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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #11, 4 February 1944, (Sect. 11, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Army Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

Colonel SPENCER BISHOP, (ASN Unknown), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in conducting military operations against the enemy during period 24 February 1944 to 1 November 1944. As Commander of an Infantry Regiment upon induction, through intensive training, large-scale maneuvers, preparation for overseas duty, movement overseas, and jungle training in New Guinea, Colonel Bishop exhibited outstanding ability and keen military acumen in the performance of his various tasks. By his thorough training, outstanding leadership, and forceful personality he left an indelible impression upon his command which survived the vicissitudes of extensive combat and contributed in a great measure to the successful completion of his regiment and its part in the Division's missions. Colonel Bishop's superior leadership, initiative, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to all the men of his unit. Home address: Portland, Maine.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9410, 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 officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class NEAL M. ALFORD, (89477608), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 24 April 1945. On that date the Platoon of the Rifle Company to which Private Alford belonged was given the mission to patrol to the top of and enemy-held hill. While approaching the top of the hill, the patrol was met by heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire that wounded the first scout and pinned down the remainder of the patrol. Private Alford, then second scout, knowing his comrade was wounded and observing the hostile maneuvering to hit the flank of the patrol, immediately left his position of comparative safety and dashed across some forty feet of open terrain to warn his comrade of the actions of the enemy. The patrol was immediately put into position to repel the enemy to get and render covering fire that enabled the wounded man to be brought to our own lines and evacuated to the rear. Private Alford's courageous devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the patrol from a possible flanking attack that would have resulted in many friendly casualties, and contributed greatly to the success of the mission. Home address: Mrs. Thelma Alford (mother), 214 Clark Street, Eugene, Oregon.

First Lieutenant EMERY A. CALL, JR., (O-558450), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 10 May 1945. During a relief of Companies in the Ipo Den sector, forces of Japanese were able to locate and infiltrate to within twenty-five yards of the perimeter. By attacking at once they inflicted several casualties and endangered the entire perimeter. As artillery forward observer, Lieutenant Call unhesitatingly crawled to an exposed position and demonstrating exceptional skill, directed friendly artillery fire close into the perimeter, which drove the enemy back. Lieutenant Call's fearless action and skillful direction of fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Joan M. Call, (wife), 812 Van Buren Street, Gary, Indiana.

Lieutenant Colonel STEWART A. COLPITTS, (O-325746), (then Major), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 5 April 1945. On this date Colonel Colpitts displayed outstanding courage, daring and leadership by personally leading his Battalion in a hazardous night attack. During the advance the Battalion was subjected to heavy enemy fire but Colonel Colpitts' skillful direction kept the men moving forward. Through his efforts the mission was successful. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie S. Colpitts, (wife), 31 Rowe Street, Melrose, Massachusetts.

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Corporal IVAN L. FLEMING, (39047007), (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 April 1945. On this date a reconnaissance patrol of six men was operating along a trail in heavily wooded terrain far behind various known enemy strong-points. Acting as first scout, Corporal Fleming, upon rounding a curve in the trail, came face to face with six armed Japanese soldiers. Without seeking cover, Corporal Fleming immediately fired on the enemy, personally killing two while forcing the remainder to flee. Corporal Fleming led the patrol rapidly to a place of safety. Corporal Fleming has consistently demonstrated superior ability and unwavering devotion to duty and has distinguished himself as a combat infantryman. Home address: Mrs. Barbara J. Fleming (wife), 2509 5th Avenue, Oakland, (6), California.

Private First Class LUGI GAFFOGLIO, (32795538) Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 1 April 1945. During an attack by approximately a platoon of Japanese Private Gaffoglio, with absolute disregard for his own safety, left his fox-hole, moved across the perimeter, borrowed an automatic rifle and returned to his own position where he could bring direct fire on the attacking enemy. His unhesitating action disorganized the attacking forces causing them to be repelled. Private Gaffoglio's courage under fire, devotion to duty, and strong defense of his position were a large factor in the breaking up of the hostile attack. Home address: Mrs. Margherita Castellana, (mother), Casaleonovo, Amlil, Italy.

Technician Fourth Grade CLINTON F. KEE, (57252708), 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. Anna Elaine Kee, (mother), Spiritwood, North Dakota.

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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 officers and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant ANDREW KUCINSKY (O-2007427), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 10 May 1945. On this date the company of which Lieutenant Kucinsky was assigned was given the mission of taking the battalion objective which consisted of three hills. These hills were strongly fortified by numerous guns which were dug in in such a manner that they were invulnerable to artillery fire and afforded the enemy fine protection. The company assaulted the hill and had attained the second hill when they were brought to a standstill by enemy action. Lieutenant Kucinsky, realizing the importance of the completion of this mission, volunteered to lead his platoon in the assault. In the face of heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, he led his platoon up the hill and displayed outstanding qualities of leadership, courage and zeal in completing this maneuver. Lieutenant Kucinsky deployed his platoon in such a manner that the enemy were thrown off guard and into a state of complete confusion and rout. Lt. Kucinsky's action was primarily responsible for the final successful outcome of the mission and reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Agnes Wall (sister) Route #1, Marion, Illinois.

Private First Class MICHAEL LEBEDUIK JUNIOR (33928265), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Boca, Baco, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. On this date Private Lebeduik distinguished himself in a manner which was outstanding as an example of courage and fearlessness. While on outpost in front of his company, Private Lebeduik spotted an enemy column approaching his position. Without hesitation and alone and unaided he attacked the enemy column. By so doing he drew the enemy fire away from the unprepared perimeter of his company and demoralized the enemy that they were unable to attack. Private Lebeduik's outstanding courage reflects great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Julia Lebeduik (mother) ED 3, Easton, Pennsylvania.

Captain CHARLES T. LINEBERRY (O-1236859), Infantry, United States Army, For gallantry in action against the enemy at Teresa, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 March 1945. On this date, Captain Lineberry's company was given the mission to seize the high ground which constituted the northeast side of Thermopala Pass. The enemy were strongly entrenched in caves on both sides of the pass and were armed with several machine guns and knee mortars. As the company advanced it was suddenly brought under fire from the left rear, leaving the rest of the company somewhat exposed. Realizing the seriousness of the situation and without hesitation, Capt. Lineberry ran forward through the enemy fire and diverted the movement of the tanks which were moving ahead. From an exposed position beside the tanks, he directed the fires of the tanks and placed heavy fire on the enemy positions causing them to cease their fire. His initiative and courage reflects great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Martha Lineberry (wife) 405 Atwater Street, Burlington, North Carolina.

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Sergeant JAMES E. MABE, (33528018), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Muzon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 May 1945. On this date, a platoon of the company to which Sergeant Mabe was attached, was ambushed and pinned down in an exposed position by heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Observing what appeared to be an enemy mortar O.P., Sergeant Mabe, accompanied by another soldier, left a secure position and without regard for his own safety exposed himself to the enemy machine guns to deliver fire on the position. In spite of the fire directed at him he held his position and silenced the mortar by killing all the enemy who attempted to man the O.P. Sergeant Mabe's outstanding action reflects great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Bassie E. Mabe (mother) Woodlawn Virginia.

Sergeant RUSSELL H. MAHANEY, (35441184), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 May 1945. On this date the company to which he was assigned was advancing on Kay San San Hill. The forward and center elements were pinned down by enemy fire on the forward slope of the hill. After lying in the path of enemy fire for almost four hours, Sergeant Mahaney made a break for safety on the reverse slope of the hill. A companion who started with him fell from exhaustion on the way. Without hesitation and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Mahaney turned, picked up the other man and carried him to safety. Sergeant Mahaney's action undoubtedly saved the life of his fellow soldier and reflects great credit to himself and the military service.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WING:

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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 1913, (Bulletin 43, WD, 1913), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following-named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant NICHOLAS G. AGUALLO, (39693954), (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of New Boscoboso, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 4 April 1945. Sergeant Aguallo, with utter disregard for his personal safety, and while under direct fire from an enemy machine gun, crawled over the edge of his fox-hole in order to gain a position from which to bring automatic-rifle fire directly upon a group of Japanese who were attacking his perimeter. Had not Sergeant Aguallo acted without hesitancy, the attacking forces would have undoubtedly been successful in penetrating the perimeter and inflicting many casualties. Not only did his gallant act break up the attacking enemy, but it also resulted in the killing of several of the foe. By his courageous action and indomitable fighting spirit, Sergeant Aguallo won the unyielding admiration and respect of all. Home address: Mrs. Leonada G. Aguallo, (mother), Tague Ranch, Box 84, Tulare, California.

Private First Class MURRAY FELDMAN, (32924222), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 28 January 1945. Private Feldman was a machine gunner engaged in the defense of a hill northeast of Rosario. In the ensuing fire-fight, his assistant gunner was seriously wounded by machine-gun fire. He was ordered to move his gun to an alternate position. After removing the weapon, Private Feldman, with complete disregard for his own safety, then returned to the old position and assisted the company aid-man in carrying the stricken assistant gunner to the battalion aid-station. This unselfish and heroic act was undoubtedly responsible for saving the wounded man's life. By his heroism and devotion to the needs of his fellow-men, Private Feldman exemplified the highest ideals of the service. Home address: Mrs. Sadie Feldman, (mother), 141 Godwin Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey.

II. AWARDS OF SILVER STAR MEDAL--OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star Medal awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted man by this Headquarters, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded them by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1913, (Bulletin 43, WD, 1913). The citations are as follows:

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Captain JOHN S. ARNOLD, (O-478294), Medical Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 January 1945. On that night, the battalion in which Captain Arnold was a medical officer was holding high ground northwest of Rosario. At 0100 hours a strong enemy force, supported by machine guns and mortars, attacked the perimeter. During the heaviest fighting, two men were seriously wounded and were in need of immediate medical attention. Upon being informed of the casualties, Captain Arnold, without hesitation or regard for his own life, left the security of the aid station and crawled forward under the hostile fire to the exposed positions where the wounded soldiers were lying. Many times during the administration of medical aid to the men, Captain Arnold was forced to seek cover himself because of the hostile rifle and mortar fire concentrated on that sector. By his coolness under fire, stability, professional skill, and indomitable courage Captain Arnold was undoubtedly responsible for saving the lives of the two stricken infantrymen who were successfully evacuated to the safety of the aid station under his personal supervision. Home address: Mrs. Mary K. Arnold (wife), 558 Harriet Street, Flint, Michigan.

Private First Class POLIE G. HOLDER, (34788548), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 May 1945. Private Holder's Battalion Commander was wounded and lay in a fox-hole which was being subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. Private Holder 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 Holder undertook this very dangerous and highly difficult task even though he had already endured many days of arduous and exhausting combat. The return trip was extremely difficult, the heavy rains having rendered the terrain almost impassable. Private Holder 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 Holder 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 Holder exemplified the highest traditions of the armed forces. Home address: Mr. Gordon Holder (father), Route #1, Box 125, Trenton, Florida.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class HENRY B. MICHAEL (4634872), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Muzon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 May 1945. During a fire fight on this day, one man from the leading platoon was cut off when he was wounded. His comrades, not knowing this, gradually worked away from him. Private Michael, a mortar man, observed the situation from his position and quickly started toward the wounded man. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private Michael ran over difficult terrain and under heavy enemy fire, picked up the wounded man and returned with him to safety. The actions of Private Michael reflect great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Amanda S. Michael (mother) Route #2, Baldwin, Mississippi.

Private First Class CHARLES E. NEAL (34635344), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Muzon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 May 1945. On this date, the platoon to which Private Neal was assigned, was ambushed and caught in an exposed position under heavy enemy fire. Although seriously wounded, Private Neal managed to reach a group of his comrades cut off from the rest of the company. After being given first aid and placed on a litter he gave directions to the group, badly disorganized, and started them towards the company. Over difficult terrain and litter borne, he selected their route and, when darkness came, organized a position for the night. The next morning he again gave the orders that led them to the position occupied by his company. Private Neal's coolness and initiative was responsible for the safe return of the ten men with him. Home address: Mrs. Qubell J. Neal (mother) Bruce, Mississippi.

Private First Class LEE R. RANKINS, (36986127), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 May 1945. On this date his battalion commander was wounded and lay in a foxhole subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. Private Rankins, with other men in his company, volunteered to act as litter party in order that the commander could be returned in the shortest possible time. Although he had just been through many days of heavy and exhausting combat he unhesitatingly went forward and aided in the evacuation of the wounded officer. Although under intermittent sniper fire, slowed up by results of heavy rain, and fighting the difficult terrain all the way, Private Rankins displayed outstanding courage and strength and his actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ethel M. Rankins (mother) Route #2, Tuscola, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT L. RICHARDS (32697748), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Pantay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 April 1945. On this date Sergeant Richards volunteered to lead a patrol on a mission of destroying Japanese ammunition in a dump. Although a patrol of the previous day had drawn enemy fire Sergeant Richards led his patrol into the dump and started to carry out his mission of burning it. As he was pouring the gasoline on the ammunition, a Japanese light machine gun opened fire and one of the tracer rounds ignited the gasoline. Despite the severe burns of the arms and face and the heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Richards organized a withdrawal of the patrol from the burning dump and by his organization undoubtedly saved the lives of several men. For his heroic action Sergeant Richards reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Miriam Richards (mother) 384 Beveridge Road, Ridgewood, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM F. SKLUZACEK (O-1313455), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Guagua, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 March 1945. On a patrol mission in pursuit of a group of Japanese who had been molesting the civilians about five miles away the boats in which the platoon was travelling was ambushed on a sharp turn all members of the platoon jumped into the river and headed for the shore. It was determined that some casualties has been sustained. Lieutenant Skluzacek, assistant platoon leader immediately set up outposts and listening posts and saw to it that the wounded were cared for. Upon learning that three enlisted men were trapped behind one of the boats Lieutenant Skluzacek cut a path below the underbrush over the bank and helped pull them up. Lt. Skluzacek's extremely careful planning, initiative and courage enable the patrol to withdraw successfully with no further casualties. Home address: Mr. Thomas J. Skluzacek (father) Route #1, Box 92, Lonsdale, Minnesota.

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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 LEONARD C. ADAMS, (34787298), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 14 March 1945. On that day Private Adams in company with two other soldiers volunteered to recover the body of a mortally wounded comrade where he had fallen. The Company Commander of the three volunteers requested that they mark the location of the enemy machine guns with smoke grenades as a target for our chemical mortar squad. Under heavy hostile small-arms and grenade fire the three men crawled to the position where the fallen soldier lay, threw the smoke grenades, thereby blinding the enemy and marking his position clearly to our chemical mortar observers. As they started to withdraw, our mortar fire landed heavily and accurately on the position marked by smoke grenades. Private Adams displayed great courage and daring in recovering the body of a fallen buddy and in assisting his unit in effectively firing on an enemy position. Home address: Mr. Leonard C. Adams, (father), 1844 Thacker Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida.

Private First Class TOMMY CLAYTON, (34329227), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 26 January 1945. Private Clayton was manning the Battalion Intelligence Observation Point in his Company sector, when enemy fire became so intense and accurate that the forward elements of the Company were forced to withdraw to the reverse slope of the hill to prevent a large number of casualties. Private Clayton, knowing that if he withdrew from his position he would completely lose observation of the enemy position, volunteered to man the Observation Point by himself and despite the heavy hostile fire was able to direct our own artillery and mortar fire on the enemy position with such accuracy that the enemy fire was neutralized and silenced allowing the Company to re-occupy their positions without casualties. Private Clayton's superior performance and selfless devotion to duty were inspiring to all who knew him. Home address: Mrs. Ruthie Clayton, (mother), Hohenwald, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND A. FISCHELLA, (36949754), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 19 March 1945. Sergeant Fischella and his platoon were approaching their objective, and when the men climbed over the forward slope of a hill they were fired upon by an enemy sniper and heavy machine-gun fire. A number of the men were wounded, one so badly hit that he could not move, he had to remain in the open under constant enemy fire. Sergeant Fischella upon seeing the predicament of his comrade left his position of safety and with complete disregard for his own safety, ran forward and carried the wounded man to safety. Immediately after bringing him to cover Sergeant Fischella administered first aid. It was due to Sergeant Fischella's devotion to his men and disregard for personal safety, that his comrade is alive today. Home address: Mrs. Lena Fischella, (mother), 258 Racine Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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Technician Fifth Grade HERMAN E. HAYES, (38510355), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 14 April 1945. On this date, the enemy succeeded in establishing a road-block of three heavy and seven light machine guns. Corporal Hayes, a driver, though he had been informed of this deadly enemy-blockade, assumed the responsibility of delivering hot meals and vitally-needed supplies and ammunition. Stating that the men on the line were depending on him, he loaded his vehicle and, at the risk of his life, succeeded in getting the supplies to their destination. Corporal Hayes by his willingness to sacrifice his life on a chance that he could supply our troops, he won the respect and admiration of the men and officers. Home address: Mrs. Lena B. Hayes, (mother), Box # 146, Winchester, Arkansas.

First Lieutenant JOHN E. ROSSI, (O-1318827), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Artipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 14 March 1945. Lieutenant Rossi, in command of his M-7 crew, was proceeding on a fire mission on a road leading to Artipolo. They encountered an enemy artillery barrage and Lieutenant Rossi ordered his M-7 off to the side of the road and sought cover. While waiting for the firing to cease, a bulldozer that had been following behind the M-7 came in range of fire and it immediately stopped in the middle of the road, and the driver ran for cover. Lieutenant Rossi, noticed two ambulances, loaded with wounded men coming down the road. Knowing that it could not pass with the bulldozer blocking the way, he, without hesitation and total disregard for his personal safety, immediately jumped aboard the bulldozer and began to move it off the road. Despite his unfamiliarity with bulldozers, he finally managed to move it off the road, allowing the ambulances to continue on their way. Lieutenant Rossi's quick thinking, his courage, resourcefulness, and high devotion to duty reflects the high standards of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Virginia E. Rossi, (wife), Route # 1, Mason, Illinois.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class ARNOLD W. DEWITT, (36474758), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Oro, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 7 June 1945. Private DeWitt's platoon, consisting of one officer and twenty-eight enlisted men, was operating in enemy territory and ran into heavy machine-gun and mortar fire. The entire group was on a ridge completely under enemy observation. The Platoon Leader gave orders to withdraw and called for covering fire from the lead squad while the remainder of the men moved to a defiladed position. In attempting to move to cover with the others, the lead squad suffered one man seriously wounded. With covering fire from his platoon leader Private DeWitt unhesitatingly, and completely without regard for his safety, crawled forward and pulled his wounded comrade from certain death. Private DeWitt's voluntary and gallant action in the face of deadly enemy fire aided substantially in saving the life of the wounded man. Home address: Mrs. Lorene DeWitt, (mother), Route # 2, Box # 51, Grand Haven, Michigan.

Private First Class WAYNE L. KNAPP, (39477549), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 9 May 1945. Private Knapp, a machine gunner, volunteered to accompany a carrying party bearing urgently needed supplies and ammunition. The route of approach was over rugged and hazardous terrain, infested with infiltrating enemy troops; a distance of approximately two miles. After delivering the supplies without mishap, the party had returned over the same route about one-half the distance, when enemy machine gun opened fire seriously wounding one of the party. Private Knapp, accompanied by another man, and without regard for his safety, and in the face of heavy hostile machine-gun fire, dashed to the wounded man and dragged him to concealment and safety. Despite the now difficult situation, Private Knapp remained with the wounded man and successfully evacuated him to the Battalion area. Private Knapp's courageous act was directly responsible for the saving of the life of a fellow soldier and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Habert Leslie Knapp, (father), Talent, Oregon.

Private First Class KENNETH R. LLOYD, (39149860), Cavalry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 April 1945. On that day Private Lloyd was a member of a small patrol reconitering the San Polak Trail. While advancing along the trail the patrol received enemy machine-gun and mortar fire, from approximately twenty of the enemy, which split the patrol and wounded one man. Private Lloyd with the aid of the two other soldiers, while still under the enemy fire dragged the wounded man out of danger. It was impossible to evacuate the man that night and one man was dispatched to the unit command file. Private Lloyd and another

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soldier administered first aid, and guarded the man throughout the night. The following morning a seven-man enemy patrol passed within fifteen feet of where the three soldiers were concealed, but didn't discover them. Soon afterward two more of the foe spotted the three comrades. They were fired upon by Private Lloyd and one of them was believed to have been wounded, while the other fled. A short time afterwards the rescue party arrived and the wounded man was evacuated to the hospital. The action on the part of Private Lloyd reflects great credit on himself and the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Edria V. Abernathy, (mother), 2950 Leland Avenue, Redding, California.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHNNY NIKO, (36170468), Cavalry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 April 1945. On that Corporal Niko was a member of a small patrol reconitering the San Polak Trail. While advancing along the trail the patrol received enemy machine-gun and mortar fire, from approximately twenty of the enemy, which split the patrol and wounded one man. Corporal Niko with the aid of two other soldiers, while still under the enemy fire dragged the wounded man out of danger. It was impossible to evacuate the man that night and one man was dispatched to the unit command while Corporal Niko and another soldier administered first aid, and guarded the man throughout the night. The following morning a seven man enemy patrol passed within fifteen feet of where the three soldiers were concealed, but didn't discover them. Soon afterward two more of the foe spotted the three comrades. They were fired upon by Corporal Niko and one of them was believed to have been wounded, while the other fled. A short time afterwards the rescue party arrived and the wounded man was evacuated to the hospital. The action on the part of Corporal Niko reflects great credit on himself and the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Francis Niko, (mother), R. F. D. #2, Elsie, Michigan.

