Byall then organized his carrying party and continued on to the Company position. Due to the action of Sergeant Byall the supplies arrived and the Company was able to carry out its mission. Home address: Mrs. Jennie Byall, (sister), 923 Matheson Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

Sergeant NICHOLET FOWINE, (31358518), (then Private First Class), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pozorubic, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 26 January 1945. During a battle for Hill 800, Sergeant Fowine, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, deliberately concealed the fact that he had been wounded

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by carrying wounded men to the Battalion Aid-Station. He carried wounded men on his back over hilly and muddy terrain for two hundred yards through heavy enemy mortar fire and kept returning to evacuate more of them in spite of the aggravation of his own wounds caused by these strenuous efforts. Only after all the casualties had been safely evacuated to the Battalion Aid-Station did he reveal the serious nature of his own wounds and consent to be taken to the hospital. Sergeant Eovinc's exceptional courage and unselfish concern for his fellow soldiers unquestionably contributed to the saving of many lives by making it possible for Battalion Aid-Station to administer emergency treatment to casualties they could not have reached without Sergeant Eovinc's heroic assistance. Home address: Mrs. Mary Eovinc, 67 Springfield Street, Somerville, Massachusetts.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR AND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Major EDWARD I. CHAPPEL, (O-424800), Infantry, by this Headquarters, 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, 10 D, 1944). The citation reads as follows:

Major EDWARD I. CHAPPEL, (O-424800), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 4 April 1945. Major Chappel, a Battalion Executive Officer was riding in a "jeep" at the head of a column of trucks carrying Infantrymen when the convoy came upon an enemy road-block manned by an officer and about fifty men, armed with two anti-tank guns, machine guns, and small arms. Major Chappel's "jeep" and the other vehicles, were caught in the direct fire of an enemy anti-tank gun and machine gun. The "jeep" was surprised and bewildered. Major Chappel assumed immediate command and without regard for his own safety, crossed the road in full view of the enemy to reach a radio and contact tanks. He personally drove several vehicles to the rear and directed the removal of the others to clear a path for the tanks. He then rode the lead tank and aided it into a position from which destruction of the enemy was possible. By his courageous and unhesitating action Major Chappel rallied and inspired his troops and made possible the elimination of the road-block. Home address: Mrs. Priscilla S. Chappel, (widow), 260 Centre Street, Milton, Massachusetts.

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I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, 9 July 1918, (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH EVANS, (33450895), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Hill 1500, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 31 January 1945. Sergeant Evans, as an Observer for his mortar gun crew spotted a large number of well concealed enemy approaching both his position and a command post on nearby hill. Immediately he directed fire upon the enemy, then within grenade throwing distance. Because of the closeness of the enemy he had to direct fire so close as twenty yards from his position and retaliate with his own grenade throwing. Sergeant Evans' skillful action, his aggressiveness, courage, and valor were instrumental in saving the lives of his crew and he used his own body as a shield, thus giving great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Evans, (wife), 2971 Champlain Street, Washington, D. C.

First Lieutenant SAMUEL SCHNEIDER, JR. (G-445224), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Itearlan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 January 1945. Lieutenant Schneider and three men were proceeding with a Rifle Company moving east from Hatananlan to Hilsin. The Rifle Company was charged with the mission of re-entrenching a road-block at Hilsin. As the small group attempted to ford a river six hundred yards west of the block, they were subjected to enemy rifle and automatic weapon fire. Lieutenant Schneider was wounded in the action and withdrew his group to the west bank and awaited the arrival of the approaching Rifle Company. Despite his wound Lieutenant Schneider organized a patrol from the Rifle Company and led it across the river under the hostile fire and succeeded in eliminating several of the enemy and silencing two automatic weapons. The extreme courage and complete disregard for his personal safety displayed by Lieutenant Schneider enabled the Company to cross the river with only light casualties and successfully re-entrench the road-block. Home address: Mr. Samuel Schneider, Sr. (father), 4610 Edina Boulevard, Edina, Minnesota.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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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Corporal WILLIAM C. FISHER, (33277805), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Hill 815, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 9 May 1945. Corporal Fisher was a member of a Battalion which became critically short of ammunition during an attack on Hill 815 because the supply route to the troops was subjected to intense enemy artillery and sniper fire. He immediately, and with total disregard for his own safety, volunteered to go for the needed supplies. He proceeded through the intense barrage to another unit and returned over the dangerous route carrying the supply of ammunition. By his skill, daring, and devotion to duty Corporal Fisher aided in the successful capture of the objective and won the respect and admiration of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Isabel M. Fisher, (wife), R. D. # 2, Middleburg, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant MARVIN HABER, (32802837), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount James, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 June 1945. Sergeant Haber's Company was ordered to proceed up the Pury river for six thousand yards and secure Mount James. Sergeant Haber was squad leader of the leading squad during the advance. Realizing the need for a first approach in order to secure the hill before dark, Sergeant Haber placed himself with his lead scout. Because of the nature of the terrain it was necessary to follow the river bed, at times traveling through water waist deep. Intense small-arms fire was received throughout the advance. Sergeant Haber maneuvered his squad in such a manner as to reduce all enemy strong-points with the least possible delay. His actions allowed the Company to reach and secure its objective just before dark. During the movement nine of the enemy were killed and two captured without loss to the Company. Through Sergeant Haber's initiative and aggressive leadership he brought credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ev Haber, (mother), 5501 11th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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 WILLIAM B CRAIG, (O-361608), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Captain Craig was assigned as Liaison Officer with an Assault Infantry Battalion. Upon arrival in the forward area, he found that due to the rugged nature of the terrain and the inexperience of two of the forward observers, forward observation was not being properly coordinated and some targets were not being observed at all. At great personal risk he went forward of the Infantry lines, located and adjusted fire on several targets himself, and selected vantage points for his forward observers. Captain Craig remained in his forward position for four days coordinating observation and fires. During this time he was almost constantly on the alert and was under incessant machine-gun and artillery fire. Captain Craig's initiative in estimating the situation and his superior performance of a hazardous duty greatly increased the artillery support of the Infantry and facilitated the accomplishment of the mission. Home address: Mrs Charlotte G Craig, (wife), 15 Woodside Circle, Hartford, Connecticut.

Captain HENRY G DRINKWATER, (O-423616), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. Captain Drinkwater distinguished himself by performing the duties of Battalion Communications Officer in a superior manner. On this date he received word that one of his wire crews was being pinned down by mortar and machine-gun fire in the hilly terrain south of the Dumortis-Resario Highway. Without regard for his personal safety, Captain Drinkwater went forward in a vehicle until stopped by enemy fire, then continued on foot until he found the crew and led them back to safety. Captain Drinkwater's courage and his devotion to duty are exemplary of the highest traditions of the service. Home address: Mr Thomas W Drinkwater, (father), Mason Street, Greenwich, Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK M SANTANA, (38351344), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 March 1945. Corporal Santana was working as a demolition man with a rifle company which was making an attempt to take a sector of Mt. Tnuan. While making their push up the hill they encountered stiff enemy opposition. During the exchange of fire, two men were wounded, one so seriously that he was unable to move. Corporal Santana volunteered his aid and was given permission to go forward in an effort to rescue the men. Advancing through a hail of bullets, he succeeded in reaching his objective. Without a

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moment's hesitation, he lifted the man on his back and carried him safely to the aid station. By his unselfish assistance to a stricken comrade and his dauntless courage in the face of extreme personal danger, Corporal Santana reflected great credit upon himself and his organization. Home address: Mrs Josefita C Santana, (mother), 203 Santa Fe Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Captain GEORGE C WITT, (O-322034), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 14 January to 6 May 1945. Home address: Mrs Frances G Witt, (wife), 2315-27th Street, Lubbock, Texas.

Staff Sergeant WELDON L WOODALL, (38478811), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 May 1945. Sergeant Woodall, a squad leader, was in command of a rifle squad in the Ipo Dam campaign. During an attack under heavy small-arms fire, Sergeant Woodall's squad was pinned down and suffered casualties. Sergeant Woodall crawled forward for fifty yards and rescued one of his comrades who was severely wounded and unable to help himself. Despite rough terrain, Sergeant Woodall's courageous action was an inspiration to his comrades and reflects great credit both upon himself and the Military Service. Home address: Mrs Calvin Woodall, (mother), Route 3, Trup, Texas.

II. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of General Orders #728, this headquarters, 26 September 1945, pertaining to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to First Lieutenant R. D. McKee (O-1312963), Infantry, as reads "a Bronze Star Medal is awarded" is amended to read "a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded".

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

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I. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

First Sergeant WILLIAM DIAMOND, (32983841), (then Private first Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San abian, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 January 1945. Sergeant Diamond, while in charge of 150 soldiers and Filipino laborers on the beach, was notified of a fire in an amphibious truck loaded with 105mm ammunition. Realizing the danger of explosions from the uncontrollable fire, Sergeant Diamond began directing his men to places of safety. While this was in progress, explosions began in the truck endangering all in the area. Without regard for his own safety, Sergeant Diamond continued the evacuation of personnel from the immediate vicinity and, though narrowly escaping injury, would not seek cover for himself until all his men were out of danger. By his clear thinking, outstanding leadership, and quick action Sergeant Diamond prevented many casualties and displayed an estimable devotion to duty. Home Address: Mrs. Irene M. Diamond (wife), 41-15 531 Street, Woodside, Long Island, New York.

Staff Sergeant LOUIS W. LAZENBY, (34765284), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea and Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 1 November 1944 to 30 June 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Edith J. Lazenby (wife), 322 Georgia Ave., Atlanta, Georgia.

Sergeant PRESTON B. SEABURY, (31023894), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 9 January to 4 May 1945. Sergeant Seabury was in charge of the radio control station regulating the radio net of his Military Police Platoon. He worked tirelessly for long hours without relief in maintaining the necessary radio communication. At times this work was carried on in forward areas under enemy fire. Often he maintained contact and directed work at traffic control points while subjected to mortar and artillery-fire. By his leadership, devotion to duty, initiative, and efficiency, Sergeant Seabury contributed extensively to the success of the mission of his platoon. Home Address: Mr. Frank Seabury (father), 120 Progress Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

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II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL - OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to the following named enlisted men by this headquarters, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to them by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citations are as follows:

Technician Fourth Grade MIDORI INOUE, (17145520), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 20 June to 2 September 1945. Sergeant Inouye contributed materially to the successful operation of his Regiment by careful translation of captured documents and interrogation of prisoners. He demonstrated unusual resourcefulness and initiative in inducing prisoners to talk freely and to cooperate in surrender broadcasts. On numerous occasions while in the vicinity of the Ipo Dam, Sergeant Inouye went forward into front-line positions and conducted surrender broadcasts over a public address system, disregarding his personal safety and exposing himself many times to enemy fire. As the direct result of these broadcasts, enemy soldiers approached our lines and surrendered. During an amphibious patrol along the east coast of Luzon in the Dingalan Bay area, on 9 July, Sergeant Inouye conducted surrender broadcasts from an LCM. He induced five enemy soldiers to wade out to the boat and surrender. The courage, aggressiveness, and skill exhibited by Sergeant Inouye are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Home Address: Mr. J. Tani (guardian), 1112 Grant Street, Sidney, Nebraska.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN LATHAM, (39230811), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 5 June to 23 September 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Rose Latham (mother), 1245 California Street, San Francisco, California.

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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, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant CHARLIE W ARPOIKA, (38564680), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 January 1945. Sergeant Arpoika's company relieved another company which had sustained heavy casualties during its attack on Carrigan Hill. Upon reaching the scene of action it was discovered that an officer and an enlisted man of the company to be relieved were laying wounded in front of the lines still covered by the two enemy machine guns that had caught them in a cross-fire. Sergeant Arpoika volunteered to go forward with his platoon leader to rescue the wounded men. His platoon leader was soon wounded in the leg but managed to crawl back by himself. Sergeant Arpoika continued on, cutting a trail through the dense underbrush. Upon reaching the wounded men, he found the enlisted man to be dead and the officer delirious from a leg shattered by machine-gun fire. Carrying the wounded man on his back, he retraced his steps still under fire of both enemy machine guns. Sergeant Arpoika's utter disregard for his own personal safety and keen use of defilade ground undoubtedly saved the life of the officer. Home address: Mrs Elva Arpoika, (mother), Route #6 Box 17 Zone 3, Okemah City, Oklahoma.

Private First Class THOMAS V ARTHUR, (39332804), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Private Arthur, in his capacity of radio operator for a Headquarters Company of an Infantry Regiment, was on duty operating the only vehicular radio set in the Command Post. A large enemy raiding party struck the perimeter which resulted in a fire-fight. Though some of the enemy broke through the perimeter, Private Arthur, realizing his responsibility as a radio operator, and disregarding any personal danger, remained at his post and kept constant communication with the other units of the regiment. By his courage and steadfast devotion to his duty, Private Arthur set an example which bespeaks the highest ideals of the service. Home address: Mrs Ruth C Arthur, (mother), 1876 SW Park Street, Portland, Oregon.

First Lieutenant EDGAR W BALLOU, (O-1308454), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 May 1945. Lieutenant Ballou was in command of a platoon in his company during an assault against an enemy strong-point. While taking the objective, the lead platoon was pinned down by heavy hostile machine-gun fire. Lieutenant Ballou worked himself up to the ridge overlooking a draw in which the lead platoon was pinned down. Seeing that he was in position to observe artillery fire he called back for smoke shells. From this position he directed artillery smoke until the lead platoon was able to maneuver out of enemy zone of fire. Lieutenant Ballou's accurate observation enabled

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the artillery to wipe out the enemy strong-point on the following day. By his courage, devotion to duty, and skillful observation and leadership, Lieutenant Ballou was instrumental in the success of the mission. Home address: Mrs Jean E Ballou, (wife), 258 DeLovan Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Private First Class ALBERT E BROZEIT, (52953919), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 March 1945. During an action in the Antipolo Operation, Private Brozeit voluntarily went after a wounded man at great personal hazard. Without regard for his own safety, Private Brozeit crept on an open area of 50 yards with no cover and under intense machine-gun fire to reach a man unable to move as a result of a serious leg wound. With help from two other men, Private Brozeit carried the wounded man to a place of safety. His example of courage, initiative, and skill brought credit upon himself and his associates. Home address: Mrs Anna Brozeit, (mother), 85 Timber Avenue, Westville, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant HENRY W GRIFFIN, (O-2043051), (then Master Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Paddy Bay, Russell Islands, New Georgia Group on 6 March 1943. Lieutenant Griffin was assigned as an assistant to the officer in charge of the beach. On the afternoon of 6 March 1943, a group of Japanese fighter planes appeared over Paddy Bay in a surprise attack. In the hours involved, without regard for his own safety, Lieutenant Griffin immediately set about dispersing the men on the beach. After directing the men to slit trenches that had been previously prepared for such an emergency, Lieutenant Griffin had only time to drop behind a coconut tree when a burst of machine-gun fire hit the tree at which he had sought shelter. His prompt action in this emergency prevented any of the men from becoming battle casualties. Lieutenant Griffin's courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest standards of the military service. Home address: Mrs Anna E Griffin, (wife), Forestville, Connecticut.

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ORIGINAL ORDER # 738  
AWARDS OF 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 officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant EDMUND R. ADCOCK, (O-1307351), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 8 April 1945. While engaged with the enemy in the Antipolo sector, Lieutenant Adcock displayed outstanding qualities of courage and devotion to duty while under enemy fire. Late in the afternoon his machine gun platoon was moved to a hill approximately 200 yards west to cover another sector. The enemy placed five machine guns so that their fire covered the top and forward and reverse slopes of the hill from which our forces were operating. When the Japanese opened fire, it was discovered one of their guns had three of our mortars under direct fire. Lieutenant Adcock directed the breaking down of the guns and moving them to a ravine for cover. Lieutenant Adcock was under very heavy machine gun fire during this entire operation, but he personally directed all operations to assure that his men and their weapons were safe. He then succeeded in locating the area from which the enemy fire was coming and laid accurate mortar fire on the position causing the Japanese to cease firing. The intrepidity and deep devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Adcock was an inspiration to the men under his command, and contributed materially to the success of the operation. Home Address: Mr. Edmund D. Adcock (father), 134 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHNNY L. AUGENBAUGH, (38292701), Infantry, United States. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Concepcion, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 13-14 January 1945. Home Address: Mamie Aughenbaugh (mother), 145 Alpine Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant CLAIR E. KEYLOCK, (36281808), 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. Sergeant Keylock's battalion in assaulting well fortified Hill 355 held by a numerically superior enemy force received heavy artillery, mortar, and small-arms fire. As a mortar platoon observer, Sergeant Keylock with disregard for his personal safety assisted in the evacuation

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of wounded along treacherous, enemy-observed trails. Upon completion of that task he returned to the forward positions to observe enemy activities to enable accurate placing of friendly mortar fire. From his exposed position, Sergeant Keylock's skillful and accurate fire direction resulted in the destruction of three enemy machine-gun positions and numerous enemy casualties. Home Address: Mrs. Mary Edith Keylock (mother), 529 Fourth Street, Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Captain JOSEPH S. ROBINETTE, (O-1291523), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 27 January 1945. As a forward observer for a cannon company, Captain Robinette volunteered to accompany a patrol ordered to searchout caves thought to contain enemy stragglers. Upon approaching the caves a civilian informed the patrol that at least 120 Japanese were in the vicinity. The enemy was shortly encountered and in the ensuing intense fire-fight the patrol was pinned down and several enemy were attempting to flank the patrol. By skillful direction on the part of Captain Robinette, howitzer fire was brought close to the patrol cutting off enemy approaches and accounting for numerous enemy dead. Continued accurate cannon fire direction permitted safe withdrawal of our forces and prevented enemy pursuit. The enemy position was abandoned later that night with many Japanese dead and wounded left behind. Captain Robinette's precise judgement, valor, and coolness under fire were worthy of the highest traditions of the service. Home Address: Mrs. Marilyn Robinette (wife), El Paso, Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade PETER J. SHYMSKE, (33680772), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bobonan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 January 1945. Corporal Shymske, with disregard for his own safety, successfully treated and evacuated two wounded men from under direct enemy small-arms fire to the aid station. While on company patrol, one platoon ran into the enemy and was pinned down because of their intense fire. While waiting for support from the heavy weapons platoon, a man was seriously wounded. The medical aid man moved forward to give first-aid, but was himself wounded when he left cover. Corporal Shymske, who was a litter-bearer with the company, immediately ran to the assistance of the two wounded men, rendered first-aid, then quickly assembling a litter squad from the rifle platoon, directed the evacuation of the wounded men to the aid station. By his calm courage and quick action, Corporal Shymske aided in saving the lives of two comrades and won the undying respect of all who knew him. Home Address: Mrs. Viola Shymske (mother), 2550 Saint Tichon Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

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27 September 1945

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #419, 4 February 1944, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Captain EDWIN M. CONFER, (O-409480), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Slocobin Ridge Sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945. After Captain Confer's company had succeeded in capturing a key terrain feature, while still under sporadic fire, he reorganized his reduced and exhausted forces and had them dug-in defensively by nightfall. That night a numerically superior enemy counter-attacked with a heavy mortar and grenade barrage. This action was nullified by a Japanese "Banzai" suicide attack that resulted in hand-to-hand fighting and numerous casualties on both sides. Observing enemy penetration at same points Captain Confer, under heavy small-arms fire, left his command post position to rally and personally direct his men in the fight. Through excellent judgement and foresight he deployed his forces to successfully repel each enemy attack and thus retain the objective. Captain Confer's actions were a continual source of inspiration to the entire company and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Gloria P Confer, (wife), 811 Oak Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Private First Class HOWARD FRIEDKIN, (33480188), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Clark Field, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 March 1945. Private Friedkin, a mortar gunner, volunteered to lead a carrying party, with much needed food and ammunition to one of his company's forward Command Post's. The party consisted for the most part of replacements who had seen little combat. The terrain to be covered was open, flat, and exposed to enemy observation from all sides. Private Friedkin and his party set out and, after having covered 400 yards, came under an intense enemy mortar barrage. The new men in the party, bewildered by the suddenness and ferocity of the fire, dropped their loads and started seeking personal safety. Private Friedkin immediately set out to reorganize the men. Moving from group to group, his bold action under fire quickly instilled new confidence in the men, and when the barrage subsided, the party secured its supplies and made its way safely to the Command Post. Private Friedkin's heroic voluntary action, and his coolness and leadership under fire, reflect great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Elizabeth Friedkin, (mother), 124 West 2nd Street, Chester, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOSEPH C. JOLLEY, (34592316), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munda, New Georgia on 17 July 1943. As a member of the Division Special Platoon, Private Jolley demonstrated exceptional ability, leadership, and rare courage in the performance of his difficult tasks. On the evening of 17 July when it was learned hostile forces were lurking in the vicinity of the Division Command Post, Private Jolley unhesitatingly volunteered to go on a patrol to reconnoiter the approaching enemy. The information gathered by this patrol proved of inestimable value in successfully defending the perimeter against an

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enemy attack later that night. Private Jolley organized and maintained a defensive position in the perimeter during the attack in such an efficient and skillful manner that he succeeded in repulsing the attack and forced the enemy to disperse. The bravery, aggressiveness, and military proficiency exhibited by Private Jolley are exemplary. Home address: Mrs Effie C Jollie, (mother), Route #1, Mooresboro, North Carolina.

Private First Class FRED J LEMA, (39415401), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mt Alva, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. Private Lema, a machine gunner, volunteered to proceed into enemy-held territory to destroy an enemy machine gun. With another man, he started on his mission and passing over rugged and hazardous terrain, reached the objective. Suddenly sniper fire broke out from concealed Japanese. Realizing the value of the machine gun to the enemy, Private Lema, with no regard for his own safety, exposed himself to the fire in order to drag the weapon from position, and assisted in carrying it back intact despite the difficult terrain and the continuing, harassing, sniper fire. Private Lema's courage, leadership, and devotion to duty made possible the elimination of the dangerous enemy position and prevented possible casualties among our troops. Home address: Mrs Avis Lema, (wife), 3925-2nd Avenue, Sacramento, California.

Captain ARTHUR A POWELL, (O-1314546), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ft Stotsenburg, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 March 1945. Captain Powell's Company was given the mission of securing a draw near Sacobia Ridge. Numerous attempts were made to secure the draw, without success. Heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire covered all approaches and during the attacks several casualties were sustained including two officers. Captain Powell, a platoon leader, immediately assumed command of the company. He ordered the platoon to dig in for the night near the draw and prepare to advance the following morning. Realizing that high-explosive mortar fire apparently had no effect on the enemy, Captain Powell secured 100 rounds of delay mortar ammunition. Then an effective mortar barrage was directed at the enemy positions and one platoon advanced into the draw closely behind the barrage and secured their objective without the loss of a single man. A total of seventeen enemy dead were counted. The initiative and leadership displayed by Captain Powell was an inspiration to his officers and men, and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces. Home address: Mrs Shirley W Powell, (wife), 512 Wyandotte, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

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27 September 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 officer and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant LEO BOUDREAU, (31252657), (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa Dam Area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 May 1945. In charge of a squad on an intelligence patrol, Sergeant Boudreau found his two lead scouts had been pinned down by intense enemy small-arms fire. Quickly grasping the situation, Sergeant Boudreau crawled to the left flank of his scouts and by opening fire on the Japanese directed enemy attention, permitting safe withdrawal of the scouts. He then successfully rejoined his squad, and led them back to the company area having obtained the desired information thereby enabling the artillery to place highly effective artillery fire upon the enemy. By his unhesitating valor and inspiring leadership, Sergeant Boudreau brought great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Mary Boudreau, (mother), 16 Hopkins Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant WENDELL F BRUBAKER, (35274992), (then Technician Fifth Grade), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 March 1945. Sergeant Brubaker on that date volunteered to go on a patrol into an enemy motor pool. After successful entry into the area, the patrol was ambushed and the officer in charge fell gravely wounded. Without regard for his personal safety, and despite intense enemy fire, Sergeant Brubaker immediately left his covered position behind a vehicle and came to the officer's aid. He then recruited assistance of several comrades, and with the aid of his comrades, carried the wounded officer to protective cover, thus facilitating evacuation. In performing this task in such an exemplary and inspiring manner, Sergeant Brubaker brought great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Blanche Brubaker, (wife), Rural Route #2, Box 6, Lillington, North Carolina.

Private First Class FRANK W FERERI, (35592427), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. In charge of a civilian carrying party taking food and ammunition to the front lines, Private Fereri showed exceptional ability and coolness of judgment in the face of imminent danger. The group upon being subjected to enemy artillery fire immediately halted and left their materials to return to the rear. Private Fereri instead directed the civilians to shelter and upon the lifting of the fire, directed and assisted them to resume their carrying. Private Fereri's bravery and leadership materially assisted in the success of his unit's mission and thus brought great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Violet Fereri, (mother), 431 Champlain Street, Akron, Ohio.

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First Lieutenant WILLIAM A TURNER, (O-1320892), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. Lieutenant Turner led a platoon of infantry, supplemented by a platoon of M-4 tanks, as an enveloping movement to the right flank of Benchmark 7. The object of the movement was to divert enemy gunfire from the main Battalion assault. During the approach forward, the party came under continuous sniper fire. Leaving the tanks in a covered position, Lieutenant Turner took the infantry troops to reduce all enemy fire. By the proper deployment and maneuver of two squads, ten enemy snipers were killed and all fire silenced. The tanks were then brought forward into firing position and proceeded to lay down a heavy and concentrated fire. This fire rendered use of the Japanese positions ineffective and also distracted attention from the main effort. Lieutenant Turner's method of using covered approaches, and advantageous points of fire, enabled the infantry and tanks to accomplish their mission without casualties in the group, and with no loss of life to the Battalion in the main effort. Home address: Mrs Margaret Turner, (mother), 8210 S. Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.

First Sergeant NICHOLAS ZIS, (31196745), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pzrrubia, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. After taking Hill #700, Sergeant Zis's men were consolidating their positions when they were subjected to a heavy barrage of enemy small arms and mortar fire. Casualties and the volume of fire necessitated withdrawal to better positions. Sergeant Zis, from his observation post, directed heavy mortar fire upon the enemy enabling the move to new positions to be effectual despite the poor cover and concealment afforded by the terrain. Through out the operation, Sergeant Zis directed his fire skillfully upon the most advantageous enemy positions thereby facilitating the successful completion of the movement. By his courage and coolness under fire, and by remaining in his exposed position with complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Zis won the respect and gratitude of all involved in the operation. Home address: Mrs Martha Zis, (mother), 87 Bedford Road, Lowell, Massachusetts.

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ORIGINAL ORDER # 1011

AWARDS OF 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 Fifth Grade LARENCE R. BLACK, (32731183), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mt. Oro, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 8 June 1945. Assigned the mission, with the aid of volunteers, of laying communication wires between a battalion command post and one of its rifle companies, Corporal Black in approaching the company over treacherous terrain encountered an enemy mortar and machine-gun ambush. With total disregard for his personal safety, using the little cover and concealment the terrain afforded, Corporal Black continued toward the company position under constant sniper fire, stringing the wire enroute. By such singleness of purpose, Corporal Black completed his mission, thus bringing great credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Ward M. Black, (relationship unknown), Main Street South, Scio, New York.

Sergeant JOHN D. BOTELLO, (33514179), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Norzgaray, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 3 May 1945. While acting as a night perimeter guard, Sergeant Botello heard enemy patrol movements to the front of his position. About to throw a grenade at the Japanese he noticed an enemy thrown grenade hurtling toward his position, quickly knocking it down he prevented its entry into the foxhole shared by himself and a fellow soldier. Simultaneously he threw his grenade amidst the enemy causing several casualties and hasty retreat from the area. Sergeant Botello, though himself wounded by fragments from the diverted Japanese grenade, by his quick and courageous action, saved his own and his comrade's life and prevented a possible enemy infiltration. Home Address: Mrs. Juanita Botello (mother), Route #1, San Saba, Texas.

Private First Class LOUIS LANFRANCHI, (32630243), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Hill 318, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 January 1945. The platoon of which Pvt LanFranchi was a member was pinned down by heavy hostile fire. One of his comrades, manning a machine gun was wounded and fell in the direct line of fire from an enemy automatic weapon and was unable to withdraw. Pvt LanFranchi, with-

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out regard for his own safety, courageously maneuvered his way to the aid of the Stricken man and removed him to safety. He then returned and assisted in the recovery of the heavy machine gun. Pvt LanFranchi's outstanding bravery and devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the life of the machine gunner and prevented possible capture of the machine gun by the enemy. Home Address: Mrs. Connie J. LanFranchi (mother), 1547 79th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class EDWARD D. NICE, (33480215), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Port Stotsenburg, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 10 March 1945. Following an all-night attack by the enemy, Private Nice's company was in need of water, rations, and ammunition. Casualties also needed to be evacuated. A party of civilian carriers was dispatched with the requisitioned supplies. Enroute to the front line the party encountered heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire and refused to go any further. Private Nice upon learning of the situation and the refusal of the native carriers, immediately volunteered to help carry the urgently-needed supplies to the front lines and to evacuate casualties to the rear for medical treatment. Throughout the trips to the forward positions, through heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Private Nice displayed coolness and a total disregard for his own safety. Private Nice's courageous and prompt action undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades. Home Address: Mrs. Esther Nice (mother), 115 Wheatcroft Lane, Abington, Pennsylvania.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL. By direction of the Commandant, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 7 July 1918, (Bulletin 40, WD, 1918), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 42d Infantry Division, to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class ROGER M. HELDER, (39189129), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Ibo Dan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 10 May 1945. During the drive on Ibo Dan, the machine-gun section of which Private Helder was a member, was subjected to intense enemy machine-gun and mortar fire. Private Helder, acting as squad leader, was seriously wounded by a burst of machine-gun fire. He crawled forward out of the line of fire and was hit again by mortar shell-fragments. In spite of his new wounds, he continued leading the section forward. He remained at his post throughout the day until relieved by another squad leader. For his devotion to duty, his inspiring leadership, and his total disregard for his own wounded condition, Private Helder won the respect, admiration, and gratitude of all his men. Home address: Mr. Arthur Helder (Mother) 275 California Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

First Lieutenant GEORGE T. SCHAEFER, (O-141150), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Hill 600, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 January 1945. Lieutenant Schaefer's platoon, after seizing Hill 600, were disorganized when they were suddenly subjected to heavy enemy fire from three machine guns. The thick undergrowth and rugged terrain made it difficult to locate the guns and almost impossible to knock them out. Five casualties were suffered almost immediately and Lieutenant Schaefer, without regard for his personal safety, crawled from cover and dragged them to safer positions. He then crawled from man to man, checking each position and directing the most effective fire upon the enemy. Numerous casualties were suffered, but inspired by the indomitable courage and outstanding leadership of Lieutenant Schaefer the remaining men of the platoon held the position for a night and a day until relieved. Lieutenant Schaefer's gallant actions, supreme devotion to duty, and inspiring leadership made possible the capture and retention of the objective. Home address: Mrs. John H. Schaefer (Mother "White Horse" like, Berlin, Germany).