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I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9412, 4 February 1944, (Stat. 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 JOSEPH C. BRADLEY JR., (59333020), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of San Jacinto, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 11 January 1945. Sergeant Bradley was in command of a vehicle with a mounted machine gun, which was acting as the scout vehicle for a mechanized column. The vehicle came under enemy machine gun and mortar fire, forcing the vehicle's occupants to abandon it and take cover. While the rest of the column covered them with fire, Sergeant Bradley and the occupants crept back to the vehicle and backed it to a defilade position enabling the machine gun to be put in action. Sergeant Bradley directed mortar fire on the enemy, thereby enabling another vehicle which was under fire to withdraw. The action of Sergeant Bradley reflects the highest tradition of the military service and clearly demonstrates personal courage and devotion to duty. Home Address: Mr. Joseph C. Bradley Sr. (father), 8031 N. West, Portland, 3, Oregon.

Corporal PAUL D. BROWN, (39860474), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 7 April 1945. On this date, Corporal Brown was a member of a combat patrol in the Kulinayan Cave Area. The point was pinned down by mortar and machine gun fire from dug-in enemy positions and called for mortar fire. The terrain was such that to direct accurate mortar fire Corporal Brown was forced to expose himself to enemy fire, but, without regard for danger, Corporal Brown did this enabling the mortar crew to knock out the machine gun and silence the enemy mortar fire, thus making it possible for the rest of the patrol to force the enemy to withdraw. The action of Corporal Brown reflects the highest tradition of the military service and clearly demonstrates great personal courage and devotion to duty. Home Address: Mrs. Duva Brown (mother), Box #591, Tooele, Utah.

Technician Fifth Grade WYMOND BURTKA, (36859373), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of San Jacinto, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 11 January 1945. Corporal Burtka was a machine gunner on a vehicle acting as scout vehicle for a mechanized column which came under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Corporal Burtka, and the other occupants of the vehicle had to temporarily abandon it and take cover. While the rest of the column gave supporting fire, he crawled back to his vehicle and, while the driver drove it into a safe position, delivered withering fire on the enemy positions. The actions of Corporal Burtka reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Antoinette Burtka (mother), 1051 Eureka Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan.

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Technician Fifth Grade JOHN SCOTT, (36694009), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 April 1945. Corporal Scott was a member of a patrol on a reconnaissance mission in the Santa Varia Valley near Napsi. The patrol was ambushed by the enemy and they were pinned down by heavy machine gun fire. Corporal Scott, while under fire, and without being ordered to do so, crawled to a forward point where he could fire covering fire with his automatic rifle, enabling the rest of the patrol to withdraw. Corporal Scott then withdrew over open ground with only long range carbine fire to cover his withdrawal. His coolness and skill under fire reflect great credit on Corporal Scott and the military service. Home Address: Mr. Howard Scott, (father), 411 S. Harding Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL - OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant JAMES P. BROWN, (38332223), Infantry, by this headquarters, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant JAMES P. BROWN, (38332223), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 10 March to 12 May 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Arizona M. Hammond (mother), Rt #3, Faulko, Arkansas.

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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 officer and enlisted men:

Captain SAM A. DORSEY, (O-509454), Judge Advocate General's Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 1 July to 19 September 1945. Home address: Mr Sam D Dorsey, (father), 63 Peachtree Circle NE, Atlanta, Georgia.

Private First Class ROBERT J FISCHER, (32164941), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Boso Boso, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. Private Fisher's platoon had flanked the enemy force and approached them from the rear when his gun jammed necessitating operation by hand. Despite this handicap, he proceeded alone and succeeded in surprising and destroying an enemy gunner on a machine gun that was interfering with the progress of the platoon. This facilitated the capture of the objective and the destruction of the enemy. Private Fisher's skillful advance, his cool courage under fire, and his devotion to duty are in accord with the highest ideals of the service. Home address: Mrs Charles K Fischer, (relationship unknown), 1118 Findlay Avenue, New York, New York.

Private First Class EDWARD E GONZALEZ, (32299557), 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. Private Gonzalez as communications sergeant exhibited exceptional ability, initiative, and courage during this period when establishing communications between the company and platoons. On one occasion after the company commander and the leading platoon had advanced across an open bridge, enemy machine-gun fire from the flank caused the column to be split and the leading element pinned down by direct fire, thus leaving them without contact with the remainder of the company. Private Gonzalez without thought of personal safety fearlessly laid combat wire to establish communications. Private Gonzalez's conscientious effort and devotion to duty is reflected in the success of the company in its accomplishment of missions. Home address: Mrs Theresa Gonzalez, (mother), 146 Olive Street, San Ysidro, California.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT W HART, (37649651), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 3 July to 20 September 1945. Home address: Mrs Ida C Hart, (mother), Route 5, 601 North Caldwell, Ottumwa, Iowa.

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Private First Class CECIL U HARRISON, (34872650), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 May 1945. Private Harrison, a member of a mortar squad, has done outstanding work through the whole Philippine Campaign. This close support in offensive action, has been of great aid in the successful completion of many missions. With little regard for his own welfare he has always been ready and willing to go into action in any spot when he could put the greatest fire on the enemy. On Banzai Hill on 9 May, the Japanese were set up on a knoll, not over 50 feet from the perimeter and keeping us restricted to the small area by machine-gun fire. Private Harrison, with another man, pulled the gun out of the defensive hole and took it back and set up in the open in the zone of artillery fire and brought mortar fire to bear on the enemy position. In order to attain this fire they had to fire at an angle of 86 degrees. Their fire was very accurate and succeeded in knocking the enemy from his position and putting two heavy machine guns out of action. Home address: Mrs Lillie H Harrison, (mother), Little Rock, Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND E JOKINEN, (37864805), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 1 July to 19 September 1945. Home address: Mr Arthur Jokinen, (father), 607 167th Street E, Virginia, Minnesota.

Private First Class ARFELIO MANCINI, (35280661), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 9 January to 15 June 1945. During this period Private Mancini performed his duties as ambulance jeep driver in the 1st Battalion Medical Section, in an outstanding and superior manner. On numerous occasions he volunteered to render first-aid to wounded men under heavy enemy fire. Several times he volunteered to aid litter parties in the evacuation of wounded under the most hazardous conditions. Private Mancini's undaunted determination, plus a masterful and skilled devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Home address: Mrs Rocco Mancini, (mother), 1510 South Avenue, Warren, Ohio.

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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:

First Lieutenant EDWARD L. BROWNING, (O-1325966), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bigti, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 May 1945. During an advance of Lieutenant Browning's Company, it was required to proceed along a route between a range of hills, honey combed with enemy troops hidden in caves. Lieutenant Browning displayed outstanding courage, leadership, and devotion to duty by aggressively and proficiently employing his men over the route, seeking out enemy-held caves and destroying those he found. Lieutenant Browning's actions were in a great measure responsible for the accomplishment of the Company's mission and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Edward L. Browning, (wife), 203 West Oak Street, Somerset, Kentucky

Technical Sergeant THOMAS O. BURKE, (32794430), (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 16 April 1945. Sergeant Burk, then Platoon Guide, was on patrol that left for a bivouac area northwest of Birti, with the mission of investigating damage done to enemy installations by previous air strikes. Once the Company had all entered a dry stream bed, the enemy opened up with rifle, mortar, machine-gun and artillery fire, causing casualties. At this point the platoon was ordered to withdraw to the starting point. Sergeant Burke and a group of men voluntarily remained behind to hold off the enemy and evacuate the casualties. This brave action on the part of Sergeant Burke and the men who stayed behind with him resulted in a successful evacuation of the casualties, and enabled the remainder of the patrol to withdraw without incurring additional losses. Home address: Mrs. Hilda Cruz, (mother), 799 Broadway, Brooklyn, New York.

Technical Sergeant WILBURN J. HEINS, (36694199), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 8 March 1945. The Company of which Sergeant Heins was a member had expended almost all of its ammunition during an engagement with the enemy. The Battalion Commander ordered the Commanding Officer of another Company to send them one-half of the ammunition that his Company had. Volunteers were asked to carry the ammunition, and Sergeant Heins immediately volunteered to lead the carrying party. Sergeant Heins carefully kept his men in contact, and as noiseless as possible. Just before reaching their objective, the carrying party met a large volume of enemy rifle and machine-gun fire, which fortunately was wild and high. When the firing slackened, Sergeant Heins rounded up his men, and entered the perimeter with the much-needed ammunition. Due to the heroic act of Sergeant Heins the enemy Banzi attack was repulsed. Home address: Mr. Arthur E. Heins, (father), RR #1, Gorham, Illinois.

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Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM M. PELKEY, (31027095), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 11 January 1945. On that day Corporal Pelkey was driver of a vehicle assigned as scout vehicle of a mechanized column, on a reconnaissance mission. The enemy brought this vehicle under concentrated machine-gun fire, forcing the occupants to abandon the vehicle. With the car still under fire, Corporal Pelkey crawled into the bottom of the truck and using his hands to manipulate the gear shift and throttle, he backed the vehicle into a defiladed position. From this position the machine gun mounted on the truck was put into action. The action on the part of Corporal Pelkey reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Grace L. Pelkey, (mother), 7 Belmont Caribou, Maine.

Private First Class CLAYTON C. STEVENS, (31351060), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 19-20 January 1945. While occupying a road-block Private Stevens' Battalion was subjected to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire which resulted in numerous casualties. During this heavy barrage Private Stevens, an aid-man, left the protection of his fox-hole and moved about administering first aid to the wounded. During the night, he treated eight seriously wounded men. The following morning the Battalion was ordered to withdraw. Private Stevens treated several other wounded men along the route of withdrawal and was one of the last to leave their position. The heroism and devotion to duty displayed by Private Stevens was to a great extent responsible for saving the lives of numerous wounded men and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Earland Stevens, Route # 1, Hampton Highlands, Maine.

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

Technical Sergeant HARRY H. MILLER, (6862162), 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. Sergeant Miller, serving as platoon sergeant, volunteered to lead a carrying party made up of volunteers to carry ammunition and supplies to a company which had just secured a hill after knocking out strong enemy resistance. Having expended most of their ammunition during the attack, the company was in critical need of supplies, as enemy counter attacks were expected. The carrying party, with Sergeant Miller in charge, moved out at dark heavily laden with ammunition and supplies. Getting within 1500 yards of the base of the hill, they encountered enemy machine gun and sniper fire. The intensity of the fire forced the carrying party to withdraw, abandoning the ammunition and supplies. Sergeant Miller reorganized his carrying party and proceeded to where the ammunition and supplies had been left. Under the same intense machine gun and sniper fire, they succeeded in getting the much needed ammunition and supplies to their objective. The superb leadership displayed by Sergeant Miller reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home Address: Mrs. Margaret A. Miller (wife), Pierce, Nebraska.

II. AWARD 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 and enlisted man, 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:

Sergeant ARNEST F. GROVER, (20152048), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 9 January to 27 June 1945. Sergeant Grover had been on two missions, carrying supplies to the attacking companies through knee-deep mud during a constant downpour. While resting at the company Command Post, a radio message came to send all available litters and bearers. The attacking companies had met stiff resistance and were under continuous machine-gun, mortar and artillery fire. Without thought of his fatigue or the dangers involved, Sergeant Grover volunteered to go on the litter carrying party. Three men had to be taken from a draw still under fire but Sergeant Grover unhesitatingly and without thought of the danger involved aided in their safe removal. By his selfless devotion to duty and courage and perseverance in the face of great obstacles, Sergeant Grover aided materially in saving the lives of the wounded men. Home Address: Mr. Arthur E. Grover, (father), 47 Chestnut Street, Brattleboro, Vermont.

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Captain GEORGE W. MAYO, (O-1286885), (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munda, New Georgia, Solomon Islands, during the period 29 July to 15 September 1943. Home Address: Susie Mayo (sister); c/o McGregor Mayo, 315 Hill Street, Waycross, Georgia.

First Lieutenant GEORGE W. SNAVELY, (O-1310162), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 January 1945. Lieutenant Snavely, a mortar platoon leader, was assigned to the assault platoon and given the mission of assaulting and holding a hill. The objective was taken with little opposition, but while preparing to consolidate positions, heavy enemy small arms, machine gun and artillery fire was brought to bear on the troops. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Lieutenant Snavely, without regard for his own safety, succeeded in crawling to an exposed position from which to observe the enemy positions and activity. From this exposed position, he directed accurate and timely mortar fire resulting in the destruction of one enemy machine gun position, and successfully minimizing the effectiveness of enemy fire. The heroism, superior leadership and coolness under fire displayed by Lieutenant Snavely, enabled the attacking force to successfully secure and consolidate their positions. Home Address: Mrs. Irene Snavely, (mother), 52 South Fifth Avenue, Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

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but the hysterical victim pushed him under and he was forced to swim back to the bank. By this time, Sergeant Pond was within reach of the drowning soldier, and after struggling with him for a few moments, safely brought him to shore. Home address: Mrs. Alice Pond, (mother), 205 Middle Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

III. 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, WL 1644), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

First Sergeant JOHN W. FITZ PATRICK, (32772385), 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 13 March 1945. On this date the Company of which Sergeant Fitzpatrick was a member, was engaging the enemy and came under heavy machine-gun and mortar fire. During the action one member of the Company was seriously wounded in both legs and fell in an open area. Sergeant Fitzpatrick, seeing the wounded man fall, left his place of cover and with the assistance of another soldier went to the aid of the wounded man. In dragging in the wounded man Sergeant Fitzpatrick underwent heavy enemy mortar and rifle fire but succeeded in getting the wounded man to a place of cover and afterwards assisted in giving him first-aid. Sergeant Fitzpatrick not only helped this one wounded comrade but on numerous occasions during the action assisted the medical aid men in treating casualties. Sergeant Fitzpatrick's act of courage was above the normal call of his duty and reflects the highest traditions of an Infantry soldier. Home address: Mrs. Mary Fitzpatrick, (mother), 36 Mountain Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey.

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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:

Private First Class RUBEN BRUSTAD, (37568409), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 January 1945. On this date, Private Brustad distinguished himself while performing his arduous tasks as a Company aid-man. His Company was engaged in a fierce fire-fight with the enemy, resulting in several casualties to our troops. Under intense and continuous hostile machine-gun fire, Private Brustad, with utter disregard for his personal safety, crawled forward to render first-aid to the wounded men. Later that day when the Company was engaged in another fire-fight, he again moved forward under heavy fire, going from fox-hole to fox-hole, giving aid to the wounded and removing the more seriously wounded to the rear. By placing the lives of his comrades above his own, Private Brustad exemplified the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Louise A. Brustad, (mother), Box 124, Mayville, North Dakota.

Private First Class THEODORE F. TABLOSKI, (31389002), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 April 1945. During a fierce enemy attack against Private Tabloski's Company, three men were seriously wounded when their forward gun positions received a direct hit. Realizing the urgency of immediate medical attention to prevent further loss of blood, Private Tabloski, a company aid-man, crawled forward in the face of heavy hostile fire and exploding grenades, rendered first-aid treatment and removed the stricken soldiers to the comparative safety of his fox-hole. This gallant and altruistic act on the part of Private Tabloski exemplifies the highest traditions of the medical corps. Home address: Mrs. Blanche M. Tabloski, (wife), 139 Grand Street, Lowell, Massachusetts.

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 EUGENE F. ENGLAND, (36947646), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 7 May to 18 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jane M. England, (wife), Arcola, Illinois.

Private First Class WILLIAM W. FRIMODIG, (39477058), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 7 to 9 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Clara L. Frimodig, (mother), 10419 San Juan Avenue, Southgate, Los Angeles, California.

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Staff Sergeant JERRY E. GIBEL, (38538754), (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 16 to 18 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Paulin Gibel, (mother), Route # 1, Box # 9, Grand Top, Texas.

Technical Fourth Grade ROBERT M. PEURH, (39203652), (then Private), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 6 July to 5 August 1945. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Packman, (wife), 1508 Wanda Drive, Houston, Texas.

Sergeant VALENTINE SOWINSKI, (55429097), 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 10 March 1945. Sergeant Sowinski was placed in charge of a carrying party to rush food and ammunition to a Rifle Company that had been under sustained enemy attack for twelve hours. The Company was still under fire and Sergeant Sowinski exercised excellent initiative and courage in selecting routes through this fire. The much needed supplies were delivered, and his party removed eight casualties and carried them to the rear. On this day Sergeant Sowinski and his party made three complete trips, each time under fire, over tortuous routes carrying in supplies and bringing out casualties. Sergeant Sowinski's devotion to duty, physical stamina, and courage contributed greatly to the success of this engagement and resulted in the saving of many lives, and reflects the highest credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Helen Sowinski, (mother), 108 Jones Street, Ewing, Pennsylvania.

Technician Third Grade DOUGLAS B. VESTAL, (35023307), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 1 February to 20 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Viola B. Vestal, (mother), 202 Ridge Street, Leavenworth, Ohio.

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IN AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin S. TD, 1918), a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 452 Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class REMY KEITH (36650866), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 14 January 1945. On that date the company to which Private Keith belonged was ordered to attack Hill 385. While advancing across an open rice paddy, under heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, Private Keith, a medical aid man, saw two men fall wounded. With complete disregard for his own life and in the face of concentrated enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Private Keith left his assigned position and rushed forward across 50 yards of open ground to give aid to the two wounded men. Private Keith picked up one of the wounded and carried him to a place of cover and without hesitating again raced across the open paddy, which was still under heavy enemy fire, and picked up the second wounded man and carried him back to a place of safety. Through Private Keith's assistance first aid which helped to save the lives of two wounded comrades. Private Keith's unflinching courage, in the face of the enemy, and his noble and devoted service as fellow man is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Margaret E. Keith (Mother), Route #2, Saltville, Virginia.

Private First Class CHARLES E. SANDERSON (36650867), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 April 1945. The platoon of which Private Sanderson was a member was given the mission of seizing and holding Hill 17. As the platoon advanced toward its objective, it came under intense enemy machine-gun fire and grenades. The platoon was ordered to withdraw, and Private Sanderson, who was first scout, remained behind to cover the withdrawal. He constantly exposed himself to the hostile fire in order to pin down the enemy and thus render their fire ineffective to the troops withdrawing. Private Sanderson's accurate fire killed three of the enemy, and enabled his platoon to successfully withdraw to sheltered positions. Home Address: (Unknown)

Private First Class WILLIAM J. SHERMAN (36686942), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 10 May 1945. The position occupied by his company was Rocky Ridge, in the Igo Dan Area. After his company relieved another rifle company, his company was assigned a position on a large rock overlooking the perimeter. Soon after the men had occupied the position, the enemy attacked the perimeter, using hand grenades, small arms, and light machine guns. They succeeded in inflicting enough casualties upon our forces to necessitate a withdrawal to less exposed ground necessary. Realizing that they held a key position vital to the safety of our troops, the two men elected to stay and cover the withdrawal, and to prevent it

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any further attack being made upon the company. Because all other available men were required to remove our casualties, they were left to hold the position by themselves. For 5 hours, the two men repulsed continuous attacks by the enemy, narrowly escaping death on several occasions. Through their efforts, the company made a successful withdrawal with no further casualties. Private Sherman's outstanding courage in volunteering for such a mission, and intense loyalty to his comrades, reflects great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Jessie A. Sherman (mother), Apartment 512, 305 Griswold Street, Peoria, Illinois.

II. AWARDS OF THE BROWNE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 3 February 1944, (sect. II, BR. 2219, P. 194), the Browne Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, GSC Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Warrant Officer Junior Grade ROBERT M. ALLEN, (W-2131403), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 9 January to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise J. Allen, (mother), 2196 Tibbits Avenue, Inglewood, New York, New York.

Chief Warrant Officer CHARLES LEO BORIAN, (W-2110816), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, and Honshu, Japan, during the period 1 July to 30 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Hachadorian, (wife), 1079 Eddy Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

First Lieutenant JOHN H. BURGESS, (O 204-176), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on New Guinea, Solomon Islands, during the period 17 July to 25 July 1945. Home address: Mrs. Stella J. Burgess (wife), 43 Levee Street, New Britain, Connecticut.

Technician Fourth Grade ALBERT W. MARGE, (35274275), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 11 January to 14 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dolanda M. Marge (wife), 316 West 4th Street, Dover, Ohio.

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I. AWARD OF 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, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class JAMES F NICHOLSON, (34984308), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Mazon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 May 1945. On this date Private Nicholson's platoon was ambushed and pinned down in an exposed position by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire causing some casualties. Private Nicholson, an aid man, though in a comparatively secure position, without regard for his own safety, exposed himself to enemy fire to reach the stricken men and administer aid. Private Nicholson, receiving fire from the enemy on three sides, continued to assist his comrades until he was killed in the very act of bandaging a casualty. Private Nicholson's heroic action, without thought of personal danger, was prompted by a sincere desire to help his fellow men and is deserving of highest honor. Next of kin: Mrs Izzie N Nicholson, (relationship unknown), 1605 9th Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

II. 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 officer and enlisted man:

Captain JOSEPH L KRAWCZYK, (O-204509), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Ipo Lam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 May 1945. During a fierce engagement with the enemy in the Ipo Dam Operation, Captain Krawczyk exhibited exceptional qualities of courage and daring. Observing a wounded soldier lying in an exposed position Captain Krawczyk, at the risk of his life, moved forward in the face of hostile fire and, although wounded by grenade fragments himself, succeeded in moving the stricken man to safety. This brave and altruistic act on the part of Captain Krawczyk reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Agnes M Krawczyk, (relationship unknown), RFD #1, Bennington, Vermont.

Technician Fifth Grade THOMAS J JOYCE, (31357351), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Mt Alava, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. On this date the Battalion to which Corporal Joyce belonged was given the mission of securing the Northeast slope of Mt Alava. When the Battalion started up a deep draw they received direct artillery fire and heavy machine-gun fire in their midst. Many casualties were sustained from this enemy barrage. Corporal Joyce, an aid man attached to a rifle company, was with a mortar platoon near the end of the column when he heard

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the call for aid man. He started forward immediately. Intensity of the fire was such at the time that the battalion was ordered to withdraw. Fully aware of this fact and without regard for his own safety, Corporal Joyce continued forward and succeeded in reaching the wounded. Exposing himself to fire all of the time, he moved about administering first aid to the numerous casualties. He then aided in the evacuation of the wounded, remaining in the area until nightfall. The courage and heroism displayed by Corporal Joyce with utter disregard for his safety enabled many men to survive and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army. Home address: Mrs Margaret Joyce, (mother), 133 E Cottage Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts.

III. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #3419, 4 February 1944, (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, W, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

✓ Warrant Officer Junior Grade JOSEPH P CHOLEWA, (W-2124679), United States Army. [For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea; Luzon, Philippine Islands; and Honshu, Japan during period 1 July 1944 to 27 September 1945.] Home address: Mrs Joseph P Cholewa, (wife), Scribner Blvd, Lewiston, Maine.

✓ Captain ANDREW E HANFLAND, (O-512468), Corps of Chaplains, United States Army. [For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon Philippine Islands during period 3 March to 12 May 1945.] Home address: Reverend Wenczlau Krzycki, C.F.M., 3140 Meramec Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class HERMAN W LAVINDER, (3321707), 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 Edna E Lavinder, (mother), RFD #1, Bassett, Virginia.

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

✓ Private First Class VIRGIL C. JONES, (35238480), Infantry, United States Army. [For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 12 May 1945. On this date, most of Private Jones' Company was pinned down at the foot of Kay Banban hill. The casualties were very high and only one medic was able to carry on, the other one being fatally wounded. Private Jones, a rifleman, immediately set to work bandaging, applying tourniquets and erecting poncho shelters for the wounded. Much of his work was done under heavy enemy fire. In all, he gave first aid to six men and helped carry another a distance of one hundred yards in the open without cover or concealment from enemy fire. Private Jones' quick action no doubt saved the lives of several men, and his aid to others at great personal risk exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service.] Home address: Mrs. Minnie Jones, (mother), RR #2, Mansfield, Ohio.

✓ Private First Class EARL T. KEENEY, (39477471), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 22 February to 11 May 1945. Private Keeny, as a member of an Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, skillfully led civilian carrying parties over hazardous and difficult terrain in order to bring urgently needed supplies to front-line elements. Often under intense enemy fire, Private Keeny kept pushing forward, always maintaining excellent control over his group of carriers, which enabled an uninterrupted flow of ammunition and rations to the fighting troops. By his indomitable courage, untiring efforts, and unswerving devotion to duty Private Keeny contributed immeasurably to the combat success of his organization. Home address: Mrs. Zetta R. Keeny, (wife), Drain, Oregon.

✓ Private First Class LEONARD C. LONG, JR., (34981957), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 22 February to 11 May 1945. Private Long, as a member of an Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, skillfully led civilian carrying parties over hazardous and difficult terrain in order to bring urgently needed supplies to front-line elements. Often under intense enemy fire, Private Long kept pushing forward, always maintaining excellent control over his group of carriers, which enabled an uninterrupted flow of ammunition and rations to the fighting troops. By his indomitable courage, untiring efforts, and unswerving devotion to duty Private Long contributed immeasurably to the combat success of his organization. Home address: Mrs. Ruth M. Long, (wife), Route # 7, Philadelphia, Mississippi.

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✓ Private First Class EDWARD J. MISSEY, (37644385), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 19 May 1945. On this date Private Missey was a member of a carrying party sent out in conjunction with a patrol to recover bodies and equipment lost in a previous engagement. Upon approaching the objective they were placed under enemy machine-gun fire which prevented their advance. Under cover of a smoke screen they worked for a half-hour, recovering bodies and important equipment including artillery and infantry radios, rifles and automatic weapons. During this time the area was placed under fire from another enemy machine gun from a different location. Heedless of the risk involved, this man and his comrades continued about their mission, accomplishing it without casualties. Private Missey's heroic action was accomplished without thought of his own safety and is deserving of highest honor. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Hansen, (mother), Leasburg, Missouri.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade LEO W. MORTON, (37062327), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 April 1945. On this day Corporal Morton, who was carrying a reel of wire, spotted the enemy sneaking up on the rear of his squad. Without hesitation, he opened fire killing the enemy immediately, and thereby enabled his own machine gun squads to get into position to repulse the pending attack from the rear. Corporal Morton's quick thinking and instantaneous action are in accord with the highest standards of military performance. Home address: Mrs. Gertha Morton, (wife), Route #1 Summit, Arkansas.

✓ Private First Class EARN N. TRABUE, (39330337), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 21 January 1945. Two soldiers had been seriously wounded and paralyzed by an enemy charge of TNT and a breakthrough threatened this weakened sector of the perimeter. Private Trabue, without hesitation or regard for his personal safety, crawled forward to this position, and alone and unaided protected the wounded men by engaging the enemy with rifle and grenade fire until the men could then be evacuated to safety. This courageous act on the part of Private Trabue was instrumental in the saving of the lives of his wounded comrades. Home address: Mrs. Thelma Trabue, (mother), 1345 Moss Street, Eugene, Oregon.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class EDWARD P. BORRELLI, (31335234), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 March 1945. During an assault on this date, the company to which Private Borrelli was assigned encountered a camouflaged cave from which the enemy was pouring deadly knee mortar and rifle fire. The intensity was such as to cause the company to delay its advance. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Private Borrelli unhesitatingly prepared a 30 pound charge of explosives and moved forward in order to gain a vantage point from which he could throw the charge into the cave. Under heavy and direct enemy fire he courageously crept forward and planted the charge, killing all the occupants of the cave and rendering their weapons useless. Private Borrelli's action was responsible for the successful carrying on of the mission and reflects great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Carrie M. Borrelli (mother) 102 Farren Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut.

Private First Class EDWARD T. GERMOND (20150225), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. After his company had taken a hill in this area, heavy enemy machine gun fire raked the entire position, endangering most of the company. Private Germond, occupying an abandoned enemy position, returned the fire knowing that he would then draw the fire to his position and thus assist his comrades. Although under continuous enemy fire he continued to courageously return the fire until the rest of the company could be withdrawn and placed in a more favorable position. Private Germond's bravery and initiative undoubtedly saved many of his comrades' lives and reflects great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Bessie Henderson (mother) 97 Eastern Avenue, St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

Staff Sergeant CLAUDE L. LEMASTER (35742585), Infantry (then Sergeant), United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Pozorrubio Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Sergeant Lemaster was acting as assistant Squad Leader of a platoon in an assault on Hill 600. During the assault his platoon came under a withering cross fire from enemy machine guns located just above it and two of his men were wounded. With calm and efficient leadership he directed the firing of his weapons on the enemy positions and under cover of this fire withdrew the wounded men. Later he unhesitatingly exposed himself in order to guide a tank forward to knock out the two enemy positions. Sergeant Lemaster's quick action and personal courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Label L. Hill (mother) 842 East Molar Avenue, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

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Sergeant THEOPHILE J. SANCHEZ (8382189) Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Muzon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 May 1945. (On this date a portion of the company to which Sergeant Sanchez was assigned was ambushed and trapped in an exposed position. Enemy machine gun and mortar fire was intense and the majority of the men were pinned down. Private Sanchez, a machine gun squad leader, without regard for his own safety, began crawling to the aid of some wounded comrades. Although the position was difficult to approach as it was continuously raked by heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Sanchez courageously kept on until he was knocked unconscious by a near miss. After regaining consciousness, he continued on his mission and displaying outstanding strength, zeal and courage brought three of the wounded men back to safety. Sergeant Sanchez' deep devotion to duty and cool courage were responsible for the saving of the lives of three men and reflects great credit to himself and the military service.) Home address: Mrs. Marie Sanchez (wife) RFD Route #2, Thibodaux, Louisiana.

First Lieutenant HERBERT A. SLATTERY (O-1831560), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Lpo Dena, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 10 May 1945. On this date his platoon had the mission of making the initial assault against some strongly fortified, heavily held hills. Lieutenant Slattery displayed outstanding qualities of courage and leadership by skillfully deploying his platoon to a position where they could set up a base of fire. Exposing himself many times by directing the fire of the mortars on the enemy positions he displayed the courage which he had shown many times. Lieutenant Slattery's courage and ability reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.) Home address: Mr. J. C. Slattery (father) Route #4, Frankfort, Kentucky.

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

✓ First Lieutenant JOSEPH BRECHTEL, (O-1307189), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 10 March 1945. When Lieutenant Brechtel received orders to move his Platoon forward of the Company's position, he demonstrated exceptional courage and skill during the maneuver. Traversing over difficult and dense terrain, the Platoon was fired upon by enemy riflemen. Through his superb leadership and skillful maneuvering, the men succeeded in closing with the foe, killing several Japanese and forcing the remainder to flee. By his quick and heroic act, Lieutenant Brechtel inspired his comrades to greater efforts and instilled in them the necessary determination and courage to successfully accomplish their mission. Home address: Mrs. Joseph Brechtel, (wife), 417 Park Bend, New Orleans, Louisiana.

✓ Major DANIEL J. CARNEY, (O-414756), (then Captain), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 7 February 1945. Major Carney volunteered to lead a platoon of M-7 tanks from a road-block to open Highway # 3 to our troops. En-route, he was fired upon by heavy enemy machine guns, but continued to press forward despite the hostile fire. Arriving at a bridge, he halted his platoon, immediately jumped off the mount exposing himself to Japanese sniper and machine-gun fire, and investigated the bridge, finding it heavily mined. His quick thinking and disregard for his own safety undoubtedly prevented the crews and M-7s from being completely destroyed. Returning to the road-block through enemy machine-gun fire, Major Carney again volunteered to lead a squad of demolition men on the M-7 to the mined bridge. He supervised the complete destruction of the structure, despite the hostile fire directed on the bridge. On the second return trip, observing the lead mount stalled by Japanese machine-gun fire, Major Carney immediately directed cannister rounds in the proximity of the hostile positions, which resulted in dispersing the enemy and allowing the crew sufficient time to repair the damaged vehicle and continue its mission. Home address: Mrs. Hannah M. Carney, (mother), 31 1/2 Mount Vernon Street, Charlestown, Massachusetts.

✓ Technical Sergeant DON L. MARSHALL, (36160227), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 5 March to 30 June 1945. As a Platoon Sergeant in an Infantry Company, Sergeant Marshall demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership and bravery. During engagements with the enemy, Sergeant Marshall often exposed himself to intense hostile fire in order to place the maximum fire-power upon Japanese forces. By his skillful deployment of the Platoon and his fine example of courage and aggressiveness, Sergeant Marshall was a constant source of inspiration to the men serving with him. Home address: Mrs. Evelyn A. Marshall, (mother), 216 Jackson Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan.

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First Lieutenant JOHN P. MCGUIRE, (O-1288591), Infantry, United States Army.

For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Vangunu, New Georgia Group, British Solomon Islands, on 1 July 1943. Lieutenant McGuire as communications officer of an Infantry Battalion, exhibited indomitable courage and heroism when wire communications was disrupted during an engagement with the enemy. With three men from his section, Lieutenant McGuire immediately proceeded along the wire route to locate and repair the break. Constantly harassed by enemy sniper fire, Lieutenant McGuire nevertheless located the break and, disregarding the hostile fire, quickly and skillfully repaired it. By re-establishing wire communications, Lieutenant McGuire contributed immeasurably to the success of the Battalion's assigned mission. Home address: Mrs. Anna B. McGuire, (mother), 5725 Westminister Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class RAY A. NORRIS, (54892239), Infantry, United States Army.

For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 21 January 1945. The Platoon of which Private Norris was a member was under a heavy Japanese attack near Rosario. In the ensuing engagement the automatic rifleman, sharing Private Norris' fox-hole, was blinded by hostile action. Private Norris, despite an enemy charge of TNT exploding nearby inflicting powder burns on his face and blowing off his helmet, courageously held his key position to direct the fire of the automatic rifle. This heroic and bold act on the part of Private Norris was the principal factor in repulsing the enemy attack in that sector. Home address: Mrs. Eunice M. Norris, (mother), Stanley, North Carolina.

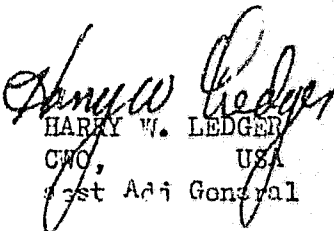
Private OTTO O. TAYLOR, (33939628), Infantry, United States Army.

For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 1 May 1945. On this date, during a heavy enemy attack several members of Private Taylor's Company were wounded. Private Taylor, without regard for personal safety left his position of comparative safety and helped the wounded men to the rear, where medical attention was given. While doing this, Private Taylor was subjected to enemy machine-gun and sniper fire. Private Taylor's brave act and outstanding courage gained for him the respect and admiration of all his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Jennie Taylor, (mother), Box 678, Houston, Pennsylvania.

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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 officers and enlisted men:

✓ Private First Class JOHN H. PERRY, (54812407), Infantry, United States Army. [For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 26 January 1945. During the late afternoon, Private Perry's company was holding a hill against heavy enemy opposition. Private Perry was sent out as observer to protect the platoon against a surprise counter attack. While the platoon was under mortar fire and small arms fire, Private Perry saw the enemy moving around to his flank. He immediately signaled his squad leader and a few seconds later he was struck by several fragments from an enemy mortar round. He commenced firing on the enemy and managed to hold them back until reinforcements arrived, thus forcing the enemy to withdraw completely. Private Perry's disregard of personal injury and devotion to his duty as observer reflect the highest traditions of the service.] Home Address: Mrs. Mary L. G. Perry, (mother), Route #1, Anniston, Alabama.

✓ Private First Class STEPHEN P. RICCI, (52933834), Infantry, United States Army. [For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 15 January to 21 January 1945. Private Ricci was a member of a wire crew on a wire line of prime importance. The Japanese, infiltrating, succeeded in cutting this line several times daily. Through his competence the line was quickly repaired in each instance, and normal contact completed. Through his untiring efforts and sense of devotion to duty, the telephone system was maintained with a high degree of efficiency. Daily during the above period, he would leave at dawn and continuously patrol and police this line until darkness fell, though under fire many times. By his heroic performance of duty despite danger and difficult conditions, Private Ricci exemplified the highest traditions of the service.] Home Address: Mrs. Antonia Ricci (mother), 195 Washington Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD E. HOOD, (20151128), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 27 January 1945. Sergeant Hood, at that time acting platoon Sergeant, had one squad deployed as a base of fire. He then ordered the other squad to move out and scout out the hill. The squad moved out and struck the right flank of the hill. Sergeant Hood had to go up to the hill and give orders to the squad leaders and place the men. The enemy arose from their positions and commenced firing. Sergeant Hood found three Japanese in their holes and threw hand grenades, killing them. At that time, he saw an enemy approaching a heavy machine gun. As Sergeant Hood raised his rifle the enemy tossed a grenade at him. Sergeant Hood was struck in the leg by a fragment, but in spite of his wound he fired and killed the enemy, then gave

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orders to his men to fire on the heavy machine-gun, thus destroying it. By his personal heroism, his outstanding leadership and his devotion to duty, Sergeant Rood brought credit upon himself and his platoon. Home Address: Mr. Edward E. Rood Jr. (father), 100 West Main Street, Bennington, Vermont.

First Lieutenant PAYNE MAHFOUZ, (O-1032631), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Honshu, Japan, during the period 22 to 27 September 1945. Home Address: Mr. Boulis Mahfouz (father), Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant HOFACE R. PADEN, (34019765), Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 9 January to 12 May 1945. Home Address: Mr. Robert A. Paden (father), Teshomingo, Mississippi.

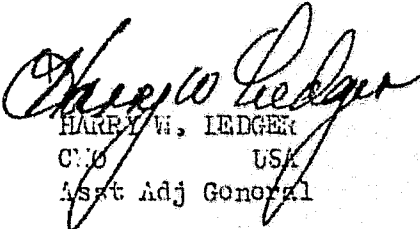
First Lieutenant CARL L. PALE, (O-3712319), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 9 January to 29 April 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Ruth S. Sage (wife), 400 West 4th Street, Erick, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant MEASURE F. BEOUQUET, (38486173), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 5 March to 30 June 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Lottie Beouquet (mother), Fort Allen, Louisiana.

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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 officer and enlisted men:

✓✓ Private First Class LUTHER T. MILLER, (34882924), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 7 to 21 May 1945. Private Miller, as a member of an Infantry Battalion wire section, performed his arduous duties in a highly superior manner. Many times under heavy enemy artillery and small-arms fire, Private Miller continued laying and repairing communication wire while other members of his party acted as security for him. By his indomitable courage, unswerving devotion to duty, and determination Private Miller contributed materially to the success of his Battalion's missions. Home address: Mrs. Gladys R. Miller, (mother), Route # 3, Dresden, Tennessee.

✓✓ Private First Class AUSTIN W. OCHSNER, (38495578), 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. Private Ochsner has shown the highest qualities as a soldier and outstanding devotion to duty. His thought for the safety of others before himself has resulted in saving many casualties and enabling the Company to accomplish its missions successfully. As a wireman he repaired wire communications numerous times under heavy enemy sniper fire. On 19 March he repaired a vital broken wire during the hours of dusk, while the Company was under heavy enemy fire and observation. Private Ochsner's heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lula Ochsner, (mother), Robert, Louisiana.

✓✓ Captain URSON W. OTTO, (O-422045), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. During an early morning infiltration attack an officer in Captain Otto's Company went to secure aid from the Battalion Headquarters. After he had been gone longer than anticipated, Captain Otto, voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own safety, left his fox-hole despite heavy mortar and small-arms fire to locate the officer and the reinforcing party. He got to a jeep, drove to Battalion Headquarters and brought back the reinforcing party. Captain Otto's courageous act at the risk of his life, and under extremely difficult conditions was instrumental in saving the lives of many of his Company. Home address: Mr. Clarence W. Otto, (father), Greenfield, Greenfield, Massachusetts.

✓✓ Private First Class MELVIN B. PEARCE, (33761795), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 28 January 1945. Private Pearce was an ammunition bearer for a light machine gun squad supporting an attack upon a hill. During the attack, casualties were suffered and Private Pearce, on his own initiative and without thought of his personal safety began evacuating wounded to a point of safety. To accomplish this he exposed himself to heavy enemy fire as the terrain provided no cover. Private Pearce's courageous action inspired

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the other men and contributed greatly to the success of the attack. Home address: Mr. Delmont Pearce (brother) Coalport, Pennsylvania.

✓ Private First Class HAROLD G. SMITH (38588995), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. On this night, Private Smith's company was undergoing a heavy enemy counter-attack near Rosario. The position on the defense perimeter adjacent to his received a direct hit, killing one soldier and seriously wounding the other occupant. Realizing that the neutralized position afforded the Japanese an opportunity of infiltrating the perimeter, Private Smith unhesitatingly left the cover of his fox-hole, crawled forward to the weakened sector and immediately continued the fire-fight. By his courageous and altruistic act, Private Smith was undoubtedly responsible for saving the lives of many of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Pearl Ellen Smith (mother) 922 North Hodge Street, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant HA. OLD G. THOMPSON (36204618), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on the night of 14-15 May 1945. On this night, the enemy made repeated attacks on our positions using heavy mortars, knee mortars, machine guns, rifles, and grenades. Sergeant Thompson, who was then operations sergeant, volunteered to maintain a hole on the perimeter and keep a constant watch for any enemy movements. During one of the enemy attacks he spotted one of their mortar positions and with utter disregard for his own safety, stood exposed and fired at the mortar position until it was silenced. Sergeant Thompson's display of courage and quick thinking helped drive the enemy back and reflects great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Rose Thompson (mother) 647 South Park, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

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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 officer and enlisted man:

✓ Captain NORMAN L MATHEWS JR., (O-1291148), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at New BosoBor, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. Captain Mathews, as Company Commander, by his personal coolness and bravery under fire, inspired and directed his company to continue and capture their objective from which they had twice previously been driven off. Captain Mathews, although handicapped by darkness, by exercising superior leadership and judgement reorganized his company at the objective and enabled them to repel numerous enemy attacks that night, resulting in thirty-five Japanese being killed. Captain Mathews' superior leadership, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the service. Home address: Mrs Norman L Mathews Sr, (mother), 95 Western Avenue, Waterville, Maine.

✓ Private First Class GEORGE P SMITH, (35409188), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 April 1945. While driving his "jeep" to an area formerly occupied by our troops, Private Smith observed three Japanese carrying a heavy machine gun and a large box of ammunition. He promptly stopped his vehicle and single-handedly, opened fire on the numerically superior enemy force with his sub-machine gun. The suddenness of this bold action so bewildered the Japanese that they dropped their weapon and fled into the nearby woods. Then, Private Smith, alone and with no protecting fire, fearlessly entered the wooded area to retrieve the hostile machine gun and ammunition, necessitating three trips for this hazardous task. Private Smith's audacious and bold display of indomitable courage in the face of the enemy is in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Home address: Mrs Adu Smith, (relationship unknown), 732 Howard Street, Zanesville, Ohio.