Master Sergeant WALTER S. STANLEY, (4026180), (Other rank), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Hill 435, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 10 January 1945. As a platoon member of a rifle company assaulting Hill 435, Sergeant Stanley, behind protective cover

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of a rock, observed his platoon being subjected to heavy enemy machine-gun fire at fifty yards range. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Steinmetz exposed himself to the hostile fire in order to return his fire and thereby killed the enemy machine-gun crew and silenced the gun. Sergeant Steinmetz's dauntless and decisively quick action saved the lives of several of his comrades and his high example of leadership and valor contributed immeasurably to the successful accomplishment of the company's mission. Home address: Mrs. Kathleen Steinmetz (wife), 222 East 3rd Street, Ashland, Wisconsin.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL--BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star Medal awarded to Major DUDLEY H. FARR, (O-259575), Chaplain Corps, by this Headquarters, 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 42, 21, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Major DUDLEY H. FARR, (O-259575), Chaplain Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Hill 358, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 16 June 1945. Chaplain Farr was advancing with a battalion in a river-crossing and subsequent attack on Hill 358 when it was subjected to heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Some casualties were suffered and Chaplain Farr, although pinned down by small-arms fire elected to remain behind the main party to administer to the wounded. Litter parties, attempting to cross the open river, were repeatedly subject to the withering fire. With utter disregard for his safety, Chaplain Farr crawled to the river and, by submerging as much as possible, crossed it to deliver valuable information to the Battalion Commander. Despite repeated protests from his associates, he again returned to the river and personally directed and aided litter parties in getting all the wounded across the river and to an aid-station before dark. Many lives were saved as a result of his undaunted courage and skill. By his selfless devotion to the needs of his fellow-men, and cool leadership under dangerous and nerve-racking conditions, Chaplain Farr made possible the saving of many lives and won the admiration and gratitude of all who knew him. Home address: Mrs. Anna E. Farr (wife), 24 Ensign Street, West Hartford, Connecticut.

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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9819, 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 non-enlisted men:

Private First Class JOE GARCIA, (36054032), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at New Zealand, New Guinea, and Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 May 1944 to 15 August 1945. Home address: Mr Joe Garcia, (father), 2523 No. 39th Street, East St Louis, Illinois.

Private First Class MILTON HOLLANDER, (35818122), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 12 May 1945. On that day, a machine-gun section from Private Hollander's Company was moving up a trail and being subjected to enemy artillery fire. In addition the sparse growth along the way sheltered numerous snipers. When an ambush party of Japanese opened machine-gun fire on the group wounding two men, cover was taken in a nearby protecting gully. Private Hollander, an ammunition bearer, with utter disregard for his own life and on his own initiative, quickly set up a machine gun at an exposed position where he remained under fire to cover the removal of the wounded men to an aid-station. Private Hollander's quick thinking and coolness under fire was directly responsible for saving the lives of many of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Gussie Hollander, (mother), 219 Clinton Place, Newark, New Jersey.

Sergeant WILLIAM E JOHNSON, (16124377), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 May 1945. Sergeant Johnson, with one assistant, was leading a Filipino carrying party transporting rations and ammunition to an Infantry Battalion. Enroute to the battalion they came under heavy enemy artillery fire. The carriers immediately dropped their cargoes and became disorganized. Sergeant Johnson with total disregard for his own personal safety, remained on his feet and persuaded the Filipinos to follow him to the comparative safety of a near-by defilade. After the shelling had ceased, realizing the importance of getting the supplies through to the battalion Sergeant Johnson, who could not induce the carriers to ascend the hill to secure the supplies, went back up with his companion and carried the supplies piece by piece down to the carriers and subsequently was able to persuade the civilians to continue on to the battalion. The indomitable courage, aggressiveness, and leadership demonstrated by Sergeant Johnson reflect great credit to himself and to the United States Armed Forces. Home address: Mr Esper Johnson, (father), RR 1, Chadwick, Illinois.

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Sergeant WALTER J KENITZ, (36801688); Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January to 26 June 1945. During the past operation Sergeant Kenitz's principal duty was that of a squad leader in the machine gun platoon. At all times he was a capable and an aggressive leader, and employed his machine guns to the best tactical advantage. His quick and cool judgments under fire were superb. Sergeant Kenitz's superior performance of duty aided materially in the upholding of the high combat efficiency of this organization and demonstrates all the qualities of a good soldier. Home address: Mrs Inez Kenitz, (mother), Montello, Wisconsin.

Private First Class DAHL R WILBANKS, (39192160), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Calanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 June 1945. During logging operations at Calanan, 15 to 20 Japanese were reported to be in the vicinity. A patrol was organized and Private Wilbanks volunteered to help carry a light machine gun. When the enemy was encountered, Private Wilbanks, without regard for his own safety, stood up for better observation and directed the machine-gun fire, shooting at the enemy with his rifle at the same time. His coolness, and intrepidity under fire and his excellent direction of the machine-gun fire contributed to the complete rout of the enemy and reflect the highest standards of leadership. Home address: Mrs Herrat Francis Frame, (mother), Rt #1, Estacada, Oregon.

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I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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:

Chief Warrant Officer FLOYD F. DUKE, (W-2116200), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 15 April to 15 June 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Doris L. Duke (wife), 146 Railroad Street, St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

Private First Class FREDERICK G. GREENER, (11021227), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at the Shimbu Line, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 March 1945. On this date, Private Greener exhibited high qualities of courage, ability, and initiative in leading a carrying party out of a zone of action. Observing that the civilian carrying party had arrived while his company was still engaged with the enemy, and realizing that the noisy, excited carriers were disclosing the company's position, Private Greener with utter disregard for his own life, maneuvered his way over exposed areas, reorganized the Filipino carriers, and fearlessly led them to a sheltered location to safety. This prompt and heroic act on the part of Private Greener undoubtedly saved the lives of many of the civilians and enabled his men to direct all their attention in reducing enemy forces. Home Address: Mrs. Ann Greener, (mother), 73 Almont Street, Bedford, Mass.

Staff Sergeant WILLIE HARDISON JR., (34451784), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 26 April 1945. Sergeant Hardison, while in the performance of his duties, displayed marked courage and skill in repulsing an enemy counterattack. After taking an objective, the company of which Sergeant Hardison was a member was digging in, when suddenly the enemy counterattacked. Sergeant Hardison, upon observation of the attack, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, left the protection of his fox-hole and advanced to a position from which he was able to bring effective fire upon the Japanese. Utilizing his rifle and hand grenades with devastating skill and accuracy, Sergeant Hardison forced the enemy to halt the attack and withdraw. Sergeant Hardison's indomitable fighting spirit and bravery are in keeping with the high traditions of the armed forces. Home Address: Mrs. Fattie H. Hardison, (mother), RFD #4, Kinston, North Carolina.

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Second Lieutenant CHARLES H. LA FON, (O-2030658), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area during the period 20 October 1942 to 30 June 1945. Home Address: Ruth E. La Fon (relationship unknown), 1618 Middle Ave., Elyria, Ohio.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Major OLLIE A. HOOD (O-421839), Infantry, United States Army, 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). Citation is as follows:

Major OLLIE A. HOOD, (O-421839), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Malasin, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 January 1945. When the Battalion Commanding Officer was wounded while leading reinforcements to the line which had been under heavy enemy attack during the night, Major Hood immediately went forward from the Battalion Command Post to assume command. The road was under heavy enemy machine-gun and sniper fire, but Major Hood, realizing the necessity for immediate aid, and with no regard for his own safety, exposed himself continuously to enemy fire along the three-mile route. Arriving at the lead elements, Major Hood found they had run into heavy enemy rifle and machine-gun fire. Ignoring this fire, Major Hood directed the advance and the mission was accomplished. During the entire period Major Hood, by being at the front at all times, inspired the men to greater efforts and instilled them with renewed courage. Home Address: Mrs. Nettie Fernham, (Mother), 39 Roosevelt Ave., Waterville, Maine.

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AWARDS OF SILVER STAR MEDAL

I. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918, (Bulletin 4, 1918), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 438 Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant FRANK DACCORSO JR., (O-180320), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Rosario-Darortis Area, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 7 February 1945. Lieutenant Daccorso, in command of two M-7 tanks, was at a road-block which was under extreme heavy enemy fire, preventing further advance to our troops. After making a personal reconnaissance, he decided to advance with his tanks to open the highway. Immediately upon passing the block, his lead M-7 was subjected to heavy machine-gun fire which penetrated the oil filter and caused the motor to function poorly. He set up a security defense, had the motor repaired despite the hostile fire centered on the tank, and started a return to the road-block. On the return trip he directed all the tanks' fire-power at the spot from which he had been fired upon with such devastating effect that the stalemate was broken and our forces were again able to advance. Lieutenant Daccorso's alertness, leadership, and resourcefulness in opening the road-block reflect the high standards of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Joan Daccorso (wife), 311 South Central Avenue, Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania.

Captain WILLIAM W. GACKSTATTER, (O-1-18091), (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 January 1945. Given two platoons assigned the mission of engaging enemy positions known to contain several field pieces and of obtaining much-needed intelligence. Captain Gackstatter led his forces in a superior and exemplary fashion. His instructions and leadership led to the destruction of three caves, an enemy artillery piece, and the death of several enemy. In the face of intense hostile fire he directed evacuation of wounded and was among the last to leave the area after having given information to enable artillery smoke shells to permit safe withdrawal of his men. Captain Gackstatter's utter disregard for his personal safety and dauntless leadership were instrumental in the destruction of a formidable enemy position and in the success of later operations of his unit. Captain Gackstatter's inspiring conduct and courage were a constant inspiration to the men serving with him. Home address: Mrs. Catherine W. Gackstatter (mother), 123 Third Street, Huntington Station, New York.

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Technician Fifth Grade DESMOND J. McKENNA, (39332923), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 March 1945. Corporal McKenna's company received a heavy amount of mortar and machine-gun fire during an attack on a well-fortified enemy position. As a result of this fire the company suffered several casualties and was forced to withdraw in order to reorganize. Corporal McKenna remained with one man who was seriously wounded in the line. He succeeded in dragging the man to the nearest cover and gave immediate first-aid. In dragging the stricken soldier to cover, Corporal McKenna underwent heavy Japanese mortar fire. On numerous occasions during the action, he continued to treat casualties under fire. Although sick and very weak, he refused to remain with the company when ordered to the rear by the company Commander. This fine spirit, courage, and bravery on the part of Corporal McKenna was above and beyond the call of duty required of a medical aid-man and reflect the highest standards of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Josephine L. McKenna (mother), 5326 North Williams Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH A. MURPHY, (O-1300066), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 January 1945. Lieutenant Murphy's company had the mission of attacking enemy-held Hill #10. The company had run into heavy enemy machine-gun and sniper fire, halting its advance. Lieutenant Murphy, the weapons platoon leader, realizing the seriousness of the situation, immediately took a light machine gun and crawled across 200 yards of open terrain which was under constant enemy fire, to a position on a knoll from which he could deliver fire on the hostile positions. In full view of the enemy, and with utter disregard for his own life, Lieutenant Murphy remained in his exposed position, personally manning the weapon to support the advance of the infantrymen. As a result of his courageous act in the face of terrific enemy fire, the company was able to advance, under his covering fire, to its objective. His aggressive and unhesitating action served as an example to the men and gave them the initiative to push forward. Lieutenant Murphy's unflinching devotion to duty at a critical moment brought him the admiration and respect of all his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Joseph Murphy, (wife), 3318 Seventh Avenue, Troy, New York.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #7019, 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 MINTO G GILSTRAP, (34570141), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January to 20 April 1945. Serving as guide and platoon sergeant in a rifle company throughout the Luzon Campaign, Sergeant Gilstrap exhibited high qualities of courage and leadership in the execution of his arduous combat duties. Often exposing himself to withering enemy fire, he directed and led his men to the most advantageous positions in order to achieve the maximum of fire-power against hostile forces. His terrain appreciation and quick and cool estimations of the changing battle situations were superior. Sergeant Gilstrap constantly demonstrated the fine qualities desired in a combat soldier and was always a source of inspiration to the men serving with him. Home address: Mr Oscar Dillard Gilstrap, (father), 279 Oxford Pl. NE, Atlanta, Georgia.

Staff Sergeant LEONARD J KELLER, (37527705), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mt Mayas, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 June 1945. Sergeant Keller's patrol, given the mission of scouting enemy strength and installations had gone only 100 yards from the perimeter when he, acting as first scout, discovered enemy forces nearby. He quickly spotted several of the Japanese in camouflaged fox-holes and killed four of them with his rifle. His quick actions and keen powers of observation enabled the patrol to proceed with its mission without casualties. By his courageous, quick-witted action and complete lack of thought of personal danger, Sergeant Keller undoubtedly saved others from injury or death and won the esteem of all. Home address: Mr Franklin B Keller, (father), Anderson, Missouri.

First Lieutenant GORDON S LORD, (O-1307837), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kaybamban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 April 1945. Lieutenant Lord volunteered to lead a rescue party in recovering casualties suffered when a combat patrol was ambushed by the enemy. The casualties were found on the reverse slope of a hill at a point out of view from our observer post. When Lieutenant Lord approached the area he received rifle and machine-gun fire from an adjacent knoll. He immediately placed his gunners in position to neutralize this fire and proceed to direct the removal of the casualties, only one of which could be removed at a time. For a long period of time Lieutenant Lord was subjected to the harassing fire from the enemy but, with utter disregard for his own safety, he skillfully directed the men so that no one was hit and the evacuation was completed. This heroic act reflects great credit upon Lieutenant Lord and is in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Home address: Mrs Marguerite K Lord, (relationship unknown), Center Harbor, New Hampshire.

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Technician Fourth Grade JOHN B MOORE JR, (7084456), (then Technician Fifth Grade), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ft Stotsenburg, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 March 1945. On this date Sergeant Moore volunteered to go on a patrol into a Japanese Motor Pool. After the patrol had reconnoitered through half of the motor pool, it was ambushed and several desperate efforts were made to withdraw, but only Sergeant Moore and a few other men were successful in their attempts. After reaching an area of comparative safety, Sergeant Moore noted that several members of the patrol in the motor pool were wounded and urgently in need of assistance. Without a moments hesitation and no regard for his personal safety Sergeant Moore moved back into the motor pool, where enemy fire was extremely heavy, to assist the wounded. His efforts resulted in the speedy evacuation of several men who were seriously wounded. Sergeant Moore's conspicuous bravery and unselfishness, reflect great credit to himself and to his command forces. Home address: Mrs Nina Christine Moore, (relationship unknown), 502 East Leo Street, Thomaston, Georgia.

Private First Class JEWELL E RATLIFF, (37240492), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 June 1945. Private Ratliff was a gunner of a machine-gun squad of his company which had the mission of attacking an enemy-held hill and securing it. The men succeeded in occupying the hill but as they were about to reorganize, the enemy counter-attacked violently. Private Ratliff with complete disregard for his own safety, set up his gun in an open area and delivered a devastating fire on the attacking force. The fire delivered was so effective that the enemy, suffering heavy casualties, broke and fled. Private Ratliff's heroic action and bravery under fire was instrumental in helping his company accomplish its mission. Home address: Mr Charles J Ratliff, (father), 223 W Walker Street, Marcelline, Missouri.

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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, 43d Infantry Division to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade MAURICE B CASEY, (31196717), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 January to 25 May 1945. During this period Corporal Casey performed his duties as radio operator in a superior manner. On one occasion when he had begun operating his set without having had time to dig a foxhole, the Command Post was, without warning, subjected to a concentrated fire from enemy artillery and the order was given for all personnel to seek better protection at another location. Corporal Casey was in the midst of handling an urgent message and despite the danger involved he chose to remain at his post until he had cleared the message. Corporal Casey's disregard for personal danger and perseverance in carrying out his duties exemplify the highest traditions of the service. Home address: Mrs Anna Casey, (mother), 123 North Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

Technician Fourth Grade FRANK J EBERHARDT, (32965237), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 May 1945. Acting as a radio operator at a battalion operation post under shelling from enemy artillery, Sergeant Eberhardt stayed at his post with two officers after all others were ordered to take adequate shelter to the rear. While thus under fire he assisted in bringing a wounded man to safety and then returned to obtain vital communications equipment necessary to further the accomplishment of his unit's mission. By his dauntless and superior judgment, Sergeant Eberhardt helped save the life of a comrade and maintained necessary communications to assist our attacking forces. Home address: Mrs Vincent Eberhardt, (mother), 39-76 52nd Street, Woodside, Long Island, New York.

Staff Sergeant NORMAN J FLORI, (39135803), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bulac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. Sergeant Flori's battalion had been attacking a heavily defended ridge north of Sugar-Loaf Hill for three days. A platoon, of which Sergeant Flori was a squad leader, fought its way across the sniper-infested valley and reached the top hill on the left flank. Under mortar and machine-gun fire the platoon dug in on the reverse slope. That night the enemy attacked the platoon's perimeter under cover of heavy mortar fire causing two casualties in Sergeant Flori's squad, which bore the brunt of the attack as it was protecting the platoon machine gun. Although repulsed, the enemy continued to press the attack, still centering their main effort against the machine gun and its protecting riflemen. The machine gun ran out of ammunition and two more men were wounded by the enemy. By using the remainder of the hand grenades and sustained rifle fire his squad broke the enemy attack and the critical point was passed. In the morning fourteen enemy dead were counted in front of the perimeter and four unexploded Japanese hand grenades in Sergeant Flori's foxhole. By holding his position in the face of this ferocious

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attack. Sergeant Flori demonstrated extreme bravery and cool, efficient leadership. Home address: Mr Joseph V Flori, (father), Rt #2, Box 352, Walnut Avenue, Concord, California.

Staff Sergeant PERCY A FONDA, (32857333), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January to 12 May 1945. Serving as an 81mm mortar observer throughout the Luzon Campaign, Sergeant Fonda exhibited high qualities of courage and leadership in the execution of his arduous combat duties. Often exposing himself to withering enemy fire, he directed heavy and accurate mortar barrages in order to maintain close-in support for the advancing infantrymen at all times. His terrain appreciation and quick and cool estimations of the changing battle situations were superior. Sergeant Fonda's fine fighting spirit, keen military proficiency, and inimitable bravery contribute immeasurably to the high combat efficiency of his company. Home address: Mrs Mable L Fonda, (wife), 122 South Melcher Street, Johnstown, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM I McKELVY, (37442797), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 January and 30 January 1945. On the former date Corporal McKelvy volunteered to salvage a disabled truck from a field littered with mines and subjected to enemy artillery fire. The need for the salvaged truck was critical and recovery was made because of Corporal McKelvy's ingenuity in improvising a means of towing without normally adequate equipment. Again on 30 January, Corporal McKelvy volunteered for another dangerous mission, this time salvaging needed automobile parts from an enemy motor vehicle pool that was still being subjected to enemy small-arms harassing fire. In thus performing his work, Corporal McKelvy's valor and constancy helped insure the accomplishment of making indispensable supplies available to our forward areas motor transport. Home address: Mrs Norma D McKelvy, (wife), Seymour, Iowa.

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. 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 LEWY I. SETZIOL, (O-518336), Chaplain Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Ilocos, Philippine Islands, on 15 May 1945. Chaplain Setziol's Battalion Commander was wounded and lay in a fox-hole which was being subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. Chaplain Setziol, with six enlisted men volunteered to act as a litter party in order that the Commander could be returned in the shortest possible time. With no litter available, one was improvised out of bamboo and two ponchos. Without hesitation, Chaplain Setziol undertook this very dangerous and highly difficult task, even though he had already endured many days of heavy and exhausting combat. The return trip was extremely difficult, heavy rains having rendered the terrain almost impassable. Chaplain Setziol and his comrades descended the steep incline by sliding on their backs over slippery mud, holding the Commander steady by strength of arm. Proceeding laboriously for an hour under fierce hostile artillery fire and with total disregard for the shells exploding all around him, Chaplain Setziol succeeded in reaching the Battalion Command Post, where prompt medical attention was rendered to his stricken commander. In placing the life of a fellow-man above his own, Chaplain Setziol exemplified the highest traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Ruth I. Setziol, (wife), 6607 East 15th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 79419, 4 February 1941, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1941), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

Sergeant ARTHUR C. LAND, (34191453), 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. As a member of a Platoon that was separated by enemy machine-gun fire from the remainder of his Company, Sergeant Land, voluntarily and successfully discovered the only route out of their precarious position. He succeeded in crawling back over the hill and securing aid for a seriously-wounded stretcher case, and then assisted in evacuating the stricken man under cover of friendly smoke grenades which had been placed on the location. Sergeant Land's prompt and quick action was undoubtedly responsible for saving his comrades life. Home address: Mrs. Betty J. Allen, (mother), 1812 Euclid Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee.

First Lieutenant ARTHUR G. CLECKOCK, (O-1318216), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Zambales Mountains, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 7 March 1945. On that day Lieutenant Cleckock was given the mission of leading a carrying party of twenty soldiers and fifty civilians with supplies to our forward attacking elements. The carrying party moved over a rocky, treacherous, mountain trail to

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a stream bed. After moving several hundred yards in the stream bed the party was ambushed by eleven Japanese. While under fire, Lieutenant Clecheck moved to his various Squad Leaders giving them orders and deploying the squads for the protection of the carrying parties. During this action the carrying party proceeded only to be attacked by two other enemy forces. Through his superb leadership, Lieutenant Clecheck was able to skillfully deploy his platoon, killing a total of thirty-eight Japanese and sustaining no casualties to our troops. Lieutenant Clecheck's courage, aggressiveness, and military skill were a constant inspiration to the men who were serving with him. Home address: Mrs. Mary Clecheck, (mother), Rib Lake, Wisconsin.

→ Private First Class DENNIS WARD, (38631122), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 April 1945. Private Ward, was a member of a small Reconnaissance Patrol sent to locate enemy-held Kalinawan Cave. Previous patrols had failed to accomplish this mission. The group was able to approach the large cave and remain in observation in spite of being fired upon by the enemy who were located in well-emplaced positions. Private Ward maintained his position long enough to orient the location of the cave on a map and study the terrain for all possible routes of approach. This valuable information was of inestimable value to a subsequent patrol which followed and gained entrance to the cave, capturing valuable documents and much material. The cool courage demonstrated by Private Ward in remaining calmly at his position while under intense enemy fire is in keeping with the fine traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Home address: Mrs. Ella L. Ward, (mother), 330 West Byron Street, Denison, Texas.

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I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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 KENNETH H HUBLER, (35554281), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 April 1945. Private Hubler's platoon was searching out a Japanese bivouac area when the platoon leader was killed by enemy machine-gun fire. Immediately he contacted the Company Commander by phone and informed him of his platoon leader's death. The Commander gave him orders to have the platoon sergeant withdraw the platoon and to recover the body. Private Hubler, noting the platoon sergeant was not in the vicinity, proceeded to recover the body, which was under machine-gun fire. He then contacted the platoon sergeant and the platoon was guided safely to the company Command Post. Private Hubler's total disregard for personal danger, and his selfless devotion to duty as shown by his recovery of the body and assumption of command in absence of a leader is deserving of highest admiration. Home address: Mrs Goldie M Hubler, (mother), Route 1, Box 712, South Bend, Indiana.

Private First Class ALBERT M SCHULTZ, (37660742), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 18 March to 2 May 1945. Home address: Mrs Dorothy Schultz, (mother), Box 429 Mora Springs, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant LEONARD M STEBURG, (37071493), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 1 June to 4 July 1945. Home address: Mrs Marthaleen Steburg, (wife), Box 636, Arnold, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant JAMES E STEINKIRCHNER, (19182886), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sugar Leaf Hill, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. A machine gun squad, led by Sergeant Steinkirchner, was assigned to protect the extreme right flank of an assault on a hill. During the assault, heavy machine-gun and mortar fire was encountered by the platoon. Upon his own initiative, and without regard for his personal safety, Sergeant Steinkirchner moved his gun into an open space on the hill under direct fire of the enemy and opened counter-automatic fire with his weapon in order to draw fire. Personally manning the gun, he ordered his men into positions under cover and remained at the gun giving supporting fire to the assault elements. Sergeant Steinkirchner's courage, leadership and inspiring example to his men reflect the highest traditions of the service. Home address: (home address unknown)

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II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Sergeant JOSEPH F SENDZIK, (32362261), Infantry, by this headquarters, as published in General Order #695, dated 21 September 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:

Sergeant JOSEPH F SENDZIK, (32362261), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. Sergeant Sendzik volunteered to take an M-7 through a roadblock not previously crossed by friendly forces along Highway #3. Despite many obstacles, Sergeant Sendzik, after personal reconnaissance on foot, led his section through the block, up Highway #3 to the north, firing canister and high explosive shells at Japanese positions. He circled to the enemy's rear, discovered caves and emplacements which had been holding up our forces, fired directly into the enemy, annihilating them, and closing the caves. During the firing period, Sergeant Sendzik discovered a camouflaged hut, fired into it, and exploded a cleverly-concealed ammunition dump. Sergeant Sendzik's courage, initiative and resourcefulness enabled his gun section to accomplish the mission of extending the block to the North. Home address: Mrs Virginia H Sendzik, (wife), 806 Grove Street, Point Pleasant, New Jersey.

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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. 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 GERALD W. LANGE, (37196143), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 25 March 1945. As a driver of an infantry-supporting cannon tank, Sergeant Lange successfully maneuvered his tank through an almost impassable area. In so doing, the vehicle's weapon was brought into position where it afforded supporting fire-power to an advancing infantry column. Sergeant Lange's unswerving determination, indomitable courage, and keen military proficiency contributed immeasurably to the success of his company's operation. Home Address: Mrs. Florence B. Lange (wife), 2442 Central Ave., Dubuque, Iowa.

Sergeant DONALD J. LEIFHEIT, (15337861), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mt. Yubang, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 27 April 1945. Sergeant Leifheit's company was occupying a hill with little opposition, initially, but as the company was digging in it received heavy fire from enemy mortars and machine guns. Sergeant Leifheit jumped into an enemy fox-hole on the forward slope of the hill, even though it was being swept by machine-gun fire, and directed mortar and artillery fire on the hostile positions. As a result of his brave action, his company was able to reorganize and thwart an attempted enemy attack. Sergeant Leifheit's valor and superior judgment reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Marie E. Leifheit (mother), 744 Forrest Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio.

Private RUSSELL J. LOSURDO, (36732248), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 12 April 1945. Private Losurdo volunteered with a fellow soldier to establish contact with another rifle company which had been temporarily isolated and pinned down by enemy machine-gun and rifle fire. Without thought of his own safety, Private Losurdo crawled nearly 300 yards over open ground exposed to hostile artillery fire, to contact the artillery officer, giving him vital information pertaining to the enemy firing positions. The coolness under fire, bravery, and courage demonstrated by

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Private Losurdo are in keeping with the fine traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Losurdo, (mother), 1521 N. Waller Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Technician Fifth Grade ALLX MOSS, (33668305), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 January 1945. On that night it was discovered that a force of 100 Japanese had infiltrated through the battalion perimeter and was attacking a platoon of Corporal Moss's company. The enemy laid down a strong concentration of machine-gun fire, pinning down one of the platoons. Corporal Moss, realizing it was necessary to stop the enemy in order to maintain possession of the heavy machine gun, acting on his own initiative, and without regard for his personal safety stood erect in his fox-hole and opened fire with his carbine. This action inspired the other men and brought about a fire-fight which enabled the gunners on the machine gun to withdraw the weapon to a position where effective fire was brought to bear upon the enemy, killing 38 Japanese, breaking up the attack, and maintaining the security of the battalion perimeter. Home Address: Adolph Pollack (Uncle), 2654 Mt. Royal Road, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, 75, 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 DONALD E. FECH, (31358534), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo and Ipo Dam, during the period 9 January to 4 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Froh, (mother), 64 Rosemary Street, Norwood, Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade H. LAMAR E., (20153652), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 9 January 1945. On this date at Lingayen Gulf subsequent to landing and arrival at the troop assembly area, Sergeant Lamarze, on his own initiative and without regard for his personal safety, returned to the beach landing area during a period of heavy enemy shelling of the area and assisted in the clearing of his organizations stalled and disabled vehicles which were in the line of enemy fire and were holding up landing operations. This heroic achievement was accomplished during a period in which a heavy smoke screen enveloped the troop landing area. By this fine example of his courage, devotion to duty and ability to get things done under trying conditions, Sergeant Lamarze exemplified the highest traditions of the service. Home address: Mrs. Theodora E. Lamarze, (mother), 860 Main Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Sergeant ALBERT G. LANGER, (32762586), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 5 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen Langer, (wife), Hamilton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Private First Class ARTHUR DE NICHOLAS, (20153795), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 4 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Corrina De Nicholas, (mother), 56 Bloomingdale Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Private First Class JACK L. PETERSON, (79290299), (then Private), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January 1945 to 4 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Carl L. Peterson, (father), 2638 Kingston Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Captain EMILIS A. PRULX, (O-1102434), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 23 March 1945. Home address: Miss Gliva Prulx, (sister), Au Gros, Michigan.

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Technician, Fifth Grade, JOHN RICHARDSON, (31038546), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 April 1945. Corporal Richardson was a member of a small Reconnaissance Patrol sent to locate enemy-held Blinawan Cave. Previous patrols had failed to accomplish this mission. The group was able to approach the large cave and remain in observation in spite of being fired upon by the enemy who were located in well-emplaced positions. Corporal Richardson maintained his position long enough to orient the location of the cave on a map and study the terrain for all possible routes of approach. This valuable information was of inestimable value to a subsequent patrol which followed and gained entrance to the cave, capturing valuable documents and much material. The cool courage demonstrated by Corporal Richardson in remaining calmly at his position while under intense enemy fire is in keeping with the fine traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Home address: Mr. John W. Richardson, Sr. (father), 36 Underwood Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Private First Class WILLIAM G. WATSON, (3911-9784), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayabas, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 16 May 1945. Private Watson, an automatic rifleman, was a member of a Combat Patrol investigating a Japanese cut-post near Bayabas. As the patrol advanced toward the objective, it was fired upon by an unestimated number of the enemy, pinning down the group because of the intense fire. Private Watson, observing the fire emanating from a shack to his front, without regard for his personal safety, rose up from the duck cover and opened fire with his automatic weapon. His aim was so accurate that he forced the enemy to withdraw, killing two of the escaping Japanese. Upon searching the hut it was discovered that four more of the foe were killed by Private Watson's accurate fire. By his outstanding courage and coolness under fire Private Watson was largely responsible for the accomplishment of the patrol's mission and the safety of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Bernadette, L. Watson, (mother), Route # 6, Box # 117, Fresno, California.