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 officer and enlisted men:

✓ Captain RICHARD F EGGERS, (O-426627), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands and Honshu, Japan during period 1 May to 28 September 1945. Home address: Mrs Dorothy V Eggers, (wife), 15 Colonial Road, Bronxville 8, New York.

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✓ Private First Class ROBERT L MANZ, (17133905), Infantry, United States Army. [For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. Private Manz, an ammunition bearer in a machine gun section, was with the leading elements of his company assigned the mission of taking Hand-Grenade Hill. When the attack was launched the enemy opened up with intense machine-gun and rifle fire. Private Manz's squad was rushed forward to silence the hostile weapons. Of the three ammunition bearers in the group, Private Manz was the only one that reached the gun position unwounded. Observing that more ammunition was needed he promptly returned to his wounded comrades and carried their ammunition to the gun. The brave and courageous action of Private Manz under fire, not only enabled his squad to silence the enemy guns, but also permitted his company to complete its mission.] Home address: Mrs Hazel Mehl, (mother), 4500 Natural Bridge, St Louis, Missouri.


✓ Technical Sergeant PASCO MASSEMINI, (31038092), 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 June 1945. Sergeant Massemmini was a platoon sergeant for the entire Luzon Campaign and performed his tasks excellently while demonstrating the highest qualities of leadership and courage. During most of the campaign he led his platoon without an officer. On a number of occasions he was sent out on over-night missions having only a very inaccurate map to guide him and a specific location to reach. Through his unfailing sense of direction and his ability to cope with all situations he accomplished every mission assigned to him with a minimum number of casualties. Sergeant Massemmini's devotion to duty, superior leadership, and continued excellent performance of duty mark him for highest recognition.] Home address: Mrs Clara Massemmini, (mother), 187 Roosevelt Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

✓ Private First Class STEPHEN J MESUCH, (33359881), Infantry, United States Army. [For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands during period 9 January to 8 May 1945. As an ammunition carrier for a mortar squad, Private Mesuch demonstrated outstanding qualities of courage and aggressiveness in the performance of his arduous tasks. During engagements with the enemy, Private Mesuch unhesitatingly exposed himself to hostile fire in order to replenish the supply of vitally needed shells from forward ammunition dumps. By his unswerving devotion to duty and strong determination, Private Mesuch contributed immeasurably to the combat success of his organization.] Home address: Mrs Agnes Mesuch, (mother), Morris Run, Pennsylvania.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #2419, 4 February 1941, (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:

✓ Second Lieutenant ROLLIE C. CLARK, (O-2027923), (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 March 1945. On this date the Company of which Lieutenant Clark was a member was ordered to move approximately three thousand yards to make contact with another Company which was located two thousand yards north of Sacobia Ridge. The enemy occupied the high ground along the right flank of the route of march. Lieutenant Clark was commanding the point squad of the lead platoon which, after crossing approximately one hundred yards of open terrain, came under enemy machine-gun fire from the front and right flank. Ordering his squad to take cover, Lieutenant Clark with rifle fire silenced one enemy machine gun located in a pill-box and although two of his men were wounded he succeeded in withdrawing his squad across the open ground. Lieutenant Clark then reorganized his squad and again taking the point position, led the entire company around the machine gun positions, enabling them to join the other Company. The qualities of leadership and devotion to duty exhibited by Lieutenant Clark was in keeping with the highest military standards. Home address: Mr. James R. Clark, (father), Route # 1, Onalaska, Washington.

✓ Private First Class ELMER L. GEE, (35774984), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 January 1945. Private Gee, an anti-tank runner with the aid of another man volunteered to go to the aid of an officer, who had been wounded when another Company attacked an enemy installation. Under heavy enemy mortar and machine-gun fire, and without regard for his own safety, Private Gee crossed approximately seven hundred yards of open terrain to reach the wounded officer. For the last seventy-five yards it was necessary to crawl slowly along the ground, because of the intensity of the fire. After administering first-aid, Private Gee and his companion started back with the wounded officer. As they crossed the open ground, they were spotted by the enemy who fired mortar rounds directly at them. With extreme effort and disregard for personal safety, Private Gee and his companion crawled and dragged the officer to a place of safety, thus saving his life. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Gee, (mother), Olive Hill, Kentucky.

Private First Class JESS F. HAYES, (39425716), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 10 May 1945. The Company of which Private Hayes was a member was given the mission of firing a heavy concentration of mortar fire in preparation for an attack. After a thorough reconnaissance of the Battalion front line, it was found that in order to properly observe the enemy positions, it was necessary to place the mortars in a position offering slight defilade, which was insufficient to conceal smoke caused by firing, and located in the vicinity of registered enemy artillery. Fully realizing the dangers involved,

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Private Hayes along with two other members of the same Company, with utter disregard for his personal safety, volunteered to fire one of the weapons. Rapidly firing their weapon, they were able to complete their mission with devastating results to enemy positions, before enemy counter-battery fire forced the abandonment of the position. Working under heavy enemy counter-battery fire, a position of safety was reached with the weapon intact. The heroism and devotion to duty displayed by Private Hayes reflects great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Mattie Hayes, (mother), P.O. Box 104, Kingsburg, California.

Private First Class THOMAS H. MARTIN, (38472101), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 January 1945. On this date Private Martin, automatic rifleman, under heavy enemy fire crawled up to the crest of a hill to act as a base of fire, while the rest of the squad maneuvered for better positions. Although wounded in the leg, Private Martin continued firing until his squad had crawled into their positions, and then walked from his position with a bad leg, so as not to endanger a litter party. Private Martin's heroic disregard of his own safety and devotion to duty, are in accord with the highest military standards. Home address: Mrs. Thomas H. Martin, 127 N. W. Jennings, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Private First Class ELTON NESTER, (33528072), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 7 May 1945. During operations on Banzai Hill, when the machine gun section was down to one man, Private Nester voluntarily took over a machine gun and with very little knowledge of the gun brought accurate deadly, and continuous fire to bear on the enemy. His action was of great aid to the Company during the many Banzai attacks. Private Nester's superior performance of duty and loyalty to his unit are outstanding and bring the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lilly Nester, (mother), Montvale, Virginia.

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL - OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - Award..... II

1. AWARDS OF 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 man:

✓ Private First Class STEPHEN KRAWEC, (32940600), Infantry, United States Army. [For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Ipo Dam sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 14 May 1945. Private Krawec and four others were proceeding to a hill to relieve those holding it. While advancing up the hill to effect the relief, they were subjected to withering grazing machine-gun fire, but succeeded in crawling to a position from which they were able to accomplish the relief. Though under constant fire, Private Krawec repeatedly exposed himself to observe for any enemy activity for counterattack, and remained in this position until all the wounded and dead were evacuated and then withdrew only when ordered to do so. Private Krawec's loyalty, devotion to duty and complete disregard of danger to himself are outstanding and a credit to the service.] Home Address: Mrs. Mary Krawec (mother), Stratford, New York.

✓ Private First Class CHARLES A. MARTINEZ, (37710698), Infantry, United States Army. [For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Ipo Dam sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 14 May 1945. Private Martinez and four others were proceeding to a hill to relieve those holding it. While advancing up the hill to effect the relief, they were subjected to withering grazing machine-gun fire, but succeeded in crawling to a position from which they were able to accomplish the relief. Though under constant fire, Private Martinez repeatedly exposed himself to observe for any enemy activity or counterattack, and remained in this position until all the wounded and dead were evacuated and then withdrew only when ordered to do so. Private Martinez's loyalty, devotion to duty and complete disregard of danger to himself are outstanding and a credit to the service.] Home Address: Mr. Joe A. Martinez (father), 10th and Center streets, Alamosa, Colorado.

✓ Captain R. V. MASTERSON, (O-1291851), Infantry, United States Army. [For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 9 January to 30 June 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Gwyndoline I. Masterson (wife), 511 North Main Street, Shamrock, Texas.

✓ Private First Class ANTONIA SANDOVAL, (38458907), Infantry, United States Army. [For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Ipo Dam area, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 9 January to 8 May 1945. Private Sandoval, first scout of an infantry squad throughout this period, exhibited outstanding qualities of courage and bravery. On one occasion when two Japanese were holding up his company's advance, he

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engaged the enemy and killed them single-handedly. On 8 May he was wounded when his company was subjected to intense hostile artillery and mortar fire, and refused to be evacuated until ordered to do so by his squad leader. Private Sandoval's aggressive combat spirit, willingness to close with the enemy, and deep fidelity to duty are in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Home Address: Mr. Martin Sandoval (father), General Delivery, Seguin, Texas.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Warrant Officer Junior Grade ROBERT O. BLAKE, (W-2134451), United States Army, by this headquarters, 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:

✓ Warrant Officer Junior Grade ROBERT O. BLAKE, (W-2134451), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Honshu, Japan, during the period 15-27 September 1945. Home Address: Mr. John L. Blake (father), RFD #6, Portland, Maine.

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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 officer and enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade BILLY DUBOISE, (38711110), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 8 to 16 April 1945. Corporal Duboise, a Company cook, exhibited rare courage and fidelity to duty in bringing food to front-line elements. Fully cognizant of an enemy road-block and machine gun nests on the route he was to traverse, Corporal Duboise loaded the supplies on a vehicle and, at the risk of his life, succeeded in reaching his destination safely, all the while exposing himself to hostile fire. By his indomitable courage and understanding of the needs of his fellow-men, Corporal Duboise won the respect and admiration of all who knew him. Home address: Mrs. Lillie May Duboise, (wife), Route #1, Box 166, Poteau, Oklahoma.

Private First Class DALLAS W. STUBBS, (37740236), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 June 1945. On this date, in the Ipo Dam sector, Private Stubbs had been on two parties carrying supplies to the attacking companies. Private Stubbs had slogged through mud, knee deep during a constant downpour, and returned to the Company Command Post at approximately fourteen thirty. At about seventeen hundred the same afternoon, his company received orders to send all available litter bearers that were possible to the attacking companies because they had met with stiff resistance and were under continuous machine-gun, mortar, and artillery fire. Without thought of his fatigue or the dangers involved, he volunteered to go on the litter carrying party even though he had been on two previous ones. The terrain was treacherous and required them to cross a stream by holding to a rope. The party arrived at the Observation Post where all casualties had been assembled with the exception of three who were in a draw fifteen hundred yards to the front and unable to move. Private Stubbs showed outstanding courage and willingness to undergo hardships in order to aid the three wounded men. By his action the three casualties were able to receive prompt medical attention which materially aided them in recovering from their wounds. Home address: Mr. Walter C. Stubbs, (father), Route 4, Trenton, Missouri.

First Sergeant DANIEL J. SULLIVAN, (32108934), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 11 May 1945. On this date, Sergeant Sullivan assumed his duties as First Sergeant when his Company was under continuous enemy artillery and sniper fire. During this time, he fearlessly exposed himself to the barrage in order to regroup the Platoons for a successful withdrawal to sheltered positions. By his superb leadership, indomitable courage, and aggressiveness, Sergeant Sullivan undoubtedly prevented his Company from sustaining heavy casualties. Home address: Miss Julia Sullivan, (sister), 442 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, New York.

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✓ First Lieutenant EARL H. TURNER, (O-1315642), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 6 May to 21 May 1945. Lieutenant Turner, during the Ipo Dam operation, performed the duties of both S-2 and S-3. On 7 May he volunteered to make a reconnaissance with a companion. Fully cognizant of being exposed to hostile fire, he nevertheless reconnoitered the left portion of the Battalion zone of actions and proceeded to such a distance that he was required to remain out in the area for the entire night, returning to the Battalion Command Post the next day with information which aided the Commander in formulating his tactical plans. Home address: Mrs. O. E. Turner, Malton, Illinois.

✓ Private First Class WALTER R. VAN BUREN, (39921740), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 10 March 1945. One platoon of Private Van Buren's rifle company was cut off and a patrol of six men was sent out by the Commanding Officer to make contact. Private Van Buren was lead scout for the patrol. Feeling their way forward through thick underbrush and bamboo thickets the patrol was ambushed by an enemy patrol. The patrol leader reorganized his patrol and withdrew them to a safer position. Private Van Buren working closely and brilliantly with the second scout opened a gap in the enemy lines by killing eight Japanese. As a direct result of the courageous action of Private Van Buren the patrol safely returned without a casualty. Home address: Mrs. Ines Van Buren, (mother), Enfield Hospital, Hastings, Nebraska.

✓ Private First Class PAUL G. WEBSTER, (31351324), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 10 May 1945. During the Ipo Dam campaign, Private Webster's company was given the mission of scouting the Kay Bamban Road for routes of supply. The Company had advanced up the road only several yards when it received sniper fire from an estimated forty Japanese located on Hill # 1. The first platoon and Company Headquarters were pinned down to such an extent that they could not move without casualties. Private Webster, a runner for the first platoon, ran back to the rear of the Company under fire, and informed the Field Artillery Observer of the situation. As a result of Private Webster's heroic action, the hill was accurately covered by a devastating mortar barrage, enabling the company to continue its mission with no casualties. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Webster, (mother), RFD #1, Springfield, Maine.

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Private First Class VINCENT H. RUTSCHILLING, (35618609), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 March 1945. During the occupation of a hill in front of the Battalion line of defense, Private Rutschilling displayed great courage and heroism in repulsing an enemy counter-attack. During the night a Japanese machine-gun squad opened fire on the second platoon defense, rendering them helpless to return fire. Private Rutschilling, braving the hail of bullets, moved his machine gun from his fox-hole to a position where he could bring fire to bear on the enemy weapon. His accurate counter-fire put the hostile gun out of action in a very short time. He then moved his machine gun to repulse a Japanese attack on his right flank and succeeded in killing four of the enemy. Private Rutschilling's courageous action reflects great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Rutschilling (mother) Route #1, Maria Stein, Ohio.

Major CHARLES J. STEPHENSON (O-36029), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on or about 12 May 1945. In the Bambang area, vicinity of Flat Top ridge, the battalion was moving south-west over hazardous terrain. Supply and evacuation over such terrain was extremely difficult which resulted in demands for supply far above normal. Realizing the proper supply points along the route of advance, Major Stephenson reconnoitered advance positions, often under heavy enemy sniping. A suitable place was found. Major Stephenson's disregard for his own safety displayed in his zealous actions to have well-established supply routes so much to quicken the completion of the battalion's mission. Home address: Helen Mae Stephenson (wife) East Fultonham, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade MAJ. THOMASON (37705541), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 April 1945. On this date Corporal Thomason volunteered to carry up supplies and evacuate a litter bearer. While doing so he ran into a Japanese trail-block manned by machine gunners and snipers. At that time a squad of Filipino litter bearers under Thomason's command ran to safety leaving him with the patient. After much persuasion one Filipino returned to help him and they carried the patient to a position of safety. Corporal Thomason, by his courage and devotion to duty, was instrumental in saving the life of his wounded companion. Home address: Mr. Henry Thomason (brother) Route #2 Box 218, Fort Lupton, Colorado.

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Sergeant RUSSELL M. TIMMONS (36447005) 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 date the company of which Sergeant Timmons was a member was assigned the mission of advancing along the high ground south of the Rosario-Damortis Highway and establishing a road-block on that road. Sergeant Timmons was left on the last high ground south of the advance of the remainder of the Platoon. After the platoon had advanced about 200 yards, a group of approximately 25 Japanese, armed with rifles and a light machine gun, surprised them by coming up on their left flank and rear. Sergeant Timmons observed the Japanese attempting to set up the light machine gun to cut off our force. From his position he could not fire effectively on the enemy so he took up an exposed position, from which he was able to deliver effective fire on them. Despite the fact that he was under heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Timmons remained in this position until the enemy threat was dispelled and their force disorganized. Home address: Mrs. Russell Timmons, Jr. 408 Gallender, Peoria, Illinois

First Lieutenant JOHN E. WECK (O-1301730), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945. When his platoon was fired upon by enemy mortars, inflicting several casualties to our troops, Lieutenant Weck exhibited outstanding qualities of courage and bravery in treating the wounded men. Despite the intense barrage, Lieutenant Weck, with utter disregard for his personal safety, continued to administer first-aid to the stricken soldiers and assisted in evacuating them to safety. By his altruistic display of heroism in this action Lieutenant Weck earned the respect and admiration of all who served with him. Home address: Mr. John H. Weck (father) 17 Kunsch Street, Sayreville, New Jersey.

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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 enlisted men:

Private First Class VERGE J. SURMAN (36801732), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Private Surman's foxhole was situated on the left flank of the mortar platoon's defense perimeter during a fierce attack by Japanese forces. Using hand-grenades and an M-1 rifle, Private Surman succeeded in killing four of the enemy who were attempting to infiltrate his position. During the action a member of the platoon was bayoneted and lying outside his fox-hole. Hearing his agonized pleas for help, Private Surman in the face of both enemy and friendly fire, fearlessly moved forward, reached his stricken comrade, and carried him back to his own fox-hole to render first-aid. Private Surman's altruistic and gallant actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Alma Surman (mother) Seymour, Wisconsin.

Private JEROLD L. WALKER (39477866), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Teresa, Luzon, Philippine Islands on or about 5 April 1945. On this date, while assisting in the evacuation of two wounded men, Private Walker found his group outflanked by five enemy riflemen between them and the company. Private Walker, with utter disregard for his personal safety, promptly engaged the hostile group, killing three Japanese and forcing the remainder to flee. By his audacious and bold action Private Walker undoubtedly saved the lives of his entire party. Home address: Mrs. Luella M. Walker (wife) R. R. #5, Yakima, Washington.

Private First Class FREDRICK L. WALTERS SR. (37738341), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Muzon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 May 1945. On this date, a patrol, of which Private Walters was a member, attempted to evacuate several men who had been killed. Descending a steep, difficult trail, they encountered heavy fire from an enemy machine gun. The leading man was wounded, unable to move, and still in an exposed position. Without hesitation and heedless of his own safety, Private Walters, armed only with a pistol, moved toward his wounded companion. Taking his rifle, and still under fire, Private Walters returned the fire and killed both members of the enemy gun-crew. By his bold and gallant action, Private Walters undoubtedly saved the life of his wounded comrade and permitted the patrol to successfully complete its mission. Home address: Mr. Herman S. Walters (father) RR #4, Boise, Idaho.

Private First Class CHARLES E. WATSON (38441625), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on the Shimbu Line on 16 March 1945. During the operations on this date, when Private Watson's company was engaged by the enemy and forced to withdraw, he volunteered his services as first scout to lead his platoon through the hostile lines after dark and aid the beleaguered company in an orderly withdrawal. The route was entirely

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new to him and he had no conception of the terrain. By following the direction of sound he brought the platoon speedily and safely to the aid of the company. The orderly withdrawal and safe removal of the injured were in a great measure due to Private Watson's outstanding ability as a scout and his total disregard for personal safety in travelling under enemy fire while assisting his fellow soldiers. Home address: Mrs. Rachel McGraw Watson (mother) c/o Mt. State Tel. Tel., Bisbee, Arizona.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL--BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star Medal awarded to Captain BILLY V. EVANS, (O-1288723), Infantry, by General Order #27, USAFASA, dated February 1 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, Under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918, (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Captain BILLY V. EVANS (O-1288723), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. On this date, shortly after the forward elements of Captain Evans' battalion had seized the top of hill 1000, and the remainder of the battalion was moving into position, enemy artillery suddenly opened up on the troops moving forward. Captain Evans, realizing the critical situation of an impending Japanese counter-attack and the exposed positions of our troops trying to move under the increasing enemy artillery fire, voluntarily and without regard for his own life crawled through this fire and diverted the movement of the remainder of the Battalion from the area being shelled. He personally led and placed the remainder of the battalion on a critical part of hill 1000, which was being defended by an enemy force estimated to be an infantry battalion supported by artillery, heavy and light mortars, and automatic weapons. The Japanese launched a fierce counter-attack in force but were repulsed with heavy losses. Captain Evans, by his initiative, quick thinking, and personal courage was largely responsible for the capture and holding of the vitally important objective. Home address: Mr. Will Evans (father) Harriman, Route #1 Tennessee.

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30 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:

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES L BOLT, (34657901), (Then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Theresa, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. Corporal Bolt was a member of a platoon given the mission of acting as a holding force while his company withdrew to more advantageous ground. When a group of twenty-five Japanese launched a vicious assault against his position using hand-grenades, mortar and small-arms fire, Corporal Bolt, disregarding the odds against him, fearlessly held his ground. Encouraging and inspiring the men about him, he fired his rifle with uncanny accuracy, all the while fighting tenaciously and skilfully. This courageous and valiant action on the part of Corporal Bolt was a major factor in successfully repulsing the hostile attack. Home address: Mrs Mildred Ann Bolt, (wife), 17 Stevens Street, Laurens, South Carolina.

Private First Class MURRAY FELDMAN, (32924222), 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 the Luzon Campaign, Private Feldman, as a machine gunner, exhibited outstanding qualities of courage and fortitude in the performance of his arduous duties. The strenuous and difficult task of carrying the heavy machine gun over hazardous terrain through inclement weather proved no obstacle to his untiring energy. Many times Private Feldman unhesitatingly exposed himself to hostile fire in order to obtain the maximum support for the forward troops. By his unswerving devotion to duty in the face of the enemy, Private Feldman contributed immeasurably to the combat success of his organization. Home address: Mrs Sadie Feldman, (mother), 141 Godwin Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey.