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AWARDS OF 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 LUTHER J. PERDUE, (38510954), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 19 March 1945. Sergeant Perdue, although wounded in a "Banzai" attack, took over a sector of fire with his automatic rifle and successfully defended the sector after one of our light machine guns had been put out of action. He refused to abandon his position and remained with his weapon during the balance of the fighting that night. The following day Sergeant Perdue was evacuated to the hospital. His deep devotion to duty, and his outstanding work throughout the action was an inspiration to all who knew him. By his continual operation of his weapon, Sergeant Perdue aided materially in repelling the attack and won the respect of all present. Home Address: Mrs. C. W. Perdue (father), Route #1, Altus, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant MICHAEL C. SAK, (36126933), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 12 June 1945. Sergeant Sak's platoon was the lead platoon in a company move to set up a road-block at Akle. When scouts detected Japanese in the area, the platoon immediately deployed, one squad to the right flank, one to the left, and one straight ahead. Sergeant Sak was in charge of the second squad maneuvering to the left flank. As his men moved into position the enemy opened fire. Sergeant Sak noted that the greatest counter-fire was coming from an old wooden shack to the front. He took part of his squad in through a dead space and set fire to the shack while the rest of the group continued firing. Keeping an eye on the burning shack, Sergeant Sak observed three Japanese leap out the windows. He immediately brought this action to the attention of the squad and succeeded in killing all three of the enemy with rifle fire. The leadership, courage, and devotion to duty shown by Sergeant Sak in this action won him the highest respect and admiration; Home Address: Mrs. Tillie Sak (mother), 4086 Scotten, Detroit, 10, Michigan.

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AWARDS OF SILVER STAR MEDAL - POSTHUMOUS

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 posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant LOUIS BISSON, (31024278), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. A reconnaissance patrol in the vicinity of Pozorrubio was ambushed by about 75 enemy troops armed with rifles and machine guns, and was caught in a withering cross fire. Sergeant Bisson, in charge of the rear guard of the patrol, and without adequate protection as his weapon had immediately jammed, openly exposed himself to enemy fire in order to point out Japanese positions to his men. Realizing a withdrawal was necessary, and still with complete disregard for his own safety, he directed his men as they withdrew to more favorable positions. During this action, he was killed by an enemy sniper. Sergeant Bisson's coolness and courage under fire, while directing his men, undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades. His devotion to duty war in the highest traditions of the military service and a credit to his country. Next of kin: Mrs Edwidge Bisson, (mother), 91 Brook Street, Sanford, Maine.

Private First Class SINNEY W DOUGHERTY, (33598125), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 June 1945. During the attack on Hill #300, in the vicinity of Pozorrubio, the leading elements of Private Dougherty's company came under heavy rifle, machine-gun and artillery fire causing many casualties. In complete disregard for his own safety, Private Dougherty voluntarily moved out in front of his platoon knocking out an enemy machine gun with grenades. In doing this he lost his life, but through his efforts the vital objective was taken. Private Dougherty's devotion to duty and supreme sacrifice bespeak an earnestness of purpose that was an inspiration to all. Next of kin: Mrs Eva Dougherty, (mother), 1259 Haverford Road, Crum Lynne, Pennsylvania.

Private HERMAN B FARICELLI, (20130190), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at PalacPalac, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. On this date, an infantry platoon and a section of heavy machine guns were occupying positions in a rice paddy at PalacPalac, when an enemy attack ran them off from the rest of the battalion. During the attack, Private Faricelli, a gunner of the section, was wounded, but realizing the danger to the crew of the other machine gun, he refused to leave his position. Intense enemy fire continued and finally succeeded in putting the machine gun temporarily out of action. Without regard for his own safety and despite his painful wound Private Faricelli exposed himself to the enemy fire in an attempt to repair the weapon. While so doing, he was killed by enemy sniper fire. This action on the part of Private Faricelli displays the greatest devotion to duty and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Army. Next of kin: Mrs Jenny Faricelli, (mother), 298 East Main Street, Meriden, Connecticut.

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Staff Sergeant RAYMOND E GIBBS, (33199981), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Palao Palao, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. During an enemy counter-attack the leader of Sergeant Gibbs' platoon, who was operating the radio in an open position on a ridge, was hit by enemy fire. Sergeant Gibbs, seeing the platoon leader fall and knowing that the radio was the only means of communication, immediately started after the radio. After only a few steps he was caught in the withering fire and was mortally wounded. Despite his wounds, he continued to the ridge, retrieved the radio, and crawled painfully back with it at the same time calling the company Command Post for aid. By this gallantry he went far beyond the call of duty and at the cost of his life, Sergeant Gibbs undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and exemplified the highest traditions of the service. Next of kin: Mrs Stacia Gibbs, (mother), Secaucus, New Jersey.

Private First Class WILLIAM H WATTS, (36741931), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 29 January 1945. On this date Private Watts' company was given the mission of seizing and holding Hill #900. The rifle platoon, of which he was a member, was given the mission of leading an attack on an enemy held hill. The platoon moved forward and during its progress forward, an enemy machine gun opened fire on the platoon from a well concealed position about 75 yards away. Private Watts, an automatic rifleman, who was closely following the lead scouts, opened fire on the enemy position and despite the intense enemy fire continued his fire, while the other members of his squad were moving into positions from which fire could also be placed on the enemy position. As Private Watts dropped for the second time to the ground to reload his weapon, he was shot and killed by an enemy rifleman. For this high standard of performance in the face of the enemy and this deed of bravery, Private Watts will be long remembered by his comrades and friends. Next of kin: Mr William H Watts, (father), 209 W Lincoln Street, Villa Grove, Illinois.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR-MEDALS

I. 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 posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Sergeant ALBERT A. CODRANO, (20129192), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munda, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, during period 4 July to 17 July 1943. Sergeant Codrano continually distinguished himself by outstanding performance of his assigned duties. Despite extreme combat conditions, difficulty of supply and evacuation, and in the face of a determined and ruthless enemy, Sergeant Codrano showed such qualities of leadership and devotion to duty as to keep up a high state of morale and combat efficiency amongst the men under his command. Though ordered to be evacuated because of exhaustion, Sergeant Codrano refused, feeling that he could not be spared under the critical situation then prevailing. This devotion to duty led to his death by the explosion of an enemy mortar shell. Shortly before his death, Sergeant Codrano's Battalion was cut off, completely surrounded, and under heavy enemy mortar fire. Even under these conditions, Sergeant Codrano set an example of courage and coolness under fire and was, in a large measure, responsible for the continued resistance of his men and the subsequent defeat of the enemy in that sector. His devotion to duty and fidelity reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Josephine Codrano, (mother), 229 Martin Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Second Lieutenant LEONARD P. GRITMAN, (0-1292514), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munda, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, during period 4-16 July 1943. During the Munda Campaign Lieutenant Gritman, Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon Leader, continually distinguished himself by outstanding performance of his assigned duties. Despite extreme combat conditions, difficulty of supply, and evacuation and in the face of a determined and ruthless enemy, Lieutenant Gritman maintained a flow of supplies of all types to his battalion and evacuated all casualties. This was accomplished with an inadequate number of men handling a very long, very muddy supply trail which was constantly under attack. Lieutenant Gritman led these supply carriers daily and continued to go even when exhaustion and very badly infected feet made it impossible for him to rise to his feet without assistance. (Overtaken by darkness while enroute to his Battalion on 18 July, Lieutenant Gritman formed a small perimeter for the defense of his men and the supplies they were carrying. That night the perimeter was attacked and Lieutenant Gritman was killed in hand-to-hand combat with the enemy. Next of Kin: Mrs. Edna S. Gritman, (wife), 40 Lester Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey.

Private GEORGE W. HENDERSON, (37984433), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 May 1945. In a supporting action against the enemy, Private Henderson as Assistant Gunner, helped to place his heavy machine gun in position while under heavy hostile fire. From his position along side of the gun, he delivered accurate fire on the enemy and also, on his initiative, acted as a forward observer. Repeatedly, he unerringly picked out well concealed

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gun emplacements and sniper positions, and from his directions the gun positions were destroyed. While directing this fire, Private Henderson was killed in action. His fighting spirit and unselfish devotion to duty earned him the respect and admiration of all his fellow men. Next of Kin: Mrs. Anita Henderson, (wife), 104 Hempstead Street, Fairfield, Iowa.

Electrician Fifth Grade J. N. JOHNSON, (G-159783), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Arundel Island, New Georgia Group, British-Solomon Islands, 14 September 1943. Corporal Johnson volunteered to carry a reel of wire and repair the Battalion's wire line when it was without communications. Knowing the terrain was extremely difficult, and aware of the fact the Japs had an effective road-block isolating them, he nevertheless disregarded all personal safety and willingly set about laying a new line, having to skirt the enemy road-block. He arrived at the Battalion Command Post whereupon he immediately contacted the Regimental Headquarters. Shortly after communications were installed, the new wire line was cut by the enemy. Realizing the importance of this wire line to the tactical situation, Corporal Johnson, together with other men, started immediately to locate the break and repair the line. It was on this mission that they came under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire from the enemy, killing one of the men and wounding another. After the line was repaired he stayed in the area and patrolled and checked the line for the balance of the day so that the enemy could not disrupt this means of communication. Corporal Johnson's knowledge of wire communications, his devotion to duty, and his disregard for his own personal safety were great contributing factors to the high quality of wire communications within the Regiment, and are deserving of the highest credit. Next of Kin: Mrs. Mary Johnson, (mother), RFD # 1, Dunnell, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant HARRY W. RANDALL, (O-1323968), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 April 1945. On that date Lieutenant Randall was assigned the mission to destroy an enemy ammunition dump in the vicinity of Antipolo. He picked a squad of approximately twelve men to carry out the mission. Lieutenant Randall's plan was to work his squad west of the hill where the observation post of his company was located and scout an enemy motor pool northwest of the hill, then proceed to the ammunition, destroy it and to proceed back to his area. On their move to the motor pool, the patrol received accurate enemy sniper and small-arms fire. Seeing that this enemy action could interfere with his mission Lieutenant Randall withdrew his patrol to a position south of the hill and devised a new plan to destroy the ammunition dump. He then led his patrol along the ridge line of the hill skirting the observation post and flanked the ammunition dump from the north. Leaving the patrol in a secluded position, Lieutenant Randall and his assistant patrol leader, set out to scout the dump and devise a plan to destroy it. Immediately a well concealed enemy sniper spotted them and opened fire, killing Lieutenant Randall and wounding his assistant. Lieutenant's superior leadership and bravery which led him to make the supreme sacrifice, materially aided the success of his units mission, and will cause him to be long remembered by his friends and comrades. Next of Kin: Mr. J. J. Randall, (father), Alenburn, North Dakota.

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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect. 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:

Staff Sergeant EDWARD H. CASKE, (36732513), (then Technician Fifth Grade), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 January 1945. During a night attack on our positions, Sergeant Caske, along with other members of his company, volunteered to leave his foxhole and remove wounded men to the battalion aid station. Without regard for the enemy fire or the danger involved, he reached several of the wounded and returned with them to the aid station. He continued his efforts until all who needed aid had been cared for. Sergeant Caske's devotion to duty, his unflinching courage and his skillful handling of the wounded are in keeping with the highest qualities desired in a soldier. Home Address: Mrs. Agnes Kaszynsky (grandmother), 2442 Janssen Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Private First Class HOWELL A. HEITER, (34785121), Infantry, 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 15-21 January 1945. Private Heiter, a member of a wire crew, was largely responsible for maintaining wire communications from Regimental to Division Headquarters despite the fact that infiltrating Japanese succeeded in cutting the wire several times daily. Without regard to sniper fire or danger to himself, he left each day at dawn and patrolled the wire until dark. By his efforts the line was kept in operation a high percentage of the time. At times he repaired breaks while under sniper fire. His devotion to duty, disregard of danger, and skillful wire-maintenance were instrumental in maintaining vital communications and reflect great credit upon Private Heiter and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Jessie Heiter (mother), 802 E. Wilder Ave., Tampa, Florida.

Captain FRANK E. HELSEL, (O-485156), Chaplains Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 24 January 1945. During the battle for a hill mass about 1500 yards north of Rosario, Chaplain Helsel, with complete disregard for his own safety, and despite intense enemy artillery fire, moved about through the area and assisted the wounded men back out of the area of the artillery fire. Although Chaplain Helsel was wounded by shell fragments, he continued time

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and again to assist the battalion aid men in caring for the wounded and only after all the wounded were cared for would he consent to be evacuated because of the wound he received during the shelling. Chaplain Helsel's presence among the men added greatly to their morale and aided materially in saving the lives of the men who were wounded. Home Address: Mrs. Nancy L. Helsel (wife), 802 Jones Street, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania,

Staff Sergeant JOHN M. KLEES, (33811629), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 March 1945. Sergeant Klees, as a replacement with no previous infantry training, exhibited rare courage and superb leadership in the execution of his arduous combat duties. On 15 March during the difficult Shambu Line operation, when his squad leader became a battle casualty, Sergeant Klees unhesitatingly assumed command of the group and through his organizational ability, coolness under fire, and keen military proficiency he was able to successfully accomplish the squad's mission. Sergeant Klees constantly demonstrated the fine qualities desired in a combat soldier and was always a source of inspiration to the men serving with him. Home Address: Hanna Klees (mother), Katalic, Penn.

Corporal NORBERT SLANKAMANAC, (36584770), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 20 March 1945 to 27 August 1945. Home Address: Katherine Slankamanac (mother), 2125 East Ferry Ave., Detroit, Michigan.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL-POSTHUMOUS

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

Private First Class JOSEPH G. MARCHIONE, (33312704), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 February 1945. Private Marchione was a member of a demolition squad of a Battalion Headquarters Company for a short period. Several times daily he joined patrols or assault units engaged in dislodging the stubborn enemy troops from heavily fortified, well dug in positions. At all times he performed his work cheerfully and efficiently. On 22 March 1945 he was killed immediately following the seizure of Mount Tanuan. Some caves in front of our lines were known to contain a very last ditch enemy force of troops. Without orders from his superiors, Private Marchione, exposed completely to enemy sniper fire, proceeded by himself to a cave one hundred yards from the perimeter and succeeded in closing the cave and killing the enemy within, by the skillful use of a heavy explosive charge. Although he had been subjected to intermittent sniper fire, he did not return but began searching for another cave known to be nearby. As he did so, one sniper fired an eight close range front coming flanged spider hole, killing him instantly. Private Marchione's courage, devotion to duty will be long remembered by his friends and fellow soldiers. Next of Kin: Mrs. Rose Marchione, (mother), 321 Christian Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class LEWIS L. NELSON JR., (38405771), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 4 April 1945. On that date Private Nelson's Company, was advancing under cover of darkness behind the Rifle Company engaged in an attack on a town. As the head of his Company column approached a ford just outside of the town, a group of approximately twenty of the enemy opened fire on it. Private Nelson, a rifleman in the assault platoon, on his own initiative, organized and led a group around one flank of the enemy position in an attempt to envelop them and disrupt the rifle and machine-gun fire directed at the highly vulnerable Company column. The group, under his competent leadership, acting swiftly and efficiently, succeeded in driving the enemy from their commanding position in a bamboo clump overlooking the trail winding through rice paddies. During the skirmish, Private Nelson continually exposed himself to enemy sniping fire and in leading the group on the final rush, received wounds which later proved fatal. Private Nelson, by his courage,

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initiative and great regard for the safety of his comrades, proved that his fight never became a highly successful enemy ambush. His conduct after being wounded, served as an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. Officers as he continued to show concern for their safety and willingness to make his own sacrifice to be long remembered. Next of kin: Mr. Arthur L. Nelson Sr. (father), Route #1, Lima, Ohio.