Captain LAYTON H GREEN, (O-1288535), 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 Arthur H Green, (mother), 210 N. Broadway, Mt Clemens, Michigan.

Sergeant FLOYD A MILLIGAN, (38507664), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. During a withdrawal of his company, Sergeant Milligan exhibited outstanding qualities of courage and bravery in rescuing two of his wounded comrades. Sergeant Milligan crawled forward under constant enemy fire in order to reach the stricken men and, with the assistance of three companions, succeeded in moving the injured soldiers to a sheltered location where prompt medical treatment was rendered. By his altruistic and heroic act, Sergeant Milligan was undoubtedly responsible for saving the lives of his wounded comrades. Home address: Mrs Wildean Milligan, (wife), Strawberry, Arkansas.

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First Sergeant BRANTY MEADOWS, (34782846), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hill 500, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 May 1945. Sergeant Meadows was platoon guide of an infantry platoon which had just taken Hill 500 and were digging in when the enemy counter-attacked with heavy machine-gun, mortar, and rifle fire. The platoon was forced to withdraw and Sergeant Meadows volunteered to remain with six men until all the wounded were evacuated, withdrawing his men 200 yards to a covered position. Then finding one man missing from his platoon, and disregarding his personal safety, he crawled back up the hill to find that the other man had been killed. Through Sergeant Meadow's splendid leadership and fidelity to duty, he undoubtedly saved the lives of many of the men in his platoon. Home address: Mrs Dorothy Meadows, (wife), (Box 1413, St Petersburg, Florida.

Corporal LAWRENCE F. ZENNER, (37570410), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945. Corporal Zenner volunteered to accompany a security patrol in manning a forward observation post. Upon moving over a low ridge, enemy groups fired on the patrol from three directions, instantly killing the squad leader, and forcing the remainder to retire to cover. Corporal Zenner promptly volunteered to recover the sergeant's body. As the enemy continued to fire and the body of the leader had fallen in an awkward position, Corporal Zenner started to crawl over the ridge unarmed, the better to pull the body to a place of safety. The volume of fire proved too heavy, however, and after a valiant attempt to complete his self-imposed mission, Corporal Zenner was forced to retire to cover. By his extreme coolness and disregard for personal safety Corporal Zenner exemplified the high traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs Iva Zenner, (mother), RFD #6, Wichita, Kansas.

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL - Awards..... I
BRONZE STAR MEDAL - OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - Award..... 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 enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant GERALD BARNA, (35237440), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Therosa, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 21 March 1945. Sergeant Barna was a member of a platoon given the mission of acting as a holding force while his company withdrew to more advantageous ground. When a group of twenty-five Japanese launched a vicious assault against his position using hand-grenades, mortar and small-arms fire, Sergeant Barna, disregarding the odds against him, fearlessly held his ground. Encouraging and inspiring the men about him, he fired his rifle with uncanny accuracy, all the while fighting tenaciously and skillfully. This courageous and valiant action on the part of Sergeant Barna was a major factor in successfully repulsing the hostile attack. Home Address: Mrs. John Barna, (mother), MC 37, Warren, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE W. HODGES, (36598988), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 16 May 1945. After taking Hill 500, the enemy counter-attacked with heavy machine-gun, mortar and rifle fire, forcing Sergeant Hodges' squad to withdraw. Without regard for his personal safety and, displaying splendid leadership and skill, Sergeant Hodges crawled to each of his men directing their fire and movements, and moving the casualties to safety. He did not leave the hill until all of his men, including the wounded, had been evacuated. Sergeant Hodges' indomitable courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the fine traditions of the United States Army. Home Address: Mrs. Margorie Hodges, (wife), 1721 Fenoyx Street, Flint, Michigan.

Private First Class AKONIE JAMES, (38657284), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 2 July 1945. While on patrol, Private James, lead scout of his squad, observed enemy activity in a bamboo hut, located 25 yards to his front. As Private James cautiously approached the hut, he was fired upon and pinned down, as was the remainder of the squad. Exposing himself to the enemy fire, Private James crawled 15 yards to the side of the hut and hurled a smoke-grenade through a window. As a result, the Japanese became blinded from the smoke and the rest of the squad was able to advance and wipe out the six enemy riflemen who were occupying the hut. Private James' aggressive and bold action enabled his squad to successfully complete its mission of patrolling the area for further enemy activity. Home Address: Mrs. Stella E. James (wife), Route #2, Box 82, Leesville, Louisiana.

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Private First Class LEROY E. SEAY, (36506126), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pozorrucio, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 17 January 1945. During a withdrawal of his company, Private Seay exhibited outstanding qualities of courage and bravery in rescuing two of his wounded comrades. Private Seay crawled forward under constant enemy fire in order to reach the stricken men and, with the assistance of three companions, succeeded in moving the injured soldiers to a sheltered location where prompt medical treatment was rendered. By his altruistic and heroic act Private Seay was undoubtedly responsible for saving the lives of his wounded comrades. Home Address: Mrs. Thomas A. Seay, (mother), 909 Peal Street, Joplin, Missouri.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant WILLIAM N. CLARK, (O-2043031), Infantry, by this headquarters, 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:

First Lieutenant WILLIAM N. CLARK, (O-2043031), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, and Honshu, Japan, during the period 12 July to 27 September 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Barbara Clark, (wife), 5633 North Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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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:

Private First Class HENRY G. BUSCEME, (38540325), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 5 April 1945. During an attack on an enemy road-block defending the town of Lumban Private Busceme displayed exceptional courage when he left his covered position during a heavy fire-fight to help a fallen comrade. When Private Busceme had pulled the wounded soldier to cover, he noticed that the man had received a burst of three machine-gun bullets and the seriousness of the wounds demanded immediate first-aid if the soldier was to live. Working calmly and skillfully, Private Busceme staunchly the flow of blood from all the wounds and made certain that the litter bearers found and removed the wounded soldier to the rear. Private Busceme's altruistic and courageous actions were undoubtedly responsible for saving his companion's life, for without his timely assistance the wounded man would have probably bled to death in a very short time. Home address: Mrs. Rose Busceme, (mother), 1120 Madison Street, Beaumont, Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade HENRY E. COOPER, (36986406), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Therosa, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 21 March 1945. Sergeant Cooper was a member of a platoon given the mission of acting as a holding force while his company withdrew to more advantageous ground. When a group of twenty-five Japanese launched a vicious assault against his position using hand-grenades, mortar and small-arms fire, Sergeant Cooper, disregarding the odds against him, fearlessly held his ground. Encouraging and inspiring the men about him, he fired his rifle with uncanny accuracy, all the while fighting tenaciously and skillfully. This courageous and valiant action on the part of Sergeant Cooper was a major factor in successfully repulsing the hostile attack. Home address: Mrs. Max Cooper, (wife), 1933-Dequindre, Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class OSCAR R. JIMENEZ, (39590906), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 11 May 1945. Private Jimenez's platoon was advancing on an enemy pill-box, located at the opposite end of high ground being held by his company. Advancing to within forty yards of the pill-box, the platoon received enemy machine-gun and sniper fire. During the fire-fight which ensued, the platoon leader was critically wounded. Unable to withdraw, the officer lay fully exposed to the raking enemy fire. Private Jimenez, lead scout, disregarding his own life, crawled twenty yards across open ground and assisted his stricken leader to gain a position which was safe from enemy fire. While rendering first-aid to the wounded Lieutenant, Private Jimenez heard the cry of another comrade who had also been hit. After making certain that the injured officer was ready for evacuation, Private Jimenez again crawled out to

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the other wounded man and assisted him to safety. Private Jimenez's altruistic and courageous deeds are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Betty Jimenez, (wife); 3420 Gannet Street, Los Angeles, California.

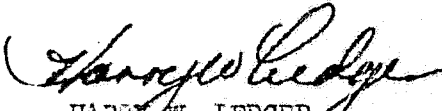
Private First Class HUBERT N. KENT, (39477611), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 16 May 1945. After Private Kent's platoon had taken Hill 500 and were in the process of digging in, they were subjected to heavy machine-gun, mortar and rifle fire which forced them to withdraw. Without regard for his personal safety, Private Kent crawled two hundred yards around the right flank and engaged the enemy positions. Having drawn the hostile fire upon himself, the platoon was then able to evacuate all the wounded and withdraw to safety. Private Kent's indomitable courage and initiative are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Edith B. Kent, (mother), Alsed Route, Philomada, Oregon.

Sergeant WILLIAM GRZYBOWSKI, (33680695), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 January 1945. While Sergeant Grzybowski's company was engaged in a fire-fight on Hill 600, heavy sniper, machine-gun, and mortar fire caused the company to withdraw from a dominating ridge. Sergeant Grzybowski a wireman for the Weapons Platoon, realizing his responsibility in maintaining communications between observer and mortars, crawled on his hands and knees for a distance of fifty yards, stringing wire to a position which afforded observation of the enemy's activities. After communications were re-established, Sergeant Grzybowski directed the fire of the mortar gun crew so effectively that the enemy positions were neutralized. Home address: Mrs. Stella Grzybowski, (mother), 634 East 13th Street, Erie, Pennsylvania.

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SILVER STAR MEDAL-POSTHUMOUS--Awards..... I
BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards..... II

Section *11/4/46*

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 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

Captain FREDERICK M. VAN HORN, (O-1288651), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Cablong, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 January 1945. While his company was heavily engaged in a critical fight with a well dug-in force of the enemy on Hill 600, Captain Van Horn personally directed the fight from a position in full view of the enemy and, though in extreme danger from Japanese small-arms, artillery, and mortar fire, he courageously and heroically carried on until killed by an enemy artillery shell-burst. Captain Van Horn was an inspiring example of a true leader to his officers and men.

Private First Class JOE G. VERA, (39134461), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 19 January 1945. While advancing on Hill #600, in the vicinity of Pozorrubio, the leading elements of Private Vera's company came under heavy enemy machine-gun fire. Private Vera's squad, following the tanks up the slope of the hill, was pinned down, suffering several casualties. Voluntarily, Private Vera moved forward of the tanks and directed accurate fire on the hostile gun position, knocking it out and making it possible for the unit to take the objective. Private Vera was killed performing this valiant act of bravery and courage, but his supreme sacrifice will long be remembered by his fellow-soldiers. Next of kin: Mr. Manuel Vera (father), 2 Belshaw Avenue, Antioch, California.

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 man:

First Lieutenant HARMAN B. BALDWIN, (O-1316872), 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. During this period, Lieutenant Baldwin, while serving as Battalion Ammunition and Pioneer Officer, performed his duties in a highly superior and efficient manner. On numerous occasions he continued bringing ammunition forward to the front-line troops while ammunition dump areas and routes of supply were under intense enemy artillery fire. In one instance when it was necessary to re-supply forward elements during the hours of darkness, ammunition was brought forward under the personal supervision of Lieutenant Baldwin, effecting the re-supply without the loss of a single individual of the party. Lieutenant Baldwin's untiring energy and deep devotion to duty were prime factors in contributing to the success of all missions assigned to his battalion during the Luzon campaign. Home address: Mrs. Helen K. Baldwin (wife), 417 South 11th St. St. Joseph, Missouri.

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Private First Class FRANK R. PIERSON, (11131706), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 May 1945. During the operations at Ipo Dam, Private Pierson volunteered to lead a train of three Filipino guerrilla litter-teams and walking casualties from the Battalion Command Post to the evacuation point, approximately four miles distant, over trails under constant enemy sniper and artillery fire. Due to heavy rains and the intense artillery fire, the train was delayed until after dark when Private Pierson's high standard of conduct, disregard for his personal safety, and willingness to assume responsibility contributed in a large measure to the successful completion of the trip. Carrying a heavy load of four extra weapons to lighten the loads of the litter-bearers, he kept the train intact and guided them to the objective where, again without regard for his personal safety, he went forward alone to establish contact with friendly units, which he accomplished despite darkness and heavy rains that increased the danger of approaching the lines. Private Pierson's heroic performance of duty was of the highest order and served as a constant inspiration to the men working with him. Home address: Mrs. Louise R. Pierson, (mother), 17885 Castellman Drive, Pacific Palisades, California.

Captain JAMES P. REPP, (O-392190), Air Corps, 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 this date, Captain Repp, while serving as an Air Liaison Officer with an Infantry Regiment, under very hazardous circumstances, conducted a successful air-strike against an enemy artillery battery that was firing effectively on front-line troops in the vicinity of Rosario. At the time of the strike, Captain Repp was cut off from friendly troops and his position was under direct enemy machine-gun and mortar fire, forcing the small group of friendly troops to remain under cover. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Captain Repp ordered his radio crew to take cover in a nearby hole, while he alone operated his vehicular radio and successfully directed the planes on the target while hostile fire was raining all around him. His action without regard for personal safety resulted in silencing the Japanese artillery battery and prevented many additional casualties to our forces. Such a display of personal courage and leadership was an inspiration to all those around Captain Repp and reflects great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mr. James M. Repp (father), 2905 Vista Place, Tacoma, Washington.

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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 43, WT, 1918), a Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following-named officers:

Captain BERNARD J. BERTELS, (O-1292643), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 January 1945. While his company was heavily engaged in a critical fight with a well dug-in force of the enemy on Hill #600, Captain Bertels personally directed the fight from a position in full view of the enemy and, though in extreme danger from Japanese small-arms, artillery, and mortar fire, he courageously and heroically carried on until killed by an enemy artillery shell-burst. The valiant and altruistic actions on the part of Captain Bertels will long be remembered by all those with whom he served.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH SARCONA, (O-1299310), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 January 1945. While his company was heavily engaged in a critical fight with a well dug-in force of the enemy on Hill #600, Lieutenant Sarcona personally directed the fight from a position in full view of the enemy and, though in extreme danger from Japanese small-arms, artillery, and mortar fire, he courageously and heroically carried on until killed by an enemy artillery shell-burst. Lieutenant Sarcona's great personal courage, grim determination, and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army.

II. AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Stat. 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 WILLIAM H. GORE, (38388050), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ip6 D 2, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 15 May 1945. Private Gore, while guiding litter teams evacuating wounded to the Battalion Aid Station, exhibited supreme courage and fearlessness in the performance of his assigned duty. When the teams were pinned down by intense enemy fire Private Gore, with utter disregard for his personal safety, provided devastating covering fire, enabling the parties to maneuver to sheltered positions. By his altruistic and brave act Private Gore contributed immeasurably to the successful evacuation of the casualties. Home address: Mrs. Maybell Gore, (mother), 212 McNeil Street, Shreveport, Louisiana.

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Technical Sergeant WILLARD T. MC SWAIN, (39134728), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Tayabas, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 25 July 1945. Sergeant McSwain was in charge of a patrol on the Umiray River with the mission of capturing enemy soldiers for interrogation. He encountered a group of five Japanese who immediately started to run though armed with grenades and rifles. Controlling the fire of his men, by the use of a few Japanese phrases Sergeant McSwain conveyed to the foe his intent to take them alive, and succeeded in taking into custody two of the Japanese. The other three ran into some high grass. He again tried desperately to convince them to surrender, but they refused, forcing him to close in and kill them. Sergeant McSwain's well-organized plan resulted in our obtaining very valuable information at a critical time from the two captured enemy soldiers. Home address: Mr. Walter McSwain, (father), route 1, Box 172, Wharton, Texas.

Technical Sergeant BURTON G. MEAD, (32940278), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 14 March 1945. Sergeant Mead's demolition squad was in operation on "Hand-Grenade" Hill when fierce enemy fire was encountered; seriously wounding one of the squad members. The remainder of the squad was forced to seek cover. Three unsuccessful attempts were made by others to rescue the fallen comrade, during which time four men were wounded. Sergeant Mead, without regard for his own safety, unhesitatingly volunteered to aid in the rescue of his companion. Locating the stricken soldier, Sergeant Mead fearlessly exposed himself to hostile rifle fire and, throwing smoke grenades, advanced and succeeded in moving the wounded man to safety with the aid of a companion. The initiative, quick thinking, and bravery of Sergeant Mead was an inspiration to his fellow-soldiers and are in keeping with the highest military traditions. Home address: Mrs. Laura Mead, (mother) Jonesville, New York.

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

Captain GORDON W. CAPE, (0-334326), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22 January 1945. While his company was heavily engaged in a critical fight with a well dug-in force of the enemy on Hill 600 near Pozzorubio, Captain Cape personally directed the fight from a position in full view of the enemy and, though in extreme danger from enemy small-arms, artillery, and mortar fire, he courageously and heroically carried on until killed by an enemy artillery shell. Captain Cape was an inspiring example of a true leader to his officers and men.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944, (Section 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 ANDREW J. DOYLE, JR., (36689898), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 9 January to 30 June 1945. Home Address: Mrs. A. J. Doyle, Jr. (wife), 5752 South Richmond Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Captain GORDON H. STODDARD, (ASN Unknown), Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipo Dan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 4-20 May 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Katherine Stoddard, (relationship unknown), River Drive, Riverside, Rhode Island.

III. 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:

Staff Sergeant CLIFFORD J. PACE, (38700838), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Apugan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 May 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Marjorie S. Pace (wife), 211 East Elm Street, Skiatook, Oklahoma.

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Private First Class ELMER V. STROHKIRCH, (36987853), Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action against the enemy at Clark Field, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 March 1945. Home Address: Mrs. Velma I. Strohkirch (wife), 906 Main Street, Alton, Illinois.

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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 officers and enlisted men:

Captain NORMAN H. BENNETT, (O-388539), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipa Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 6-19 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. H. B. Bennett, (mother), Goldendale, Washington.

Sergeant JOHN J. BROSNAHAN JR., (3111753), (then Technician Fifth Grade), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 7 January to 1 July 1945. Home address: Mr. John J. Brosnahan, (father), 85 Winter Street, Keens, New Hampshire.

Major HARRY A. DOSCH JR., (O-351100), Adjutant General's Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands and Honshu, Japan, during period 1 August to 30 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lois K. Dosch, (wife), 5507 Fair Oaks Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

Technician Fifth Grade SNODLE HARDY, (34312520), Field Artillery, 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: Mr. L. R. Hardy, (father), Route #1, Stokes, North Carolina.

Captain MELVIN K. HASS, (O-1288739), Adjutant General's Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands and Honshu, Japan, during period 5 June to 30 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. G. A. Hass, (mother), 1138 Wayne Street, Topeka, Kansas.

Technical Sergeant JOHN M. HOFFMAN, (35229343), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 9 January to 30 June 1945: Sergeant Hoffman, as Horizontal Control Operator of a Battalion Fire Direction Center, was responsible for the delivery of accurate and timely fire in support of the infantry throughout the entire Luzon operation. In many instances fire was placed within two hundred yards of front-line elements, where the slightest error in computation or commands would have been disastrous to our troops. On 26 January, near Rosario, when the battalion received heavy enemy counter-artillery fire, Sergeant Hoffman, even though his position was exposed to shell-fire and fragments, with utter disregard for his personal safety, he refused to leave his post and continued with his hazardous tasks. The coolness under fire, exceptional technical skill, and untiring devotion to duty exhibited by Sergeant Hoffman reflect great credit to himself and to the military service. Home address: Mrs. Albert C. Hoffman, (mother), 4429 Vermas Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

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First Lieutenant GLEN H. ROSSER, (O-1181745), Field Artillery, 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. Evelyn Rosser, (wife), Apache, Oklahoma.

Technician Fourth Grade TONY H. TRUEB, (39589645), (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 8 May 1945. Sergeant Trueb was assigned the mission of repairing a wire communication line to two rifle companies, and to extend a new line to an adjoining company engaged with the enemy in the Ipo Dam Area. In spite of intense Japanese artillery and mortar fire Sergeant Trueb, disregarding his personal safety, succeeded in repairing the two rifle companies' lines. Realizing the importance of wire communication at such a critical time and, still under the enemy fire, Sergeant Trueb continued on and skilfully completed the hazardous task of laying a new line to the adjoining company. By his coolness under fire, indomitable courage, and tenacity Sergeant Trueb contributed immeasurably to the combat success of his organization. Home address: Mrs. Tony H. Trueb (relationship unknown), 1828 Lincoln Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

Master Sergeant WILLIAM R. WAGONER, (39531787), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands and Honshu, Japan, during period 5 June to 30 September 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ann Wagoner, (wife), 722 So. Mariposa Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

First Sergeant MITCHELL WEST, (6297582), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, during period 14 April to 1 July 1945. Home address: Mr. R. F. West, (father), Briartown, Oklahoma.

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL--Awards..... I
BRONZE STAR MEDAL--OAK-LEAF CLUSTER--Award... 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 enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant LIONEL L. DANIEL, (34808237), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 24 March 1945. During an attack on Mt. Tanauan while engaging in a fire-fight with the enemy, Sergeant Daniel's company was receiving machine-gun fire and grenades from the front and sniper fire from the left flank, pinning down the greatest portion of the company. Sergeant Daniel, voluntarily and without thought of his personal safety, led his squad around the left side of the hill in a flanking movement. Although grenades were being hurled at them and heavy machine-gun fire caused two casualties in the squad, Sergeant Daniel skilfully maneuvered his men into position and succeeded in knocking out the machine-gun nest and killing two Japanese snipers. Sergeant Daniel's aggressiveness, superb leadership, and coolness under fire were an inspiration to his men and to all who witnessed his bold and courageous action. Home address: Mrs. Mary T. Daniel, (wife), Box #32, Crossville, Alabama.

Sergeant FELIX L. DESTACHE, (36820586), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Pozorrubio, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 20 January 1945. When his company became pinned down by intense enemy rifle, machine-gun, and anti-tank fire during an assault against Hill #600, Sergeant Destache, a first scout, exhibited keen presence of mind in the skillful deployment of fire-power. Calling forward a machine-gun squad, he promptly and calmly directed its fire against the hostile left-flank emplacement. Then, sending back for a Sherman tank, he speedily regulated its fire, completely destroying the enemy right-flank position. Sergeant Destache was wounded in this action, but by his strong determination in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles he served as an inspiring example to the members of his company, enabling them to continue their assigned mission with a minimum of delay. Home address: Mrs. Louis P. Destache, (father), 932 Main Street, Greenbay, Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade ELLSWORTH C. STALEY, (39475681), (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 8 May 1945. Corporal Staley was assigned the mission of repairing a wire communication line to two rifle companies, and to extend a new line to an adjoining company engaged with the enemy in the Ipo Dam Area. In spite of intense Japanese artillery and mortar fire Corporal Staley, disregarding his personal safety, succeeded in repairing the two rifle companies' lines. Realizing the importance of wire communication at such a critical time and, still under the enemy fire, Corporal Staley continued on and skilfully completed the hazardous task of laying a new line to the adjoining company. By his coolness under fire, indomitable courage, and tenacity Corporal Staley contributed immeasurably to the combat success of his organization. Home address: Mrs. M. E. Staley, (mother), 302 East 46th Street, Tacoma, Washington.

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Staff Sergeant ROBERT F. STROOT, (35731282), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 March 1945. During an attack on Mt. Tanauan Sergeant Stroot's company became engaged in a fierce fire-fight, drawing heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire from the front and sniper fire from the left flank; almost completely pinning it down. By his keen observation, Sergeant Stroot located the Japanese machine-gun nest causing the greatest delay in the attack. As his squad leader was wounded, Sergeant Stroot promptly organized a portion of his squad and advanced against the emplacement. Although drawing heavy fire at every move, he fearlessly led his men forward and succeeded in completely destroying the hostile machine-gun position. This bold and courageous action on the part of Sergeant Stroot reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Pearl Stroot, (mother), 2005 Seabury Avenue, Terre Haute, Indiana.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL--OAK-LEAF CLUSTER. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant SIGFRED A. RONN, (20153045), Field Artillery, 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 #, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant SIGFRED A. RONN, (20153045), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 22-26 January 1945. During this time, Sergeant Ronn continuously performed the duties of a commissioned officer in commanding a forward observer section of a Field Artillery Battalion in the front lines. Despite the fact that he was constantly under hostile fire from small-arms, mortars, and artillery he maintained communications with the fire direction center at all times, and accurately adjusted fire upon enemy troops and positions, materially reducing losses to our infantry and aiding immeasurably in the fulfillment of their mission. The coolness under fire, superb leadership, and outstanding devotion to duty exhibited by Sergeant Ronn are in keeping with the high traditions of the armed forces. Home address: Mr. Gustave A. Ronn, (father), 153 Bishop Avenue, Rumford, Rhode Island.

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AWARDS OF SOLDIERS MEDAL

I. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926, (Bulletin 8, WD, 1926), a Soldiers Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant ELLIOT S. HALL, (34150305), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in the vicinity of Shimo Kawai, Honshu, Japan, on 12 September 1945. Sergeant Hall was aiding in the control of a motor vehicle convoy when a tremendous explosion occurred about thirty yards from him, splitting the convoy in two, and setting fire to three vehicles. Sergeant Hall, with utter disregard for his own safety, coolly and deliberately set about rescuing one of the drivers from his flaming truck. He put out the fires engulfing the driver's clothing and rendered competent first-aid, undoubtedly saving his life. Sergeant Hall's heroism and devotion to the needs of a fellow-soldier in dire peril are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Addie Hall, (mother), General Delivery, Walker, Louisiana.

Captain LAWRENCE M. HIGGINS, (O-422019), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in the vicinity of Shimo Kawai, Honshu, Japan, on 12 September 1945. Captain Higgins was aiding in the control of a motor vehicle convoy when a tremendous explosion occurred about thirty yards from him, splitting the convoy in two, and setting fire to three vehicles. Captain Higgins, with utter disregard for his own safety, coolly and deliberately set about rescuing one of the drivers from his flaming truck. He put out the fires engulfing the driver's clothing and rendered competent first-aid, undoubtedly saving his life. Captain Higgins' heroism and devotion to the needs of a fellow-soldier in dire peril are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Nellie Higgins, (mother), 41 Sherman Street, New London, Connecticut.

First Lieutenant RAYMOND W. STAROSTKA, (O-0556351), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in the vicinity of Shimo Kawai, Honshu, Japan, on 12 September 1945. Lieutenant Starostka was aiding in the control of a motor vehicle convoy when a tremendous explosion occurred about thirty yards from him, splitting the convoy in two, and setting fire to three vehicles. Lieutenant Starostka, with utter disregard for his own safety, coolly and deliberately set about rescuing one of the drivers from his flaming truck. He put out the fires engulfing the driver's clothing and rendered competent first-aid, undoubtedly saving his life. Lieutenant Starostka's heroism and devotion to the needs of a fellow-soldier in dire peril are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. Walter J. Starostka, (father), Route #2, Silver Creek, Nebraska.

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Second Lieutenant RALPH F. WHITEHEAD, (O-2023880), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism at Yokohama, Honshu, Japan, on 13 September 1945. On this date, Lieutenant Whitehead was in charge of an unloading detail on the docks at Yokohama. An enlisted man who had just disembarked from the ship which was anchored alongside the dock, became confused in the darkness, missed his footing, and plunged into the water between the dock and the side of the ship. Acting without a moment's hesitation, not pausing to remove any of his clothing, Lieutenant Whitehead went into the water after the man and succeeded in holding him up until a rope cargo net could be lowered and others came to the assistance of the two men. Lieutenant Whitehead's keen presence of mind, instant action, and cool courage in deliberately putting himself in the same predicament as the trapped man in order to rescue him, are qualities which reflect the highest credit to himself and to the armed forces. Home address: Mr. William H. Whitehead, (father), 158 Fruit Hill Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

Private First Class RALPH R. WOODY, (37085304), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in the vicinity of Shimo Kawai, Honshu, Japan, on 12 September 1945. Private Woody was aiding in the control of a motor vehicle convoy when a tremendous explosion occurred about thirty yards from him, splitting the convoy in two, and setting fire to three vehicles. Private Woody, with utter disregard for his own safety, coolly and deliberately set about rescuing one of the drivers from his flaming truck. He put out the fires engulfing the driver's clothing and rendered competent first-aid, undoubtedly saving his life. Private Woody's heroism and devotion to the needs of a fellow-soldier in dire peril, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ida D. Woody, (wife), 616 East Kamilche, Monte Sand, Washington.

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SILVER STAR MEDAL-Awards..... I
BRONZE STAR MEDAL-Awards..... II

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 officer and enlisted man:

Private First Class MELBA C. BRAY, (38711413), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bigti, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 11 April 1945. When Private Bray's company was subjected to a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire, one of his comrades was seriously wounded. With coolness and utter disregard for his own life and safety, Private Bray left the cover of his fox-hole, administered competent first-aid, and then carried his stricken comrade to a sheltered location. Sighting an abandoned vehicle, Private Bray placed the injured soldier in the truck and took him to an aid station one mile to the rear. Returning to his position, which was still under heavy artillery fire, he evacuated three additional wounded men. This gallant act of heroism and bravery is characteristic of Private Bray's unflinching concern for the safety of his comrades while disregarding his own and reflects the highest standards of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Clifford Bray, (mother), Leedy, Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant EDWARD L. BROWNING, (O-1325966), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bigti, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 6 April 1945. Lieutenant Browning's reconnaissance patrol was given the mission of ascertaining a suitable route of approach through the Palisades along the Metropolitan Highway. As the party approached a small hill, it ran into an ambush of nine Japanese in a camouflaged machine-gun nest who promptly opened fire on the patrol. Lieutenant Browning, although fully exposed to the devastating fire, with utter disregard for his life skillfully deployed his men in advantageous positions and under his brilliant leadership succeeded in killing eight of the enemy by the use of accurately-thrown hand-grenades. By his indomitable courage, inspiring fighting spirit, and military proficiency, Lieutenant Browning contributed immeasurably to the successful completion of his patrol's mission and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Home address: Mrs. Elaine L. Browning, (wife), 205 West Oak Street, Somerset, Kentucky.

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 enlisted men:

Sergeant LLOYD W. LUCAS, (37672479), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on

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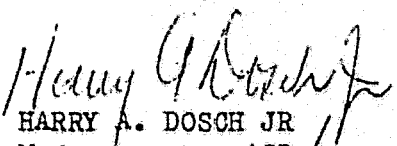
March 1945. While attacking enemy positions on the strategically located Mt. Tannuan northeast of Antipolo, Sergeant Lucas' company came under intense machine-gun and rifle fire from the front and left flank, causing several casualties and forcing the company to withdraw. Sergeant Lucas, with complete disregard for his personal safety, jumped to his feet and ran to a position from which he hurled smoke-grenades to conceal his comrades from hostile observation then, calling the company aid-man forward, set to work administering first-aid and directing the evacuation of the wounded men. Sergeant Lucas risked his life time and again for thirty minutes, receiving a bullet crease in his helmet, until all the casualties were successfully evacuated. This bold and altruistic action on the part of Sergeant Lucas was undoubtedly responsible for saving the lives of many of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Stella M. Lucas, (mother), RFD #1, Snerry, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant AUSTIN A. McCALL, (39333403), (then Staff Sergeant), 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 6 May 1945. Sergeant McCall, acting as first scout, was leading his men toward their objective, a steep hill, when they were temporarily delayed by sniper fire. Sighting a number of the enemy in a bivouac area near a creek, he fearlessly moved with his men up the creek-bed and in the ensuing fire-fight by skillful maneuvering succeeded in killing eighteen Japanese and dispersing the remainder. Throughout the encounter, Sergeant McCall directed his men to the most advantageous positions and assumed for himself the most difficult and dangerous tasks. By his competent leadership and bravery under fire, Sergeant McCall led his men to a successful victory over a superior force and won the admiration and respect of all concerned. Home address: Mrs. M. R. McCall, (relationship unknown), 231 South C Street, Springfield, Oregon.

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CLUSTER

SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 43d Infantry Division to the following named Officer and enlisted men:

Captain RUSSELL D. POTTER (O-375066), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands and Honshu, Japan during the period 29 June to 1 October 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eleanor Potter (wife) 25 Atwood Street, Newington, Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT J. ARRIGONI, 39205466, Medical Department, United States Army. Home address: John Arrigoni (father) 828 33d Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Sergeant THOMAS A. DOODY JR. 36732534, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Helen Doody (mother) 2112 Dayton Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Corporal FRANK C. GERMANOTTA 32759529, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Nicholas Germanotta (father) 936 South 5th St., Camden, New Jersey.

Corporal MURRAY JAFFE 3280C164, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Joseph Jaffe (father) 87-11 135th Street, Richmond Hill, New York.

Corporal PETER C. KILBURN, 39043953, Infantry, United States Army. Home Address: Mrs. Marjorie Kilburn (mother) 2828 College Avenue, Berkeley, Calif.

Corporal RODERICK I. KRUSE 16115987, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Harry Kruse (father) 604 West Avon Street, Freeport, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant ADELBERT J. NOWATZKI, 37334506, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Hugo W. Nowatzki (father) General Delivery, Cavalier, North Dakota.

Sergeant ARTHUR C. ROSS, 37071137, Infantry, United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Edna Neubauer (aunt) Denison, Iowa.

All the men above for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Montalban, Wawa Dam Sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands and on Honshu, Japan during the period 19 May 1945 to 4 October 1945.

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Citation for above named men as follows:

As company clerks these men performed their duties with exceptional efficiency under constant stress and strenuous conditions in a combat area, including the manning of perimeters at night and fulfilling their capacity as clerks during the day. Their work was especially outstanding in the processing of service records in the minimum of time for shipment of personnel to the United States under the point system of discharge. Their great devotion to duties in that capacity regardless of the circumstances and additional duties contributed greatly to getting the greatest amount of work done in the least possible time and made it possible for a quick and efficient dispersal of men to disposition centers.

SECTION II

II. Award of Bronze Star Medal--Oak-Leaf Cluster: By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to the following named enlisted man by this Headquarters, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to Sergeant FRED J. LEMA, SR. 39415401, Infantry, United States Army under the provisions of Executive Order #9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WP, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Sergeant FRED J. LEMA, SR. 39415401, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Montalban, Wawa Dam Sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands and on Houshu, Japan during the period 19 May to 4 October 1945. As company clerk, Sergeant Lema performed his duties with exceptional efficiency under constant stress and strenuous conditions in a combat area, including the manning of perimeters at night and fulfilling his capacity as a company clerk during the day. His great devotion to his duties contributed greatly to the efficient and prompt handling of all work pertinent to the movement of men to disposition centers and who were being transferred to other organizations. Address: Mrs. Avis L. Lema--Wife--3925 2d Avenue, Sacramento 16, California

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Under the provisions of Section I, WD Circular 269, dated 27 October 1943, the Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to the following named officers of Reg., 47th Infantry Division:

MAJORS

✓ Chau, Robert H. O-134854
✓ Vancey, Ignatius M. O-501289

CAPTAINS

✓ Hopkins, Jefferson T. O-123854
✓ Thornburg, Hugh T. O-416476
✓ Wright, Eugene A. O-347887

FIRST LIEUTENANTS

✓ Hollister, Robert T. O-104190
✓ Otto, Carl A. O-104190

By Order of Major Vancey.

ROBERT W. LOWESTADT
1st Lt., TA
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s/Lord T. Lovestadt
ROBERT W. LOWESTADT
1st Lt., TA
Adjutant

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the above is an exact and true copy of paragraph 5 of General Order No. 3, dated 23 February 1944 at Headquarters, Special Troops, 47th Infantry Division, APO 42, San Francisco, California.

Robert T. Hollister
ROBERT T. HOLLISTER
1st Lieutenant, Infantry

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44TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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GENERAL ORDERS

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1943

1. Award of the Soldiers' Medal

1. In accordance with AR 600-45, as amended, the Soldiers' Medal is awarded the following named enlisted man:

John J. Fink (ASN 20224160), Private, Anti-tank Company, 114th Infantry, United States Army, for heroism displayed in saving the life of Sergeant (Technician) Albrecht R. Lichtenstein (ASN 32163125), Headquarters Company, 114th Infantry, United States Army, near Fort Orford, Oregon, on October 14, 1942. Sergeant Lichtenstein was standing on a rock some distance from shore with his back to the ocean when a large wave suddenly engulfed him, battered him against the rocks and carried him about one hundred yards to sea. Private Fink, attracted by the cries of spectators, without hesitation, and with total disregard for his personal safety, being fully clothed, plunged into the rough and icy surf, swam out to Sergeant Lichtenstein, then semi-conscious and in great peril of drowning, and returned him to safety. The heroic and prompt action of Private Fink in going to the assistance of a drowning comrade under circumstances which involved grave risk to his own life reflects great credit upon him and upon the military service. Residence at enlistment, Williamstown, New Jersey.

By command of Brigadier General HALSEY:

D. R. ALFONTE
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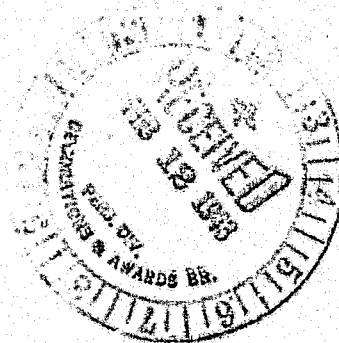
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HEADQUARTERS 114TH INFANTRY DIVISION

GENERAL ORDERS)
NO. 2

Fort Lewis, Washington
February 5, 1943

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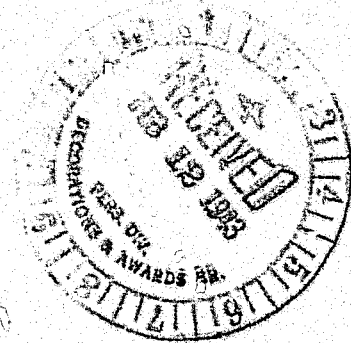
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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 29)APO 44, U. S. Army,
2 November 1944AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

1. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, The Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for wounds received in action against the enemy in France:

71st Infantry

- ✓ Staff Sergeant Walter J. Kennedy, 32 163 213, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 29 October 1944.
- ✓ Staff Sergeant Edward J. Wagner, 32 222 963, Medical Detachment, 30 October 1944.
- ✓ Technician Fourth Grade Paul A. Markwick, 32 028 204, Headquarters Company 25 October 1944.
- ✓ Technician Fifth Grade Edward H. Hughes, 15 319 793, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 24 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Robert B. Ball, 36 454 329, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 30 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Laurel A. Barney, Jr, 34 548 666, Company G, 27 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Charles C. Bates, 37 662 772, Antitank Company, 24 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Harold E. Fuller, Jr, 18 246 924, Company E, 30 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Melvin R. Heath, 36 453 807, Company L, 29 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Henry Leichter, 32 961 169, Medical Detachment, 28 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Edwin J. McCormick, 37 550 102, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 31 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Stanley J. Mesiak, 32 000 552, Company L, 26 Oct 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Harry E. Nealy, 35 696 571, Company G, 26 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Lawrence E. Neeley, 34 710 191, Company L, 26 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Roy D. Ragsdale, 36 736 421, Company H, 28 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Wilson P. Salter, 39 854 742, Company F, 30 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Patrick E. Sherry, 36 642 747, Medical Detachment, 26 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Randolph B. Thompson, 35 066 873, Company M, 24 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Marshall W. Walter, 35 646 930, Company I, 28 October 1944.
- ✓ Private Melvin Bobo, 38 435 314, Medical Detachment, 27 October 1944.
- ✓ Private Stanley J. Buyer, 36 642 980, Company H, 27 October 1944.
- ✓ Private Robert D. Galarston, 32 785 664, Company A, 27 October 1944.
- ✓ Private Donald L. Gearing, 35 629 586, Medical Detachment, 30 October 1944.
- ✓ Private Martin J. McGuinness, 30 229 663, Company L, 30 October 1944.
- ✓ Private Ervin J. Polega, 36 806 830, Medical Detachment, 26 October 1944.
- ✓ Private Russell G. Shay, 33 933 134, Company L, 29 October 1944.
- ✓ Private Shinji Tsuchida, 19 065 699, Medical Detachment, 27 October 1944.
- ✓ Private Harry Williams, Jr, 38 537 607, Company K, 29 October 1944.

114th Infantry

- ✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT W. LITHALL, 01 319 426, 24 October 1944.
- ✓ First Sergeant Elijah S. Dowe, 20 224 531, Company A, 28 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Gabriel Farkas, 33 437 962, Company A, 26 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Earl W. Hazelbrook, 36 452 679, Company C, 24 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Ralph A. Margavage, 14 115 877, Company L, 27 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class George M. Maxwell, 37 603 143, Company L, 28 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Ernest R. Shinn, 36 736 894, Company A, 27 October 1944.
- ✓ Private Fernando G. Almandarez, 39 854 712, Company C, 27 October 1944.
- ✓ Private Francis I. Cubitt, 33 586 660, Company B, 27 October 1944.
- ✓ Private Lorain Custer, 38 003 875, Company A, 29 October 1944.
- ✓ Private James S. Rains, 36 788 152, Medical Detachment, 28 October 1944.
- ✓ Private Joseph R. Schneider, 36 734 675, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 28 October 1944.
- ✓ Private Samuel H. Williams, 34 977 762, Company A, 29 October 1944.

324th Infantry

- ✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT HARRY N. NICHOLS, OI 307 996, 24 October 1944.
- ✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT HARRY C. LUCAS, JR, O 405 775, 27 October 1944.
- ✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES A. PETERSEN, JR, OI 324 847, 25 October 1944.
- ✓ Technical Sergeant Leon P. Haduch, 20 224 737, Company I, 25 October 1944.
- ✓ Staff Sergeant John E. Hecht, 32 002 362, Antitank Company, 30 October 1944.
- ✓ Staff Sergeant John J. Hills, 20 224 577, Company A, 27 October 1944.
- ✓ Sergeant Joseph T. Wypycha, 32 252 172, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 27 October 1944.
- ✓ Technician Fourth Grade Herbert Bernstein, 32 223 859, Medical Detachment, 26 October 1944.
- ✓ Corporal Howard J. Morton, 36 713 539, Company M, 27 October 1944.
- ✓ Technician Fifth Grade Fred Moroski, 32 099 770, Company G, 28 October 1944.
- ✓ Technician Fifth Grade Edward J. Martin, 35 788 411, Company A, 25 October 1944.
- ✓ Technician Fifth Grade Harold N. Nelson, 36 734 705, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 28 October 1944.
- ✓ Technician Fifth Grade Frank H. Sulzbach, Jr, 32 001 021, Medical Detachment, 27 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Wayne B. Allen, 36 454 341, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 24 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Harold O. Bullis, 37 557 971, Company M, 26 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Thomas J. Ensley, 33 559 150, Company G, 30 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Everett P. Goad, 34 710 199, Company G, 30 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Isaac Gray, 38 137 281, Company C, 29 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Roy H. Key, 34 760 503, Company G, 29 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Harold P. Hein, 39 001 910, Company A, 31 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Alton L. McElwain, 35 283 725, Company B, 26 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Frank L. Miller, 33 501 703, Antitank Company, 31 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Harold K. Rutledge, 39 281 442, Company M, 26 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Solomon Sass, 32 004 778, Company B, 25 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Dean M. Weaver, 33 573 657, Company M, 26 October 1944.
- ✓ Private First Class Benjamin Zimmerman, 6 667 601, Company M, 27 October 1944.
- ✓ Private Robert E. Drake, 16 120 366, Medical Detachment, 26 October 1944.
- ✓ Private Milton M. Hughes, 20 910 046, Antitank Company, 25 October 1944.
- ✓ ~~Private Richard B. Logg, 35 866 718, Company D, 27 October 1944.~~ *17 Nov 44*
- ✓ Private Milton J. Parsias, 38 417 190, Medical Detachment, 30 October 1944.