First Lieutenant LAWRENCE J. McLECKIN, (O-1315462), Infantry, 50th Infantry Central Postal Directory in action against the Japanese on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 January 1945. On that day after the 50th Infantry was ordered to retreat to secure a hill, it was decided that the reserve company in the 1st Battalion of the 50th Infantry would have to be sent into the battle. Lieutenant McLeckin's company was given the mission of seizing the objective by frontal assault. After briefing his platoon, Lieutenant McLeckin moved his platoon to a covered position and prepared to move forward. As soon as the preparatory fire was lifted, Lieutenant McLeckin personally led the frontal assault. After the objective was secured by his platoon with some casualties, while still under enemy fire he moved around through his own company's reorganization. Before the remainder of the company could come into position to hold the objective were secured, the platoon was subjected to further enemy machine-gun fire causing some casualties. Lieutenant McLeckin secured a rocket launcher and worked his way forward to a position where he could observe the pill-box from which the enemy was firing. Though fired upon by the enemy, until he backed the position out with rockets. Lieutenant McLeckin, who was killed in a later action, by his daring and cool judgment was an inspiration to all and will be forever remembered by those who knew his heroic exploits. Next of kin; Mrs. Judy McLeckin, (wife), 2102, South 5th Street, Aranton, Ohio.

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I. AWARDS OF SILVER STAR MEDAL-POSTHUMOUS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918, (Bulletin 13, 1918), a Silver Star Medal is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 133d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class ARTHUR T. BLAQUIERE, (20114293), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 9 and 27 January 1945. Private Blaquiére was a radio operator on a landing craft (which landed at Lingayan Gulf in the first wave). When the landing craft was hit by enemy anti-tank fire, disabling the vehicle and seriously wounding two members of the gun-crew, Private Blaquiére fearlessly remained at his radio post and with utter disregard for his own safety assisted the driver by giving directions in moving the vehicle to a sheltered position. Later, hostile shell-fire was disrupting wire communications between the forward observer and the gun positions. On his own initiative, Private Blaquiére moved well forward with a radio and relayed the fire commands from the forward observer to the gun position, although he was constantly exposed to enemy fire. On 27 January, he volunteered to accompany a small group of men to establish a bridge-guard. His party received a direct hit from enemy artillery shelling and Private Blaquiére was instantly killed. By his aggressiveness, courage in the face of hostile fire, and deep devotion to duty, Private Blaquiére assisted immeasurably in the successful completion of his organization's assigned missions and won the respect and admiration of all his comrades. Next of kin: Mr. Arsoné Blaquiére (father), 130 Main Street, Norway, Maine.

Private First Class JOHN W. BRADY, (39294624), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Ipo Dam Area, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 10 May 1945. Private Brady, and a companion were assigned a position on a large rock overlooking their perimeter, when the enemy attacked the perimeter, using hand-grenades, small arms, and light machine guns. The Japanese succeeded in inflicting several casualties upon our forces, necessitating a withdrawal to less exposed terrain. Realizing he held a key position vital to the safety of his company, Private Brady elected to stay and cover the withdrawal. As all other available men were being utilized to evacuate casualties, it was necessary for Private Brady and his comrade to hold the position single-handedly. For thirty-six hours, Private Brady gallantly assisted in repulsing continuous fanatical attacks by the enemy, narrowly escaping death on several occasions. As a result of his valiant efforts, the company was able to make a successful withdrawal without further casualties. Because of his outstanding courage in volunteering for such a hazardous mission and intense loyalty to his comrades, Private Brady merits the highest praise and admiration of his fellow soldiers. Next of kin: Miss Nell D. Brady (sister), General Delivery, Belmont, Mississippi.

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II. AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL-POSTHUMOUS. 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 posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

Second Lieutenant JOHN R. KELLEY, (O-1292538), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munda, New Georgia Group, British Solomon Islands, on 4-16 July 1943. During the Munda campaign, Lieutenant Kelley, an anti-tank platoon leader, continuously distinguished himself by outstanding performance of assigned duties and by assuming and carrying out in a superior manner the duties of company commander and battalion S-1 officer. Despite extreme combat conditions, difficulty of supply and evacuation, and in the face of a determined and ruthless enemy, Lieutenant Kelley exhibited high qualities of leadership and devotion to duty, constantly maintaining a high state of morale among the troops under his command. Although ordered to be hospitalized because of illness and badly-infected feet, he refused evacuation, feeling that he could not be spared from his organization. On 16 July, Lieutenant Kelley's battalion was cut off, completely surrounded, and under heavy enemy mortar fire. In the ensuing action, by his indomitable courage and coolness under fire he was largely responsible for the continued resistance of his men and contributed immeasurably to the defeat of the enemy in that sector before he was killed by an exploding hostile mortar shell. Lieutenant Kelley's bravery, aggressiveness, and heroism were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Next of kin: Mrs. Marie Kelley (wife) 5384 Chew Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class WILLIAM F. WALSH, (32849190), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13-21 March 1945. Private Walsh fearlessly and capably led carrying parties over several thousand yards of difficult and hazardous terrain through enemy-infested areas to deliver vitally-needed supplies to the front lines. Although he suffered great physical exhaustion and numerous hardships on this daily nine-hour trip, he unhesitatingly continued to volunteer for the mission as the supply line lengthened. On 21 March, the enemy became very active along the supply route but Private Walsh, boldly leading the column, pushed on through to successfully supply front-line elements. On the return trip, still leading the column, he was instantly killed by a burst of hostile machine-gun fire. Private Walsh displayed inspiring devotion to duty, indomitable courage, and superb leadership which will ever be remembered. Next of kin: Mrs. Clarence Walsh (relationship unknown), 1 Pinner Avenue, Auburn, New York.

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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - POSTHUMOUS

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 posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant LAWRENCE J McMACKIN, (O-1315462), Infantry United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 April 1945. On that date, the rifle company in which Lieutenant McMackin was a platoon leader was given the mission of seizing an enemy-held hill and sealing caves containing an estimated 300 Japanese. The company established a base of fire on the high ground facing the cave entrances with Lieutenant McMackin's platoon to assault the hill. When getting within 25 yards of the cave entrances, because it was impossible to advance any further due to the dense undergrowth, a new reconnaissance had to be made for a new route of approach. Lieutenant McMackin, with utter disregard for his own safety, went forward in the face of enemy machine-gun and mortar fire and after finding a suitable position, brought his men forward. Had it not been for Lieutenant McMackin's superior leadership and his will and determination to close with the enemy, the company might not have reached its objective. Lieutenant McMackin, who subsequently made the supreme sacrifice for his country, will always be remembered for his heroism and full measure of devotion. Next of kin: Mrs Judy McMackin, (wife), 2102 South 5th Street, Ironton, Ohio.

Private First Class EUGENE ROEDER, (33626428), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Malasan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 January 1945. Private Roeder was an automatic rifleman in a company which had established a road block at Malasan. On that night, a large enemy force tried to break through the company. During the fierce fighting which followed, Private Roeder remained at his position, and against overwhelming odds, continued to deliver fire on the enemy until he was himself killed in action. He was directly responsible for the destruction of many of the enemy, and materially assisted in breaking up the attack. His fearless display of courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs Katie Roeder, (mother), 483 W Columbia Street, Schuylkill, Haven, Pennsylvania.

Private WILLIAM SCHERBAN, (31022244), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munda, New Georgia on 18 July 1943. Private Scherban was attached to a Battalion service section as a truck driver. On this date the Battalion medical section suffered severe casualties, and Private Scherban volunteered to drive an ambulance jeep over the Munda Trail, evacuating the wounded from the jungle to Zanana Beach. He drove steadily for three days, taking advantage of every

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of every daylight hour to move the wounded from the jungle; he was constantly subject to artillery and sniper fire during this period. On 18 July the enemy infiltrated through our lines and cut the Munda Trail. Realizing that the trail was blocked, Private Scherban tried desperately to reach the Aid Station with the wounded he was then carrying. He was killed in his vehicle by enemy sniper fire. Private Scherban gave his life while performing a voluntary duty, and his courage and sacrifice reflect the highest credit upon himself and the forces with which he served. Next of kin: Mr Michael Scherban, (father), 94 Homestead Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Sergeant WOODROW W SONNTAG, (36465910), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sison, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9-25 January 1945. Sergeant Sonntag's conduct under fire was of the highest order and was an inspiration to his men. Despite enemy fire, he volunteered on several occasions to carry ammunition and supplies badly needed by forward units, and distinguished himself by his leadership, coolness and resourcefulness in performing his mission. Sergeant Sonntag's men and his unit are proud to have served with him, and his courage and determination have been an example to his comrades. Next of kin:

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL-FORTHWITH

1. By direction of the president, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1917 (Bulletin 43, 19, 1917), a Silver Star Medal is posthumously awarded by the Adjutant General's Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant WALTER F. MARCEL, (31369976), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munda, Philippine Islands, on 9 June 1945. During the attack on the day, Sergeant Marcel distinguished himself in a manner above and beyond the call of his duty, during a driving rain-storm, the enemy opened up on his Battalion's positions with withering cross-fire from heavy machine guns. It appeared that an attempted attack would be made on the positions and the Battalion's machine weapons silenced because of the heavy volume of enemy fire. Disregarding his own personal safety, Sergeant Marcel left the handles of his machine gun to his machine gun position. He manned a machine gun with one gun and drew the enemy fire from the entire position to his own. As a result, the other machine weapons were enabled to resume firing on enemy positions, enemy fire was silenced, and any possible attack thwarted. During his remaining at the position, Sergeant Marcel suffered wounds from which he later died. His courage and devotion to duty saved many lives and his efforts will be long remembered in the Company of which he was a member. Next of Kin: Mrs. Thelma A. Marcel, (widow), 65 Lincoln Street, Weymouth, Massachusetts.

Private First Class WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS, (36802721), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munda, Philippine Islands, on 19 April 1945. On that day Private Williams was a member of a mortar squad covering the evacuation of wounded men of another rifle Company. A dense low smoke screen started up just inside the perimeter. Private Williams, disregarding the danger of enemy fire and the possibility of the bomb by the mortar platoon outside the perimeter exploding, attempted to extinguish the flames, the fire would have disclosed his unit's position and he would have been in grave danger that by endangering the lives of his comrades as well as preventing disaster by extinguishing the fire before it reached the Company ammunition dump. The fearless courage of Private Williams shown in action by his supreme sacrifice will be an everlasting inspiration to his fellow comrades. Next of Kin: Mrs. Thelma Williams, (widow), 2 West De Pere, Wisconsin.

Sergeant WILLIAM M. MORGENTHAU, (30129575), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munda, New Georgia Group, British Solomon Islands, on 12 July 1943. On

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(Sergeant Stanislaus A. Woronick).

that day, Sergeant Woronick was spearheading an attack launched against high ground overlooking the junction of the Lambetti and Munda Trails. Sergeant Woronick leading a patrol of six men, went forward to reconnoiter the enemy positions bringing back valuable information concerning the dispositions but the subsequent attack by his company was unable to dislodge the enemy. Then heavy concentration of artillery fire was placed on the enemy and the attack was then resumed, but the enemy remained. Sergeant Woronick took his patrol again and very carefully scouted the position locating its limits exactly and came back with the information that the Japanese could be heard shouting, digging and chopping, apparently in an effort to improve their defense. But because of approaching nightfall it was decided to hold the attack until the next morning. Sergeant Woronick, knowing artillery fire could be used to good advantage, volunteered to go out the third time that day, this time with an artillery forward observer so that accurate fire could be placed on the position. This trip of approximately three hundred yards was through dense jungle. As dusk came Sergeant Woronick seeing the lead scout set out with the patrol, about halfway to the objective the patrol ran into an enemy machine gun position which severely wounded Sergeant Woronick with the first burst of fire. Knowing the patrol would not be able to complete its mission he ordered them back and he himself stayed to cover their withdrawal. Although several wounds he got to his feet and firing his rifle from his hip as he went, advanced single handed against the position and succeeded in killing three of the enemy before he was killed. By means of this sacrifice of his own life, the lives of his fellow comrades were saved. Sergeant Woronick's gallant action above and beyond the call of duty in volunteering for the third time in a simple way to scout the enemy position, and the unhesitating sacrifice of his own life to save the lives of his men, reflects great credit upon himself as a soldier and as in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Next of Kin: Mr. Anthony Woronick, (father), 44 Lonsdale Avenue, Meriden, Connecticut.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - POSTHUMOUS

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 posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class DONALD D. BERGGREN, (17078170), 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 19 May 1945. Private Berggren, on his own initiative, organized a security patrol to inspect the numerous caves which surround a newly occupied gun position. During the inspection of one of the caves, his comrades made contact with the enemy and were in danger of being ambushed. With utter disregard for his own safety, he entered the darkened cave and attempted to locate the enemy, while so doing, he was instantly killed. Through his aggressiveness, courage, and coolness in the face of the enemy and superior leadership, he won the admiration and respect of his comrades and was a credit to his country. Next of Kin: Irma Ellen Berggren (wife), 904 J Street, Aurora, Nebraska.

Private First Class DON C. BRISBIN, (36169422), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 January 1945. During the early hours of this date, the enemy laid down a heavy concentration of knee mortar and machine gun fire in preparation for a counterattack on Hill 200. Private Brisbin was a member of a machine gun squad, manning the outermost position of the perimeter. In an attempt to break up any assembling of the enemy preparing to attack, our guns fired at a rapid rate until ammunition was totally expended. Private Brisbin climbed from his fox-hole and ran back to the platoon ammunition dump to bring boxes of machine gun ammunition forward to the position. He completed one trip and was starting back for another load when he was struck by a fragment from a knee-mortar shell. He suffered wounds from which he later died. Private Brisbin's acts were far above and beyond the call of duty and his heroic sacrifice will long be remembered by his comrades. Next of Kin: Mrs. Iva C. Brisbin (mother), RFD #3, Hastings, Michigan.

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Private First Class JOHN CIAMPINI, (31335276), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Clark Field, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 10 March 1945. After an attack, Private Ciampini's company found itself low on ammunition and supplies. As an enemy counter-attack was soon expected, it was imperative that the company receive supplies immediately. Learning of this situation, Private Ciampini unhesitatingly volunteered to accompany a carrying party. Heavily-laden with their cargoes, the men moved out at dusk and upon nearing their objective heavy machine-gun and rifle fire was encountered, forcing them to withdraw and abandon the ammunition and supplies. When the carrying party returned to the rear and re-organized, Private Ciampini again volunteered his services. Proceeding to where the abandoned supplies were located and in the face of the same hostile fire, Private Ciampini fearlessly assisted in delivering the urgently-needed ammunition and rations to his beleaguered company. This brave and heroic action on the part of Private Ciampini reflects great credit to himself and to the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Ciampini (mother), 53 East Ransdell Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

Private First Class KENNETH G. WIGHTMAN, (36240918), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 9-22 January 1945. During an assault on enemy-held Hill #600, Private Wightman was given the mission of maintaining wire communications between the Battalion Command Post and a Battalion Observation Post. In spite of intense sniper fire and intermittent shelling, Private Wightman unhesitatingly risked his life to keep the wirehead in operation, and frequently repaired severed lines without the protection of an armed guard. The tremendous physical exertion involved in carrying telephones and wire reels over difficult mountainous terrain proved no obstacle to him, enabling the Battalion Commander to communicate with his troops during intense fire-fights. On 22 January, during an enemy artillery shelling of the Battalion Observation Post Private Wightman, while in the performance of his arduous duties, was instantly killed. Private Wightman's indomitable courage, perseverance, and cheerfulness under trying conditions will always be an inspiration to his comrades. Next of kin: Mrs. Philomena Wightman (mother), Route #2, Hayward, Wisconsin.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL-POSTUMOUS

I. 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 posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named officer or enlisted man:

Private First Class ELOY GURULE, (38351931), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 8 May 1945. On this date, in the Ipilava sector, the machine gun squad of which Private Gurule was a member, was pinned on Hill # 2. A heavy enemy artillery barrage was placed on the position making it imperative that the squad withdraw to another position offering more suitable cover. The squad withdrew to a safer position and then, without orders, and at the risk of his own life, Private Gurule returned to recover the heavy machine gun. In the process of moving the machine gun he exposed himself to enemy artillery fire and was killed by a shell fragment. Private Gurule's selfless devotion to duty in the face of almost certain death was worthy of the highest credit and won the unswerving respect of all. Next of Kin: Mrs. Ruby B. Gurule, (wife), 463 1/2 Don Miguel, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Technical Sergeant ROGER L. JURGLEWICZ, (20129542), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Hill 580, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 12 January 1945. On this date Sergeant Jurglewicz was leading his Platoon in the attack of Hill 590, a well organized and defended piece of high ground overlooking the Bucu River. About two-thirds of the way up the hill the Platoon was caught in a withering cross-fire of machine guns and rifles, causing several casualties. Sergeant Jurglewicz, realizing that to retreat now would lose the ground already won at great cost, urged to his feet, unmindful of the heavy fire now concentrated on his position and proceeded to rally his Platoon in preparation for the continuation of the attack. He moved to the head of his Platoon and by personal leadership, started the troops forward. Unfortunately he was killed by a sudden burst of machine-gun fire. His outstanding leadership in the face of heavy fire, and his determination to continue the attack in the face of overwhelming odds reflect a gallantry of which we can all be proud and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Next of Kin: Mrs. Josephine Jurglewicz, (mother), 77 West Street, Southport, Connecticut.