749th Tank Battalion

- ✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT BERTRAM KAUFMAN, OI 014 513, 25 October 1944.
- ✓ Sergeant George W. Brooks, 35 693 655, Company U, 24 October 1944.
- ✓ Sergeant Develton R. Malloy, 39 155 019, Company C, 25 October 1944.
- ✓ Sergeant Edwin A. Wanok, 32 708 250, Company B, 23 October 1944.

813th Tank Destroyer Battalion

- ✓ Corporal Bradford Sherry, 20 242 596, Company B, 27 October 1944.
- ✓ Private Linville H. Neal, 35 128 137, Reconnaissance, 24 October 1944.

157th Field Artillery Battalion

- ✓ Private Steve J. B. Schaffhauser, 31 316 601, Battery C, 24 October 1944.

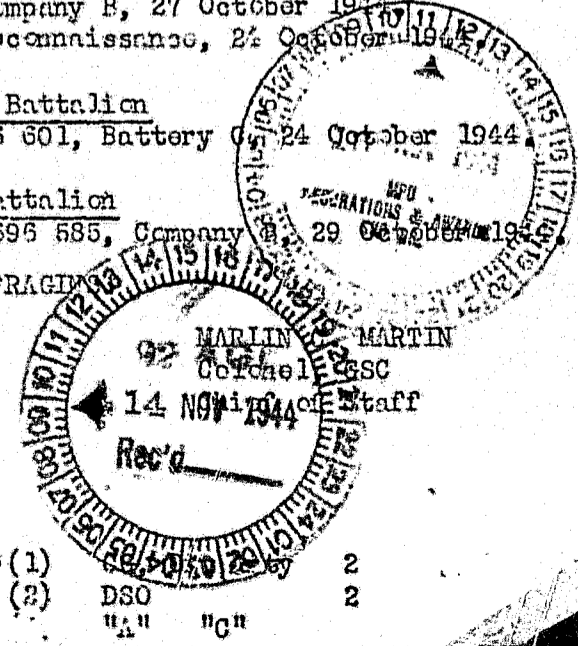
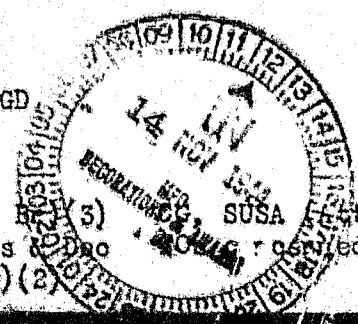
63d Engineer Combat Battalion

- ✓ Private First Class Kenneth Hadley, 35 696 585, Company B, 29 October 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 30)

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APO 44, U. S. Army,
4 November 1944.

SECTION I - Award of the Silver Star, Posthumous.
SECTION II - Award of the Silver Star.
SECTION III - Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

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

HENRY A. McNEMAR, 34 132 889, Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry, for gallantry in action on 25 October 1944 near Embermenil, France. Upon learning that an officer had been killed and two men seriously wounded by the explosion of an enemy mine, Staff Sergeant Henry McNemar, with total disregard for his own safety and with determination to save the lives of the wounded men, voluntarily entered the uncleared mine field. While administering aid to one of the men he stepped on a mine which exploded, killing him instantly. His courageous act and self-sacrifice are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

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

HERBERT BERNSTEIN, 32 223 859, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry, for gallantry in action on 25 October 1944, near Embermenil, France. Notwithstanding that a medical aid man had been killed attempting to treat two wounded soldiers severely injured in an enemy mine field, Technician Fourth Grade Bernstein, with total disregard for his own safety, but intent only upon saving the lives of his fellow soldiers, heroically entered the mine field while under enemy observation and fire, succeeded in treating the wounded men and in bringing them to safety. Technician Fourth Grade Bernstein's gallant and courageous action, in performing a most hazardous task where others had failed, reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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

JOHN J. DIBBLE, 32 741 913, Technician Fourth Grade, Company B, * * * Tank Battalion, for heroic and meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Embermenil, France, on 28 October 1944. After previous attempts had failed to salvage two badly needed tanks which had been damaged and abandoned in an uncleared enemy mine field, Technician Fourth Grade Dibble and two other soldiers worked their way to the tanks through mines and harassing artillery and mortar fire. Together with his two companions, Technician Fourth Grade Dibble removed an 88 mm dud from one of the tracks, repaired the damaged tanks, and returned them to safety through the uncleared mine field. Technician Fourth Grade Dibble's calmness, skill, and intrepidity under intense enemy fire reflect the highest standards of the service. Entered military service from New York.

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SECTION III (Continued)

CARL L. MOORE, 35 580 320, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, * * * Tank Battalion, for heroic and meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Embermenil, France, on 28 October 1944. After previous attempts had failed to salvage two badly needed tanks which had been damaged and abandoned in an uncleared enemy mine field, Technician Fifth Grade Moore and two other soldiers worked their way to the tanks through mines and harassing artillery and mortar fire. Together with his two companions, Te 5 Moore removed an 88 mm dud from one of the tracks, repaired the damaged tanks, and returned them to safety through the uncleared mine fields. Technician Fifth Grade Moore's calmness, skill, and intrepidity under intense enemy fire reflect the highest standards of the service. Entered military service from Indiana.

JAMES LIVOLSI, 32 713 439, Private First Class, Company B, * * * Tank Battalion, for heroic and meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Embermenil, France, on 28 October 1944. After previous attempts had failed to salvage two badly needed tanks which had been damaged and abandoned in a uncleared enemy mine field, Private First Class Livolsi and two other soldiers worked their way to the tanks through mines and harassing artillery and mortar fire. Together with his two companions, Private First Class Livolsi removed an 88 mm dud from one of the tracks, repaired the damaged tanks, and returned them to safety through the uncleared mine fields. Private First Class Livolsi's calmness, skill, and intrepidity under intense enemy fire reflect the highest standards of the service. Entered military service from New York.

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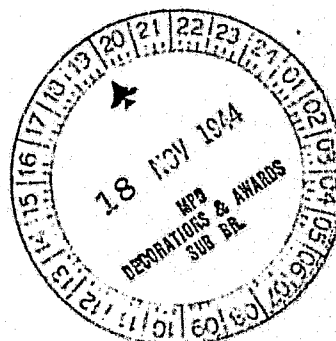
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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 31

ORIGINAL ORDER - 17058A

AFC 44, U. S. Army
7 November 1944.

SECTION I - Award of the Silver Star
SECTION II - Award of the Soldier's Medal
SECTION III - Award of the Bronze Star Medal
SECTION IV - Award of the Air Medal

I. SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade GLEN E. KILE, 53 089 321, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Leintrey, France, on 26 October 1944. Without regard for his own life, which was jeopardized by the intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage, Technician Fourth Grade Kile left his trench and went to the aid of five seriously wounded men. Despite the heavy fire, he administered plasma to one of the men and aided in the speedy evacuation of them all. Technician Fourth Grade Kile's exemplary behaviour, which resulted in the saving of five men's lives, reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private DANIEL W. McCARTY, 37 508 757, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 26 October 1944, near Leintrey, France, when he left a sheltered position during an intense mortar and artillery barrage, went to the rescue of five wounded men and administered medical aid to them while still under heavy fire. By preparing these men for speedy evacuation, Private McCarty undoubtedly contributed to the saving of their lives. His cool courage and skill in the hazardous performance of his duty are in the best traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class WARREN P. MIZE, 7 061 155, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 26 October 1944, near Leintrey, France. When he saw that five men were severely wounded as a result of an intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage, Private First Class Mize left his place of safety and went to their aid. Together with two other men, he succeeded in carrying them all back to safety. Private First Class Mize's courageous act, performed at the risk of his own life, helped to save the lives of those five men, and is a great credit to our armed forces. Entered military service from Arkansas.

II. SOLDIER'S MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Private JOSEPH HARRISON, 20 226 841, Company F, 324th Infantry. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy, in France. On 3 November 1944, while on duty at the Regimental Ammunition Dump, Private Harrison observed that a 2½ ton vehicle, parked near the dump, had burst into flames. Two men who were in the vicinity attempted to drive the burning truck away from the dump but were driven back by the intense heat and smoke. Then Private Harrison, with a remarkable display of resourcefulness, donned a dust respirator, jumped into the flaming cab, and drove the truck into a small stream about 500 yards distant. Continuing, with indifference to the imminent danger of explosion, he climbed into the back of the burning truck and proceeded methodically to remove various articles of ammunition and ordnance. His presence of mind and courage saved the truck and prevented a probable explosion which would have imperilled the lives of others. Entered military service from New Jersey.

III. BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, A Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM C. GASKALLA, 35 400 707, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ambermonil, France on 24 October 1944. Technician Fourth Grade Gaskalla went to the aid of a wounded officer in the face of terrific enemy shell, mortar, and small arms fire, and carried him to safety after administering first aid. When his display of courage prompted others to follow him, he issued direct orders that they remain under cover. By his devotion to duty and conspicuous heroism, Technician Fourth Grade Gaskalla was an inspiration to all front line troops in his sector. Entered military service from Ohio.

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IV. AIR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Air Medal is awarded to the following-named officers:

Captain KARL A. SALS KOV, O 421 932, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights. During the period 14 September 1944 to 16 October 1944, Captain Salskov flew thirty five (35) sorties against the Germans. On these sorties he adjusted and observed artillery fire not only of his own battalion but also of other battalions in the XV Corps Artillery. The outstanding performance of this officer as Air Observer greatly enhanced the effectiveness of the fire of this Battalion. Entered military service from Idaho.

1st Lt LOUIS J. FRIER, O1 173 612, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights. During the period 14 September 1944 to 24 October 1944, Lieutenant Frier flew thirty five (35) sorties against the Germans as pilot of an artillery liaison plane. On these sorties the observer with Lieutenant Frier sought German targets and observed and adjusted artillery fire. The bold and calm manner in which Lieutenant Frier handled his plane in spite of hostile fire from the ground greatly increased the speed and accuracy with which his battalion delivered fire. Entered military service from Ohio.

By command of Major General SPRAGINS:

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 32

APC 44, U. S. Army
10 November 1944.

- Signed by
Beryl Dues*
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- SECTION I - Award of the Silver Star.
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 - SECTION III - Award of the Bronze Star Medal.
 - SECTION IV - Award of the Air Medal.

I. SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant THOMAS J. BRADY, 32 055 707, Company E, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Embermenil, France on 25 October 1944. As the leader of a reconnaissance patrol whose mission was to determine enemy strength and disposition on a strategic hill, Sergeant Brady ran into heavy enemy fire and returned for reinforcement. He then led an attack which resulted in the capture of the hill, the taking of 17 prisoners, and the destruction of the remainder of the enemy force. Sergeant Brady's courageous leadership and determination to close with the enemy are qualities well worthy of emulation. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Third Grade RAY C. BRATCHER, 38 465 301, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in France on 24 October 1944. Before the battalion aid station had taken up its new forward positions, he reached it that casualties were being suffered in a particular company area. There being no litter bearers present, Surgical Technician Bratcher, on his own initiative, drove forth in the darkness, over unfamiliar terrain and reached the area in question. He then proceeded on foot to search for casualties and, while under heavy fire, made four trips across open terrain carrying seven wounded men to safety. As a direct result of Technician Third Grade Bratcher's heroic and unselfish action, the lives of all these men were saved. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

II. BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant ROBERT E. CREW, 35 629 391, Company I, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Manonviller, France on 30 October 1944. Sergeant Crew was leading a combat patrol whose hazardous mission was the daylight penetration of the enemy lines to determine their strength, location, and type of weapons. After accomplishing its mission, the patrol was discovered and subjected to heavy machine-gun and small arms fire. Although only 100 yards from the enemy and in broad daylight, Sergeant Crew skillfully effected the orderly withdrawal of his patrol before he was mortally wounded. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the finest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Ohio.

III. BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class THOMAS G. BEEGLE, 35 866 735, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic and meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Embermenil, France on 1 November 1944. As a member of an advance wire crew, Private First Class Beegle heroically performed a great service to his organization by policing and repairing his communication lines under extremely heavy enemy fire in spite of wounds in his abdomen, face, arm, and leg. His fortitude and devotion to duty are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant STANLEY G. BENEZET, 20 226 292, Company I, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy, near Embermenil, France, on 3 November 1944. As squad leader in a patrol that had been forced to withdraw under heavy automatic and mortar fire, Staff Sergeant Benezet ordered his squad to continue the withdrawal while he went to the rescue of a seriously wounded man. After administering first aid under constant harassing fire and in the presence of enemy mines, Staff Sergeant Benezet proceeded to drag the wounded man toward our own lines, approximately 900 yards distant. Staff Sergeant Benezet's fearless action is in keeping with the finest traditions of the service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Private First Class ROBERT E. CARROLL, 34 760 291, Company L, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France. On 1 November 1944, Private First Class Carroll drove his ambulance, containing two critically wounded casualties, through a thick fog, under blackout conditions, and while under a continuous artillery barrage. Despite the fact that shell fragments had punctured a tire and set the ambulance on fire, Private First Class Carroll continued on his mission and succeeded in reaching the ambulance relay post. There, he transferred his casualties to another ambulance and then proceeded, at great risk to himself, to extinguish the flames, which had by then reached the gas tank. As a result of his unswerving devotion to duty the two casualties were saved and the destruction of a government vehicle by fire was prevented. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class KENNETH A. CLAPP, 36 451 970, Company I, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy near Ebermonil, France on 3 November 1944. When his patrol had been fired upon and forced to withdraw after penetrating enemy lines, Private First Class Clapp elected to remain behind and assist a wounded soldier. He brilliantly effected the rescue of his comrade by covering 400 yards under enemy fire and observation. Private First Class Clapp's courage and spirit of self-sacrifice exemplify the finest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class GILBERT H. CRAIG, 35 092 169, Antitank Company, * * * Infantry. When an antitank platoon was suddenly ordered to withdraw from a position which was being heavily shelled, it was found impossible to move two of the guns because of the mud. After first taking his own gun to safety, Private First Class Craig boldly returned to the site of the wired guns, and with a display of skill and tenacity, succeeded in freeing them of the mud and removing them to safety. His exemplary behavior in a situation of great stress is worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Indiana.

Second Lieutenant WILLARD C. CRAIK, 01 184 637, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in France on 27 October 1944. As a forward observer of a Field Artillery Battery Lieutenant Craik, on his own initiative, accompanied an infantry patrol beyond our front lines. In view of the enemy, he adjusted fire on their positions until they were neutralized. By his daring and high devotion to duty, Lieutenant Craik reflected great credit on the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade Olin R. Crossley, 19 015 911, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in France on 1 November 1944. During a concentrated mortar and artillery barrage, a tank destroyer received a direct hit and two of its men were seriously wounded. Technician Fifth Grade Crossley, together with another aid man, proceeded to the wounded men under the intense fire, administered first aid, and evacuated them both to safety. His high devotion to duty and courageousness in the face of personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oregon.

Second Lieutenant JEROME D. DEAN, 01 287 842, Company E, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy near Blemery, France on 3 November 1944. As the leader of a daylight reconnaissance patrol whose assignment was to locate enemy positions, Lieutenant Dean, in addition to accomplishing his mission, defeated an enemy patrol, directed friendly artillery fire on enemy positions at close range, captured 13 prisoners, killed five and wounded three of the enemy.

Private First Class WALTER G. DENISE, 32 366 021, Company K, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ebermonil, France on 3 November 1944. While a member of a patrol which was withdrawing under heavy enemy fire, his patrol leader was struck by a mine and hurled into a barbed wire entanglement. At this critical moment, with his own life at stake, Private Denise turned back, cut the officer free of the wire, and aided two other wounded comrades back to our own lines. This entire action, performed under constant enemy fire and flares, exemplifies the finest qualities of our fighting men. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant ROBERT E. ENDRES, 01 174 567, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic and meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ebermonil, France from 22 October to 29 October 1944. Lieutenant Endres established a forward observation post on high ground within close range of the enemy, and maintained this advantageous position for seven days in spite of withering enemy fire. Lieutenant Endres' courage and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBY GOAD, 35 166 521, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ebermenil, France on 24 October 1944. While his unit was still being subjected to an intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage, Technician Fourth Grade Goad moved right out into the open, administered aid to three seriously wounded men, and supervised their evacuation. This courageous action helped save the lives of these men and inspired all those who witnessed it. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private GREGORIO J. MORENO, 19 082 779, Company K, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ebermenil, France on 3 November 1944. While a member of a patrol which was withdrawing under heavy enemy fire, his patrol leader was struck by a mine and hurled into a barbed wire entanglement. At this critical moment, with his own life at stake, Private Moreno made the decision to remain behind. After cutting the officer free of the wire, and returning him to the patrol, he decided to remain behind longer and search for other wounded men. He found two others and assisted them to our lines. This entire action, performed under constant enemy fire and flares, exemplifies the finest qualities of our fighting men. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade JACK L. OLSON, 36 805 939, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in France on 1 November 1944. During a concentrated mortar and artillery barrage, a tank destroyer received a direct hit and two of its men were seriously wounded. Technician Fifth Grade Olson, together with another aid man, proceeded to the wounded men under the intense fire, administered first aid, and evacuated them both to safety. His high devotion to duty and courageousness in the face of personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private FRANK J. PFLIGLER, 16 002 187, Company K, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Ebermenil, France on 3 November 1944. Upon returning safely from an extremely dangerous night patrol action, Private Pfligler learned that eleven members of his patrol were still missing. Without orders, he ventured out to the enemy lines and searched the area for three hours. Finally, although wounded himself, he nobly assisted in bringing in a wounded soldier. Private Pfligler's gallant action and spirit of self-sacrifice are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM R. SUTTON, 20 220 628, * * Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 17 October 1944 to 3 November 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant ANDREW E. TOMKO, 20 225 672, Company I, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ebermenil, France on 3 November 1944. After returning safely with his section from a hazardous night patrol mission, Technical Sergeant Tomko was informed that sixteen members of another section were still missing; whereupon, he gallantly undertook to find his missing companions and ventured out alone to the point where contact had been made with the enemy. He succeeded in locating six members and guided them back to safety. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Captain EDWARD N. SNYDER, 01 294 380, Company I, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in France on 24 October 1944. When a concealed enemy patrol of unknown size opened fire on the platoon which he was leading forward in an open position, Captain Snyder advanced in the face of the enemy fire and covered the withdrawal of his men with steady and accurate bursts from his sub-machine gun. When the ammunition for this gun was exhausted, he continued firing with his pistol. Captain Snyder's aggressive leadership and effective action enabled his men to withdraw without casualties. Entered military service from Oregon.

Sergeant WALTER W. STINES, 32 070 112, * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. For heroic and meritorious service in action against the enemy in France on 29 October 1944. When his patrol encountered a hidden enemy mine field, killing one man and wounding two others, Sergeant Stines immediately ordered the remaining members to be absolutely still while he sought a path to safety. His intelligent application of technical knowledge enabled him to find an exit from the dangerous area; whereupon, he personally summoned medical aid and supervised the subsequent evacuation of the entire patrol. By his adroitness and admirable coolness in a situation of great stress, he exemplified the finest qualities of our fighting men. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Technician Fifth Grade PAUL WEISBERG, 32 795 939, Medical Detachment, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroism in action against the enemy in France on 26 October 1944. During an intense artillery barrage, Technician Fifth Grade Weisberg noticed a wounded officer thirty feet away. Although suffering wounds in both legs, he dragged himself along the ground toward the officer, undeterred by the explosion of five shells in the immediate vicinity. His courageous effort and spirit of self-sacrifice were an inspiration to all of his comrades. Entered military service from New York.

IV. AIR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Air Medal is awarded to the following-named officer

Captain JOHN C. LINN, OI 166 313, Headquarters, * * Division Artillery. For meritorious achievement in aerial flight. With conspicuous presence of mind and disregard for danger while on a flying mission, Captain Linn dove his highly vulnerable plane to close proximity of enemy tanks and dropped a message to friendly tank destroyers, thereby warning them of concealed enemy tanks which had already struck two of the destroyers. By the performance of this notable deed, the remaining tank destroyers were diverted from their dangerous route and later were able to knock out one of the enemy tanks through knowledge of its location. Entered military service from North Dakota.