Second Lieutenant EDWARD FARMLEE, (G-1297938), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 16 January 1945. On that date, Lieutenant

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Farnaloc's Battalion was preparing to move in and secure the city of Ibarra. Prior to the move, the Platoon, commanded by Lieutenant Farnaloc, was to make a reconnaissance of the city to locate enemy positions. While crossing an open field, the Platoon was caught in withering cross fire from well-concealed enemy machine guns, mortars, which instantly killed three men and wounded several others. After locating the enemy positions, Lieutenant Farnaloc began to reorganize his Platoon and evacuate the wounded. During the reorganization, Lieutenant Farnaloc had to expose himself to enemy fire several times. By careful and skillful maneuvering, Lieutenant Farnaloc's gallant action and disregard for his own safety, the Platoon was able to evacuate with a minimum of casualties. This heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Lieutenant Farnaloc, was subsequently killed in action, and he will be long remembered by his comrades and friends for his gallantry. Next of kin: Mrs. I. G. Farnaloc, (mother), 411 Monroe Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Priv to First Class ERIC L. RILEY, (39208919), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 January 1945. On that night Lieutenant Riley was a rifleman in a platoon guarding a road-block. At 2100 a large body of Japanese tried to break through the road-block. Although the enemy fire was very heavy and at such close range, Private Riley stayed in position when he could have moved to a safer position and continued to fire his rifle until he was hit and killed by enemy fire. Private Riley killed several of the enemy and assisted in breaking up the attack. Private Riley's action and devotion to duty is a credit to his country and the United States Army, and will cause him to be long remembered by his friends and dear ones. Next of kin: Mr. John Riley, (father), 102 North Gold Street, Centralia, Washington.

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GENERAL ORDER # 221

AWARDS OF 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 FRANCIS J. BRAND, (31022241), Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 9 January to 1 June 1945. Home address: Mr. Henry Brand (father), 46 Bradley Street, Bristol, Conn. ✓

Sergeant JOHN J. CAMPBELL, (42020833), (then Private First Class), 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 11 May 1945. Sergeant Campbell was a light machine gunner in a rifle company occupying Bir-Boy Hill. His machine gun squad was attached to a platoon holding a knob on the ridge. During the night an enemy platoon was attacked by the enemy and due to heavy casualties was forced to withdraw and seek protection within Sergeant Campbell's platoon perimeter. Following up their first success, the enemy struck the platoon with machine-gun fire, satchel charges, and grenades. Sergeant Campbell's machine gun became a focal point for their attack. The two protecting riflemen on the right flank were wounded and withdrew inside the perimeter to receive first-aid. Automatic weapon fire from the enemy made his machine gun useless and wounded his assistant gunner. Sergeant Campbell received a bullet through his helmet causing a painful scalp wound and laceration of the neck. While his assistant withdrew to receive first-aid, Sergeant Campbell, using an M-1 Rifle continued to resist the enemy attack which soon ceased with the coming of daylight. Fifteen enemy dead were counted, many caused by Sergeant Campbell's machine gun. Sergeant Campbell displayed great courage and devotion to duty and won the admiration of all who witnessed his brave actions. Home Address: Mrs. E. V. Campbell (mother), RFD #1, Sanborn, New York.

Staff Sergeant JACOB FEINBERG, (31021905), Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the South and Southwest Pacific Area during the period 22 October 1942 to 1 July 1945. Home address: Mr. Samuel Feinberg (father), 688 State Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

Technical Sergeant HOWARD J. FORD, (20125242), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area during the period 25 July 1941 to 30 December 1941. Home Address: Mrs. Howard J. Ford (mother), Suffield, Connecticut.

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Technician Third Grade JOSEPH H. HAMMOND, (20135404), Ordnance, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea, and Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 26 December 1944 to 2 March 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Mattie S. Hammond (wife), 343 Mays Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH M. KIERNAN, (31141338), Ordnance, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 9 January 1945. During an amphibious invasion, Corporal Kiernan came ashore as enemy artillery and mortar fire commenced falling on the beach. After reaching the shore he assisted in the removal and arrival of vehicles coming off ships. Although tractor driving and de-waterproofing were not his normal duties, he drove a tractor to assist vehicles to the shore under continued shelling, and even after advised to stop working because of a swollen ankle. After the initial phases of the landing he not only performed his mechanic's job in a superior manner but undertook many other arduous tasks, always on his own initiative. Corporal Kiernan's outstanding devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who worked with him. Home Address: Mr. John Kiernan (father), Post Office Box #179, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL-Award..... III

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL-POSTHUMOUS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918, (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star Medal is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry Division to the following named enlisted man:

Corporal LAWRENCE A. YAMBOR, (31027793), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Hill 860, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 27 January 1945. On that day, during an assault by our forces on an enemy-held hill, the platoon of an Infantry Company, of which Corporal Yambor was a member, was attacked by a large group of the enemy from the rear of their positions. During the attack, Corporal Yambor threw all the grenades that were available from his position. With complete unconcern for his own personal safety, Corporal Yambor crawled out of his position to obtain more grenades from the platoon Sergeant Post approximately twenty-five yards from his own position. On his way back, Corporal Yambor was seriously wounded by enemy fire, and died of wounds a few days later. Corporal Yambor gave his life in the outstanding performance of duty, and will be long remembered for his valor. Next of Kin: Mr. John Yambor, (father), P. O. Box #186, Bangor, Maine.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL-POSTHUMOUS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9819, 4 February 1944, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry Division to the following named enlisted man:

Corporal ROMEO MARQUIS, (31027394), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipa Dan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 21 May 1945. Corporal Marquis, by his indomitable courage and deep devotion to duty was a constant source of inspiration to his unit and a credit to the military service. Corporal Marquis, as an aggressive, superb leader and excellent gunner, greatly improved the military proficiency of his squad. While in the performance of his arduous duty during an attack on Hill #1410, Corporal Marquis was mortally wounded. Corporal Marquis' brave and heroic actions in disregarding the personal hazards involved, will long be remembered by his comrades. Next of Kin: Mr. Henry Marquis, (father), R.F.D. #1, Freeport, Maine.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Captain MICHAEL NUGENT, (O-1292527), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Sison, Luzon, Philippines Islands, on 18-19 January 1945. On this date at 1730 hours at a road junction in the vicinity of Sison, while Captain Nugent's Battalion was setting up a block, they were subjected to heavy enemy point-blank fire. Captain Nugent continually exposed himself to the hostile fire, deploying his Company's machine guns and mortars to co-ordinate their fire with the rifle companies in setting up the block. At daybreak on the next day, a Japanese force assaulted the foxhole of Captain Nugent with hand grenades. Five of the enemy were killed by Captain Nugent. Shortly thereafter when the enemy attacked again, Captain Nugent killed two more of the foe. Throughout the entire action Captain Nugent checked company positions and co-ordinated their fire. When the Company was ordered to withdraw Captain Nugent organized the unit under fire, ending an orderly withdrawal and salvaging most of the equipment by means of overloading all personnel. This courageous and brave action reflects great credit upon Captain Nugent and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Helen M. Nugent, (wife), 34 West Longfellow Drive, Hemstead, Pennsylvania.

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28 September 1945

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AWARDS OF 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 enlisted men:

Sergeant HAROLD W BOGEN, (6565770), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 May 1945. On that date Sergeant Bogen's battalion commander was wounded and lay in a foxhole which was being subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. Sergeant Bogen, along with six other enlisted men, volunteered to act as a litter party in order that the commander could be returned in the shortest possible time. There was no litter available so one had to be contrived out of bamboo and two ponchos. Without hesitation though already tired from several days of grueling combat, Sergeant Bogen and his comrades undertook what he knew to be a dangerous and highly difficult task. The trip back to safe territory was difficult in the greatest extreme. Heavy rains had rendered the terrain impassible. The descent from the starting position was managed only with the maximum expenditure of energy. Sergeant Bogen and his comrades descended the 45 degree incline by sliding on his back over slippery mud holding the commander steady by strength of arm. The remainder of the trip was over equally difficult terrain, which was the more difficult because of his complete exhaustion. The return trip was made by the group with only one rifle as protection and under enemy artillery fire. Only by extending their efforts to the limit was the group able to reach safety. Even the wounded commander requested they rest but nothing deterred their indomitable spirit for when safety was reached all dropped in complete exhaustion. Instead of resting Sergeant Bogen returned to the forward area where enemy shelling still continued. Home address: Mrs Alma K Bogen, (mother), PO Box 53, Oakland, Oregon.

Sergeant CECIL L COOK, (34788137), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Metapa, New Guinea on 15 September 1944. On that date Sergeant Cook was a scout on a six day reconnaissance patrol. As the patrol approached several enemy in an entrenched position, three of the enemy were killed but one still able to throw grenades at the party withdrew into the dugout. Seeing no other way of extricating the enemy, Sergeant Cook climbed a tree branch extending over the dugout opening, but also exposed to enemy fire. As the Japanese were about to throw another grenade, Sergeant Cook killed him, but at the same time a sniper seriously wounded one of the patrol. The only means of evacuating the wounded man expeditiously was by means of a gun boat about 600 yards off shore and a mile and a half to the patrol's rear. With no radio communication to the boat, Sergeant Cook immediately volunteered to swim through heavy storm surf, but was unable to bring the boat to shore because of the turbulent seas. Instead he used a rubber life boat and rowed to shore, picked up the wounded man, and rowed him back to the gunboat. Upon return to the shore, the current forced him ashore 500 yards beyond the patrol. Then he ran back along the beach to his patrol unarmed and under enemy observation. The great courage and heroism of Sergeant Cook are deserving of the highest

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praise. Home address: Mr Gaitha G Cook, (father), 1408 Johnson Street, Ft Myers, Florida.

Sergeant ELIAS F CROSON, (6985489), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. Sergeant Croson's battalion commander was wounded and lay in a fox-hole which was being subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. Sergeant Croson with six men volunteered to act as a litter party in order that the commander could be returned in the shortest possible time. With no litter available, one was improvised out of bamboo and two ponchos. Without hesitation, Sergeant Croson undertook this very dangerous and highly difficult task even though he had already endured many days of heavy and exhausting combat. The return trip was extremely difficult, the heavy rains having rendered the terrain almost impassable. Sergeant Croson and his comrades descended the steep incline by sliding on their backs over slippery mud, holding the commander steady by strength of arm. Proceeding laboriously for an hour under fierce hostile artillery fire and with total disregard for the shells, exploding all around him, Sergeant Croson succeeded in reaching the battalion command post, where prompt medical attention was rendered to his stricken commander. In placing the life of a fellow man above his own, Sergeant Croson exemplified the highest traditions of the armed forces. Home address: Mrs Dicie Croson, (mother), 306 Lyon Street, Hurricane, West Virginia.

Private First Class JAMES A CROW, (38550120), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 May 1945. On that day one of Private Crow's comrades became panicky and started running wildly into the open, which resulted in his being wounded in perfect view of the enemy. Private Crow left his concealed position and ran to his wounded comrade through a hail of enemy fire and then proceeded to a safe position, where first aid was immediately administered, thus saving the wounded man from bleeding to death. Through Private Crow's bravery and quick thinking, he saved a mans life, bringing great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs H. W. Crow, (mother), 1214 39th Street, Galveston, Texas.

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28 September 1945

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ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARDS OF SILVER STAR MEDAL

I. 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 men:

Private First Class GEORGE A. DABAKEY, (36986373), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 May 1945. Private Dabakey's battalion commander was wounded and lay in a fox-hole which was being subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. Private Dabakey with six men volunteered to act as a litter party in order that the commander could be returned in the shortest possible time. With no litter available, one was improvised out of bamboo and two ponchos. Without hesitation, Private Dabakey undertook this very dangerous and highly difficult task even though he had already endured many days of heavy and exhausting combat. The return trip was extremely difficult, the heavy rains having rendered the terrain almost impassable. Private Dabakey and his comrades descended the steep incline by sliding on their backs over slippery mud, holding the commander steady by strength of arm. Proceeding laboriously for an hour under fierce hostile artillery fire and with total disregard for the shells exploding all around him, Private Dabakey succeeded in reaching the battalion command post, where prompt medical attention was rendered to his stricken commander. In placing the life of a fellow man above his own, Private Dabakey exemplified the highest traditions of the armed forces. Home address: Mr. Assad Dabakey, (father), 1119 Alexander Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Private First Class JOHN E. HARRIS, (36746716), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Kay Banban, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 26 May 1945. Private Harris was engaged as a member of an anti-tank mine platoon in closing Japanese cave entrances near Kay Banban. His platoon sergeant entered a cave to locate a suitable place to plant a demolition charge to close the entrance and deny its use to the foe. After advancing a short distance into the cave, he received sporadic fire from the enemy in the rear of the cave and was seriously wounded in the leg. Private Harris, near the entrance of the tunnel, with utter disregard for his own life entered the cavern in the face of hostile rifle fire and hand-grenades and courageously assisted in removing his stricken comrade from the cave to a place of safety. In the course of this heroic action Private Harris was slightly wounded in the leg by a fragment from an exploding grenade. Private Harris' altruistic action and indomitable courage in placing the life of a wounded comrade above his own reflect credit to himself and to the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Emma Harris, (mother), Ottawa Street, Plainfield, Illinois.

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Sergeant TOMAS L. HERNANDEZ, (39018194), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 April 1945. A member of Sergeant Hernandez's platoon was wounded and lying in a hole in an exposed position which was impossible to approach under cover. Sergeant Hernandez quickly attempted to move down the bare knoll to aid the wounded soldier but was driven back by intense fire from an enemy machine gun, the bullets hitting the ground at his feet. Undaunted, under cover from a lance of fire laid down by his squad, Sergeant Hernandez again dashed toward his stricken comrade and, still receiving fire from the enemy who were in considerable force, promptly brought the man to safety. By his devotion to the needs of a fellow-soldier and his heroic disregard of heavy hostile fire, Sergeant Hernandez saved a life and won the undying gratitude and respect of all. Home address: Mr. Santiago A. Hernandez (father), Clinton Avenue, Delano, California.

Private First Class HAROLD C. HURLEY, (39563022), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Muzon, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 May 1945. A platoon of Private Hurley's company was ambushed and pinned down by heavy machine-gun and mortar fire in an exposed sector. Observing an enemy mortar-observation post, Private Hurley, accompanied by one man left a secure position and, without regard for his own safety, exposed himself to the devastating machine-gun fire and sprayed the hostile position with his automatic weapon. In spite of the heavy fire directed at him, he held his ground, silenced the mortar and succeeded in killing all who attempted to man the Japanese observation post. As a result of this heroic action, he assisted in killing fourteen of the enemy and by silencing the weapon greatly aided his company at a difficult time. Private Hurley's indomitable courage, coolness under fire, and devotion to duty reflect the highest traditions of the armed forces. Home address: Mrs. Lula M. Hurley (mother), 514 East San Jose Street, Burbank, California.

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28 September 1945

AWARDS OF 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 men:

Captain JOHN S EGENBERGER, (O-337826), Dental Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. When his battalion was heavily engaged with the enemy on Hill #600, Captain Egenberger volunteered to carry an important message to the Battalion Command Post. Just prior to his departure from Battalion Headquarters he was informed that a soldier on the top of Hill #600 needed immediate dental treatment. Having his small field packet dental set with him, he immediately went to the assistance of the ailing infantryman. With complete disregard for his life, Captain Egenberger made his way to the top of the hill under continued enemy mortar and rifle fire and extracted the soldier's tooth, treating the cavity so that the enlisted man was able to remain in the line. Captain Egenberger's disregard for his personal safety, professional skill, and keen devotion to duty are in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs John S Egenberger, (wife), 430 Corby Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Sergeant WILLIAM L FLYNN, (33626388), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 9 January to 1 June 1945. Sergeant Flynn, a member of the battalion assault platoon, displayed courage and fortitude as a scout on patrol and when leading carrying parties. Sergeant Flynn on numerous occasions as first scout advanced beyond the protection of the remainder of the patrol and on one occasion he and the second scout were approximately two hundred yards in advance of the patrol when they located an enemy heavy machine-gun squad in bivouac. Sergeant Flynn and the other scout separated and advanced from two directions and with grenades and rifle fire succeeded in killing the entire squad. Sergeant Flynn's fighting spirit, indomitable courage, and aggressiveness in combat constantly inspired the men in his squad. Home address: Mrs Anna M Flynn, (mother), 616 Ferry Street, Easton, Pennsylvania.

Private VERN E GASPER, (39208920), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 May 1945. Private Gasper was one of several men who volunteered to go after three wounded, two of whom were litter cases. Despite very difficult terrain, an unfamiliar route, and great fatigue, Private Gasper and his companions reached their objective in territory where fighting was still going on and managed to bring them back safely. Great care was needed to prevent further injury to the wounded and constant alertness to the possibility of enemy fire and ambush was necessary. Private Gasper showed

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great skill in his handling of the litter patients and a commendable devotion to duty which is deserving of high recognition. Home address: Mrs Irene Mary Wade, (mother), 3111 SE 29th Avenue, Milwaukee, Oregon.

Private First Class ARTUS R GREENFIELD, (38563116), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. Private Greenfield's platoon was given the mission of building up a line of defense on Hill #927, east of Rosario. The platoon tried several times to accomplish this but were repulsed each time. The order was given to wait until dark and then try it again. As darkness fell the second squad moved forward and just as they reached their objective several Japanese jumped up and started firing. Private Greenfield was struck by a bullet and knocked down, but in spite of the fact that he was wounded and unattended, he coolly picked up his automatic rifle and commenced firing on the enemy. His heroic act permitted the remainder of the squad to withdraw to safety, and at the same time Private Greenfield managed to crawl to safety under cover of his own fire. Private Greenfield's courageous action under tremendous handicaps was in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Home address: Mrs Sadie Greenfield, (mother), Route #1, Chandler, Oklahoma.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9405 of February 1944, (S.O. 11, Bulletin 3, WD, 1941), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following personnel listed here:

Private First Class W. DAVIS, (36094214), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 21 February 1945. During a heavy enemy attack Private Davis was the only man remaining on the perimeter who refused to surrender any resistance to the attacks. Never doubting what his duty was he continued to repulse the enemy until sufficient aid could be brought to his aid. His stubbornness and heroism saved the Company from further heavy casualties. By always performing his duty in an unswerving and heroic manner, Private Davis brought credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. William W. Davis, (mother), 6911 South Union Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class D. DiMidio, (3608772), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18-21 January. During this time, Private DiMidio was a member of a wire crew operating near Hill #650. Japanese infiltrating forces succeeded in cutting communications lines several times daily. It was from Private DiMidio's (regimental) headquarters to Divisional Headquarters. Through the competence of Private DiMidio the line was quickly repaired in each instance, and normal contact was completed. Through his untiring and sense of devotion to duty, the telephone system maintained a high degree of efficiency. Daily, he would leave at dawn and continuously patrol and police this line until darkness fell. After Private DiMidio's Headquarters moved forward to a new location the communications lines were again severed. In trying to repair this new break, Private DiMidio and his men were driven back by sniper fire. Disregarding his personal safety, he went forward again with his men to the broken spot on the line, quickly repairing it, and returned safely without suffering any casualties. Private DiMidio demonstrated superior ability and knowledge of telephone line maintenance and was instrumental in keeping an efficient wire system to his Regiment and higher Headquarters. Home address: Mrs. Josephine DiMidio, (mother), 4900 West Thompson Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant LAWRENCE G. HARVEY, (39275758), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 21 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lora Ellen Harvey, (wife), 5226 South Normandie, Los Angeles, California.

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Private First Class EDWIN J. HEINZ, (37614093), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 12 May 1945. As the Radio Operator for the Company Commander, Private Heinz's speed and accuracy in transmissions contributed greatly to the successful completion of the missions assigned to his Company. Many times, while under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small-arms fire, he fearlessly operated his radio at the constant risk of his life. His outstanding accomplishments were an inspiration to the men with whom he worked. Private Heinz's indomitable courage, ability, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Frances E. Heinz, (wife), Route # 2, Clarkton, Missouri.

Private Sergeant HEINZ B. HOPPER, (687878), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 27 February to 30 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Freda M. Hopper, (wife), 1609 1/2 Street, Bakersfield, California.

Private First Class IRVING F. HOUSTON, (3401961), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 9 June 1945. Private Houston, during this period, performed his duties continuously as a Automatic Rifleman in Rifle Company, with dependability, steadfastness, and accuracy under fire, thus immeasurably contributed to the destruction of the enemy on Luzon. He was always in the thick of the fighting and did much toward the success of his organization. By his untiring devotion to duty and unswerving loyalty, Private Houston set a high example of a proficient combat soldier. Home address: Mrs. Effie W. Houston (mother), Route # 2, Ashland, Mississippi.

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL--OAK-LEAF CLUSTER--Awards II

I. AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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:

Colonel NASSIELE G. BASSITT, (O-19931), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 23 May to 4 July 1945. During the Ipo Dan operation in the Luzon campaign, Colonel Bassitt assumed command of an infantry regiment. Without delay or interruption and by aggressive leadership and meticulous attention to duty, he led his regiment upon its assigned mission and brought it to a successful conclusion. During a portion of this time his organization was covering a front of more than fifteen miles. By almost continuous personal reconnaissance, by careful planning and close supervision, he displayed outstanding leadership and military proficiency to cope with the battle situation by moving various elements of his unit into widely separated areas with a minimum of time. By his keen devotion to duty, indomitable courage, and outstanding ability to lead his regiment, Colonel Bassitt contributed immeasurably to the success of the operation, reflecting the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Josephine B. Bassitt (wife), St. Albans, West Virginia.

Chief Warrant Officer WARREN C. MAJOR, (W-2131497), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area, during period 1 August 1943 to 1 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Joy Major (wife), 24 Ring Terrace, Ponsoby, Auckland, New Zealand.

Staff Sergeant ODIS L. WALTERS, (34101380), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area, during period 22 October 1942 to 2 August 1945. Home address: Route #, Kennedy, Alabama.

II. AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL--OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to the following-named officers by this Headquarters, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded them by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citations are as follows:

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Major JAMES E. BASHAW, (O-397676), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands and Honshu, Japan, during period 1 June to 28 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie S. Bashaw (wife), 106 High Street, St. Albans, Vermont.

Lieutenant Colonel PAUL W. BEAN, (O-326512), General Staff Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands and Honshu, Japan, during period 30 April to 28 September 1945. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, of an Infantry Division for this period, during which the Division was engaged in turning the south end of the Shimbun Line east of Manila, and later in the operation against Ipo Dam, Colonel Bean's constant and thorough knowledge gained by personal visits to front-line positions, frequently under enemy fire, his sound evaluation of the information thus gained, and his judicious use of the reconnaissance agencies at his disposal resulted in outstanding contributions to the accomplishment of the Division's missions. His thorough and indefatigable study of Japanese military information contributed greatly to the high state of readiness for future operations against the Japanese homeland. Colonel Bean's aggressiveness, courage, and deep devotion to duty reflect great credit to himself and to the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Barbara Bean, (wife), West Auburn Road, Auburn, Maine.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

I. 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, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant LORY BAKER, (O-526506), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 January 1945. The first platoon of a Rifle Company of which Lieutenant Baker was Platoon Leader was given the mission of leading an assault of seizing and holding Hill 580. The Platoon had advanced from the line of departure to within fifty yards of the objective when the enemy opened up with hand grenades, mortars and machine-gun fire. Lieutenant Baker immediately committed the Platoon in an effort to destroy the enemy resistance by fire and maneuver. The intense enemy fire forced the Platoon to withdraw a short distance for reorganization, during which time Lieutenant Baker went forward about thirty-five yards with a runner, to determine the disposition of the enemy strength. The enemy opened fire again, seriously wounding the runner and wounding Lieutenant Baker, about the face with grenade fragments. Despite his wounds, Lieutenant Baker, dragged his runner under fire about thirty-five yards to the relative safety of the Platoon Command Post and there he completed the plan for another attack on the Hill. The second assault was launched, and the Company objective was taken, due largely, to the splendid leadership of Lieutenant Baker who again was wounded, but remained with his platoon until ordered to the rear for medical attention. Lieutenant Baker's gallantry and resourcefulness have been in the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Wilke Han, (cousin), 1 Paseo Place, Lamar, Colorado.

Sergeant DANIEL L. BARBER, (20152063), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 January 1945. On that day Sergeant Barber discovered in testing the field telephone from his Company to Regimental Headquarters was severed. Realizing the importance of continuous communication with Headquarters, Sergeant Barber, without regard for his own safety, volunteered to repair the line which ran across an area known to be covered by scattered Japanese harassing parties. In spite of darkness and the danger of Japanese ambush, Sergeant Barber was able to repair the line and re-establish communication with Regiment. The unhesitating gallantry of Sergeant Barber has been in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Alta Elizabeth Barber, (wife), Box # 236, Brattleboro, Vermont.

Private First Class ROY G. CLARK, (37393118), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 January 1945. During the night, Private Clark's Battalion was in the vicinity of Concepcion. The Command Post was receiving heavy enemy artillery fire from positions to the north of the Battalion area. None of these enemy positions could be located from our established Command Post. Private Clark, a member of and Intelligence Section requested permission to leave the

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Battalion perimeter and establish a new observation post from which certain harrassing could be observed. Private Clark left the perimeter under the cover of darkness and proceeded to a hill two hundred yards distant, stringing his own communication wire as he went and established the observation post. He thus became able to direct accurate artillery fire that silenced the enemy position. During all of Private Clark's actions he was subjected to hostile artillery fire. The gallant acts on the part of Private Clark beyond the call of duty saved his battalion numerous casualties by silencing enemy artillery thus allowing the Battalion to proceed on its mission the following day and secured its object without a casualty. Home address: Mr. Roy Clark, (father), Potosi, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade HERMAN E. HAYES, (38510355), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 12 April 1945. On this date, near Mount Caymayuman, the Company for which Corporal Hayes was a driver, was isolated from the rest of the Battalion and very much in need of water, food, and ammunition. On the previous night, the enemy had sited machine guns to cover the only supply route leading to his Company's position. Corporal Hayes, driving a truck and trailer loaded with supplies, approached the stretch of road under fire, and then drove at a rapid rate for over three hundred yards under constant machine-gun and rifle fire to the Company's position, relieving the dangerous shortages of food and water. This gallant act on the part of Corporal Hayes above and beyond the call of duty replenishing the Company's store of food and ammunition and contributing greatly to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Lena Hayes, (mother), P. O. Box # 116, Winchester, Arkansas.

Private First Class CLIFTON R. HICKS, (34982969), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 25 January 1945. On this day, while his company was advancing on the town of Rosario, Private Hicks and one other rifleman ran into an enemy pill-box that was holding up the advance of his Company. Under direct fire and observation by the enemy, he moved forward courageously to a position where he could throw hand grenades into the hostile position. After throwing several grenades he advanced to find that the position was wiped out and that there were eight dead Japanese. Private Hicks by his gallant action contributed greatly to the advance of his Company and the completion of its mission. Home address: Mr. Claude J. Hicks, (father), Route # 1, Vernon, Florida.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. 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, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Third Grade WILLIAM H. BEHRENS, (32512722), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 22 July 1945. Home address: Mr. William Klassman, (friend), 225 West 23th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant AGNEE E. FELWAY, (20152301), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the South and Southwest Pacific Area, during period 1 November, 1942, to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Annie Fox, (mother), RFD # 3, Orleans, Vermont.

Private First Class ADOLFE P. BURGARELLO, (39913773), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 10 January to 10 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Josephine D. Burgarello, (mother), 1100 Prater Way, Sparks, Nevada.

Sergeant HERMAN IOSIDA, (34728845), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 11 March to 19 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Cleo F. House, (sister), 918 James Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Private First Class WALTER P. GRUEBEL, (32968106), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 11 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Gruebel, (mother), 2430 Erickson Street, East Elmhurst, New York.

Corporal JOHN E. LUCK, (33226878), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 11 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emma M. Luck, (mother), Route # 9, Richmond, Virginia.

Private First Class ROBERT D. MARTIN, (36739306), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 14 March 1945. Private Martin displayed outstanding courage and deep devotion to duty by volunteering to aid with the evacuation of wounded. Although under intense enemy fire most of the time, Private Martin continued his work until all were safely carried to an aid-station. By his unswerving loyalty and bravery Private Martin earned the admiration and respect of all who knew him. Home address: Mrs. Anna Juanita Kuma, (mother), Main Street, Saint Elmo, Illinois.

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Private First Class PETER P. MASTRANTUONO, (42003269), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 27 April 1945. Private Mastrantuono's Company had taken its objective after a considerable fire-fight. When the enemy began to place heavy machine-gun, mortar, and sniper fire on their positions in order to prevent the company from digging in and with a possible thought of attacking the hill later, Private Mastrantuono ignored the enemy fire and proceeded to dig in at a key position from which he could be the observer for the Company in the event of an attack or a director of our mortar fire on hostile installations. This inspired the others so that they dug in their positions and thereby prevented the probability of further casualties. During this action Private Mastrantuono was wounded but he continued to man his position until the following day. Private Mastrantuono's courage and coolness under fire reflects great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Filomena Mastrantuono, (mother), 218 10th Street, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Technician Third Grade EMIL V. PRATI, (39828900), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, and Honshu, Japan, during period 7 July 1945 to 26 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Roena B. Prati, (wife), 407 Virginia Avenue, Amarillo, Texas.

Technician Third Grade STEFORD B. TIBBETTS, (39540715), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, and Honshu, Japan, during period 7 July 1945 to 26 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Blanche Tibbets, (mother), 262 Pennsylvania Street, Beaumont, Texas.

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