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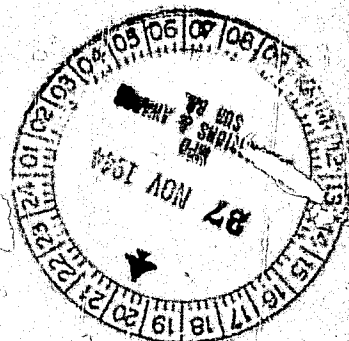
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WFO 44, U. S. Army
11 November 1944

- I. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER
II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

I. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER: Pursuant to authority contained in Army Regulations 600-45, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

Second Lieutenant CHARLES A PETERSEN JR, OI 324 847, 324th Infantry, 7 November 1944.

Private First Class Harold K Rutledge, 39 231 442, Company M, 324th Infantry, 8 November 1944.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: Pursuant to authority contained in Army Regulations 600-45, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

71st Infantry

Staff Sergeant Francis G Bauer, 32 252 066, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion 1 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant James W Kobbe, 20 228 626, Company F, 3 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant Thomas J Sasser Jr, 38 417 083, Company H, 27 October 1944.

Sergeant John Lublanetzki, 35 765 837, Company L, 26 October 1944.

Corporal George M Sims, 33 559 219, Company M, 24 October 1944.

Private First Class Arthur C Aust, 33 574 259, Company C, 4 November 1944.

Private First Class Will D Dickey, 39 242 653, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 27 October 1944.

Private First Class Frederick J Droege, 15 109 180, Company I, 29 October 1944.

Private First Class Don E Ellis, 18 147 882, Company G, 26 October 1944.

Private First Class George L Pinkley, 36 442 580, Company L, 28 October 1944.

Private First Class Richard N Zdyb, 35 092 582, Antitank Company, 24 October 1944.

Private Arthur F Beening, 36 575 366, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 23 October 1944.

Private Charles J Bercute, 35 586 676, Company C, 4 November 1944.

Private Rolla G Glick, 39 919 905, Company L, 8 November 1944.

Private Lewis C Pappas, 34 539 350, Antitank Company, 24 October 1944.

Private Floyd D Rusk, 15 120 792, Company F, 26 October 1944.

114th Infantry

Second Lieutenant JEROME D DEAN, OI 287 842, 9 November 1944.

Technical Sergeant Victor Cericole, 20 224 540, Company A, 31 October 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade Harold Johnson, 20 225 158, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 1 November 1944.

Private First Class Dewey M Ealey, 34 723 642, Company E, 8 November 1944.

Private First Class Alvin D McCutcheon, 35 532 521, Company F, 5 November 1944.

Private First Class Aaron M Rogness, 37 567 377, Company I, 4 November 1944.

Private First Class William Sabat, 35 278 936, Company K, 29 October 1944.

Private Amon Bastin, 35 039 514, Company F, 8 November 1944.

Private Basil A Darst, 35 628 652, Company F, 2 November 1944.

324th Infantry

Technical Sergeant Frank R Morris, 32 112 156, Headquarters Company, 1 November 1944.

Technical Sergeant Andrew J Schultz, 20 226 276, Company E, 25 October 1944.

Staff Sergeant Sam L Angelo, 33 463 844, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 1 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant Roland J Barra, 20 149 146, Company G, 27 October 1944.

Staff Sergeant John M Connelly, 32 074 818, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 1 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant Robert E Rinker, 32 243 124, Company G, 3 November 1944.

Technician Fourth Grade Edward C Whatley, 38 388 766, Medical Detachment, 8 November 1944.

Technician Fourth Grade Joseph A Wiktorowicz, 32 167 093, Headquarters Company, 1 November 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade Daniel Cascioli, 32 243 133, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 1 November 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade Simon Suskind, 32 166 125, Headquarters Company, 1 November 1944.

Private First Class Samuel Bennett, 20 226 204, Company I, 3 November 1944.

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Private First Class Frank M Boncar Jr, 36 876 553, Company B, 31 October 1944.

Private First Class George R Clason, 35 603 265, Company B, 7 November 1944.

Private First Class Irwin Feiner, 32 223 747, Company D, 27 October 1944.

Private First Class Eugene R Kattredge, 36 807 775, Headquarters Company,

Third Battalion, 3 November 1944.

Private First Class Roy L McElroy, 38 556 322, Company M, 1 November 1944.

Private First Class J W Petty, 34 723 626, Company G, 1 November 1944.

Private First Class Joe Wess, 36 734 731, Company B, 29 October 1944.

Private First Class Walter L Wright, 38 420 233, Company B, 26 October 1944.

Private Oliver L Gregerson, 37 674 230, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion,

7 November 1944.

Private Robert J Kelly, 32 019 069, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion,

27 October 1944.

Private Vito Mazzatta, 32 223 052, Company I, 3 November 1944.

Private Marlin J Stiebs, 36 837 919, Company I, 3 November 1944.

156th Field Artillery Battalion

Second Lieutenant WILFARD C CRAIK, 01 184 637, 8 November 1944.

44th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop

Staff Sergeant Robert J Clarke Jr, 20 221 094, 21 October 1944.

Staff Sergeant Norman J Wald, 20 227 005, 29 October 1944.

Sergeant Harry H Roome Jr, 6 667 719, 21 October 1944.

813th Tank Destroyer Battalion

Private Willie T Strange, 34 116 278, 30 October 1944.

By command of Major General SPRAGINS:

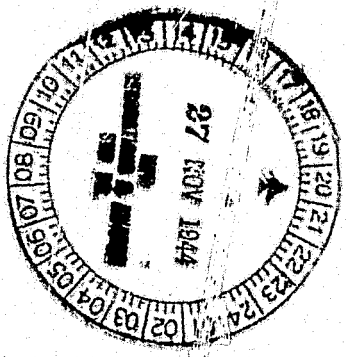
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NUMBER 34)

ORIGINAL ORDER - NYOUSSA

APC 44, U. S. Army
13 November 1944
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SECTION I - Award of Silver Star.
SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal, Posthumous.
SECTION III - Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal.
SECTION IV - Award of Bronze Star Medal.
SECTION V - Award of Air Medal.

I. SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH E. BAJNOK, 35 006 212, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in France on 5 November 1944. When he saw that an officer had been severely wounded as a result of a heavy concentration of enemy mortar fire, Technician Bajnok, at extreme risk to his own life, made his way across open ground under direct observation of the enemy, and administered aid to the wounded man despite the continuing barrage. As shells exploded particularly close, Technician Bajnok shielded the wounded man with his own body, disregarding a direct order of the Lieutenant to take cover in a nearby foxhole. Technician Bajnok remained with his patient until the shelling subsided and the patient could be removed. By his unselfish act and extreme gallantry in the face of mortal danger, Technician Bajnok displayed the finest qualities of our fighting men. Entered military service from Ohio.

II. BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following-named officer:

Second Lieutenant DAVID C. HERRING III, 01 019 049, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic and meritorious service in action against the enemy in France, from 23 July 1944 to 13 October 1944. During this period Lieutenant Herring engaged the enemy on many occasions as platoon leader, several times having tanks shot out from under him, only to dismount and commandeer another tank, and continue the fight. On 13 October, during an attack on strongly defended positions, his tank was again destroyed by enemy fire. While making his way to another tank, he was caught in a heavy artillery barrage and mortally wounded. By his actions in the field of battle, Lieutenant Herring upheld the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

III. FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade CLIFF R. CROSSLEY, 19 015 911, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in France, on 5 November 1944. During a heavy shelling, which inflicted a number of serious casualties upon the company to which he was attached, Technician Crossley displayed rare courage by rushing to the aid of the wounded. In open ground, under enemy observation and fire he administered plasma to one of the men and helped to evacuate and save two others. His action reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oregon.

IV. BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant ARTHUR S. W. CHANTRY, 0 508 131, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Domjevin, France on 25 October 1944. As the leader of a combat patrol which was trapped by an enemy force, Lieutenant Chantry displayed quick thinking and skillful leadership when he deployed and directed the fire of his men in such a manner as to effect the complete annihilation of the enemy. His leadership reflects the highest credit on the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

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Technician Fifth Grade ~~ERNEST~~ C. CLARK, 36 454 296, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in France on 23 October 1944. When his platoon was suddenly subjected to heavy artillery and machine gun fire, with resulting casualties, Technician Clark moved to the aid of the wounded men in the face of great personal danger. His efficient action in removing the casualties to safety, administering aid, and continuing to care for the wounded, undoubtedly contributed to the saving of their lives. Entered military service from Michigan.

Second Lieutenant PHILIP J. DWYER JR, 01 307 212, Company K, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in France, on 31 October 1944. Lieutenant Dwyer was given the extremely hazardous assignment of penetrating enemy lines during daylight and bringing back prisoners. The spectacular manner in which this mission was accomplished, without the loss of a single member of his patrol, is a tribute to Lieutenant Dwyer's outstanding leadership, aggressiveness and courage. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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* First Lieutenant ORRIS L. HAMILTON, 01 307 328, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Leintrey, France, on 3 November 1944. When his battalion was about to take up new positions after an advance, the men were caught in a heavy barrage of mortar and artillery fire. Upon learning that casualties were being suffered, Lieutenant Hamilton left his place of comparative safety without any orders and entirely on his own initiative, and rushed to the aid of the wounded men. His courageous action and spirit of self-sacrifice helped to evacuate and save the lives of four men. Entered military service from Washington.

First Lieutenant LYLE S. HOYT, 01 307 548, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy on 3 November 1944, in France. While leading a patrol whose mission was to determine whether the enemy was withdrawing, Lieutenant Hoyt led his men deep into enemy territory, found the enemy, and returned with his patrol intact. Lieutenant Hoyt's devotion to duty and leadership are in the finest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant NORMAN H. LILLY, 36 808 800, Company A, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Domjevin, France, on 25 October 1944. As squad leader of a combat patrol, Sergeant Lilly discovered an enemy force coming upon him from the rear. Displaying admirable coolness and alertness, he deployed his men in such a way that they were able to annihilate the enemy with the loss of only one man. His leadership reflects the highest credit on the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class JOHN MACKAY, 35 437 981, Company B, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Leintrey, France, on 3 November 1944. When his battalion was about to take up new positions after an advance, the men were caught in a heavy barrage of mortar and artillery fire. Upon learning that casualties were being suffered, Private Mackay left his place of comparative safety without any orders and entirely on his own initiative, and rushed to the aid of the wounded men. His courageous action and spirit of self-sacrifice helped to evacuate and save the lives of four men. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant ARNOLD J. MILLNER, 20 229 630, Company B, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Leintrey, France, on 3 November 1944. When his battalion was about to take up new positions after an advance, the men were caught in a heavy barrage of mortar and artillery fire. Upon learning that casualties were being suffered, Sergeant Millner left his place of comparative safety without any orders and entirely on his own initiative, and rushed to the aid of the wounded men. His courageous action and spirit of self-sacrifice helped to evacuate and save the lives of four men. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH J. MONROE, 20 239 024, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Leintrey, France, 3 November 1944. When his battalion was about to take up new positions after an advance, the men were caught in a heavy barrage of mortar and artillery fire. Upon learning that casualties were being suffered, Technician Monroe left his place of comparative safety without any orders and entirely on his own initiative, and rushed to the aid of the wounded men. His courageous action and spirit of self-sacrifice helped to evacuate and save the lives of four men. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Technical Sergeant THORSTEN W. OLSON, 32 162 515, Antibank Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in France, on 3 November 1944. When a fellow soldier had been seriously wounded as a result of intense mortar and machine gun fire, Sergeant Olson left his own covered position, crept to the aid of his wounded comrade, and carried him to where first aid could be rendered. Sergeant Olson's exemplary behavior, at the risk of his own life, is in keeping with the finest traditions of our armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class DANIEL F. ROBERTS JR, 35 534 895, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy on 3 November 1944, in France. After his patrol had progressed nearly two miles and made contact with enemy elements entrenched on the slope of a hill, Private Roberts was given the dangerous mission of reconnoitering these positions. By the successful accomplishment of this mission, performed under the hazard of clear moonlight observation, extremely valuable information was obtained for our troops. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class JESUS R. SILLER, 38 454 358, Company A, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Lointray, France, on 3 November 1944. When his battalion was about to take up new positions after an advance, the men were caught in a heavy barrage of mortar and artillery fire. Upon learning that casualties were being suffered, Private Siller left his place of comparative safety without orders and entirely on his own initiative, and rushed to the aid of the wounded men. His courageous action and spirit of self-sacrifice helped to evacuate and save the lives of four men. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade JACK W. TODD, 39 198 739, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry. After his patrol had progressed nearly two miles and made contact with enemy elements entrenched on the slope of a hill, Technician Todd was given the dangerous mission of reconnoitering these positions. By the successful accomplishment of this mission, performed under the hazard of clear moonlight observation, extremely valuable information was obtained for our troops. Entered military service from Washington.

Second Lieutenant JAMES H. WEBBEN, 01 016 173, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic and meritorious service in action against the enemy from 12 July to 13 October 1944. During this period Lieutenant Webben, as tank platoon leader, set the example for his men in battle. On several occasions when his tank was disabled, he remounted other tanks and continued the fight. He was observed many times on foot, under heavy enemy fire, contacting the commanders of infantry whom his platoon was supporting. On 13 October 1944, his tank was hit and destroyed. While making his way on foot to inform the infantry commander of the battle conditions, a heavy artillery barrage centered on the field and Lieutenant Webben was seriously wounded. His leadership was a constant source of inspiration to the men under him. Entered military service from Ohio.

Second Lieutenant IRVIN J. YOUNG, 01 314 991, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Lointray, France, on 3 November 1944. When his battalion was about to take up new positions after an advance, the men were caught in a heavy barrage of mortar and artillery fire. Upon learning that casualties were being suffered, Lieutenant Young left his place of comparative safety without any orders and entirely on his own initiative, and rushed to the aid of the wounded men. His courageous action and spirit of self-sacrifice helped to evacuate and save the lives of four men. Entered military service from New York.

V. AIR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Air Medal is awarded to the following-named officer:

Captain BRECK MORAN, O 247 643, Headquarters, * * * Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in aerial flights in France from 27 October 1944 to 10 November 1944. In repeated aerial missions over the enemy positions east of Lunoville, France, Captain Moran, despite hazardous conditions accompanying the missions, secured information of vital importance to the Command and Staff of the Division and of higher headquarters. Entered military service from Wyoming.

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ORIGINAL ORDER - STOUSSA

APD 44, U. S. Army
16 November 1944.

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

Private THOMAS E. BARRETT, 20 226 620, Company K, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in France on 3 November 1944. When a reconnaissance patrol was forced to withdraw from the approaches to Veho because of hostile fire, it was found that six of its members remained in the buildings and were in imminent danger of being cut off. The patrol leader ordered his men to stay under cover while he returned to search for the missing men. Unhesitatingly, Private Barrett volunteered to accompany his leader through the intense artillery and machine-gun fire, and remained with him until all six of the missing men were found and brought back. Private Barrett's courage and willingness to face danger are a credit to himself and the service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant VICTOR J. BERAN, 18 073 461, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in France, on 3 November 1944. When Sergeant Beran saw that a man had been seriously wounded as a result of an intense mortar barrage, he unhesitatingly moved through the heavy fire over a distance of approximately 100 yards, and assisted an aid man in treating and evacuating a wounded soldier. Sergeant Beran's fearless action, performed entirely on his own initiative, undoubtedly contributed to the saving of this man's life and reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class GEORGE H. BOWERS, 33 559 196, Company E, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in France on 31 October 1944. Private Bowers, acting without orders and without thought of his personal safety, ventured to the aid of two wounded Tank Destroyer men in the face of a terrific enemy barrage. The injuries of these men were so serious that their timely evacuation undoubtedly saved their lives. Private Bower's courageous action and spirit of self-sacrifice are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private AMOS BROWNING, 38 542 739, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, on 3 November 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade LEWIS D. ELLER, 37 662 761, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, on 3 November 1944. Entered military service from Iowa.

Sergeant EDWARD C. FEARON, 31 044 928, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, on 3 November 1944. Entered military service from Maine.

Private First Class JOSEPH H. GEHO, 33 081 350, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Entermenil, France, on 24 October 1944. When a unit in his battalion began suffering casualties during a very heavy mortar and artillery shelling. Private Geho, with utter disregard for the danger involved, undertook the evacuation of the wounded in the face of the hostile barrage. After making four separate trips over unfamiliar terrain in the dark, he succeeded in clearing all the wounded in the area. Private Geho's cool courage under fire and his devotion to duty are in keeping with the high traditions of the service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class NEWELL L. GRUBB, 34 599 626, Company E, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in France on 31 October 1944. Private Grubb, acting without orders and without any thought of his personal safety, ventured to the aid of two wounded Tank Destroyer men in the face of a terrific enemy barrage. The injuries of these men were so serious that their timely evacuation undoubtedly saved their lives. Private Grubb's courageous action and spirit of self-sacrifice are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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Private First Class JOHN E. HELSETH, 11 092 184, Company E, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in France on 31 October 1944. Private Helseth, acting without orders and without any thought of his personal safety, ventured to the aid of two wounded Tank Destroyer men in the face of a terrific enemy barrage. The injuries of these men were so serious that their timely evacuation undoubtedly saved their lives. Private Helseth's courageous action and spirit of self-sacrifice are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade CARL E. LONG, 34 581 608, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic and meritorious service in action against the enemy in France on 3 November 1944. When Technician Long saw that a man had been seriously wounded as a result of an intense mortar barrage, he unhesitatingly moved through the heavy fire for about 100 yards and treated the wounded man. After evacuating this man, Technician Long observed another soldier fall in an adjoining company area, approximately 800 yards away. Again he moved quickly, at great hazard to himself, to render aid to the fallen man, even though members of that company were not his responsibility. In performing these actions, with utter disregard for his own safety, Technician Long clearly demonstrated his fearlessness and unselfish devotion to duty. Entered military service from South Carolina.

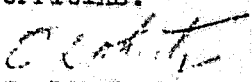
Private First Class EDWIN W. OLSEN, 56 734 687, Company E, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in France, on 31 October 1944. Private Olsen, acting without orders and without any thought of his personal safety, ventured to the aid of two wounded Tank Destroyer men in the face of a terrific enemy barrage. The injuries of these men were so serious that their timely evacuation undoubtedly saved their lives. Private Olsen's courageous action and spirit of self-sacrifice are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class ANTONIO RENTERIA, 37 473 824, Company K, * * * Infantry. For heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, on 3 November 1944. After his platoon was forced to withdraw as a result of intense hostile fire, it was discovered that two of its members had been cut off and remained in the area being shelled. Entirely on his own initiative and with complete disregard for his own safety, Private Renteria left a covered position, crawled and ran over the intervening high ground which was exposed to enemy fire, and led his two isolated comrades back to safety. Private Renteria's fearlessness and initiative reflect great credit upon himself and the Army. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant STANLEY E. RIFFLE, 33 438 090, Company E, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, on 1 November 1944. Sergeant Riffle, a rifle squad leader, displayed great courage and devotion to duty when he voluntarily undertook a hazardous mission which was not required of him. On two separate occasions he mended breaks in a communication wire amid a rain of shell fragments, thus making it possible to direct friendly artillery fire on enemy mortars and silence them. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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APO 44, U. S. Army
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Amended

- I. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER
- II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART
- III. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

Typed by G. J. Anderson

I. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER: Pursuant to authority contained in Army Regulations 600-45, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, the First Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received in action against the enemy:

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*Private HARRY WILLIAMS JR., 38 537 687, Company K, 71st Infantry, France, 14 November 1944. Entered service from Hillsboro, Texas.

II. PURPLE HEART: Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

71st Infantry

- Technical Sergeant LEON PASTOR, 32 018 983, Company B, France, 13 November 1944. Entered service from Brooklyn, New York.
- Staff Sergeant FRANK J. IVANGIC, 35 285 317, Company C, France, 14 November 1944. Entered service from North Ridgeville, Ohio.
- Staff Sergeant ARNOLD J. MILLNER, 20 229 630, Company B, France, 13 November 1944. Entered service from New York, New York.
- Staff Sergeant RALPH R. RENZI, 31 287 552, Company E, France, 13 November 1944. Entered service from Pittsfield, Massachusetts.
- Technician Third Grade JOHN H. ROTKIEWICZ JR., 32 000 294, Medical Detachment, France, 13 November 1944. Entered service from New York, New York.
- Sergeant GRACEN E. HOSTETTER, 33 437 648, Company A, France, 7 November 1944. Entered service from Beaver, Pennsylvania.
- Corporal JOSEPH B. TULLY JR., 32 018 915, Medical Detachment, France, 14 November 1944. Entered service from Brooklyn, New York.
- Private First Class BENJAMIN N. BUTLER, 35 628 002, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, France, 13 November 1944. Entered service from Dayton, Ohio.
- Private First Class HILTON G. CALVERT, 37 576 948, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, France, 12 November 1944. Entered service from Austin, Minnesota.
- Private First Class KENNETH W. CREASON, 35 092 217, Company A, France, 13 November 1944. Entered service from Anderson, Indiana.
- Private First Class SAM HANNA, 32 755 602, Company G, France, 13 November 1944. Entered service from Camden, New Jersey.
- Private First Class GEORGE S. KENNEMER, 38 417 013, Company E, France, 5 November 1944. Entered service from Angleton, Texas.
- Private First Class GEORGE W. MICHAELS, 36 454 383, Medical Detachment, France, 14 November 1944. Entered service from Allegan, Michigan.
- Private First Class ROBERT L. PETERSON, 37 550 331, Company K, France, 14 November 1944. Entered service from Duluth, Minnesota.
- Private First Class WALTER A. PORTER, 15 302 310, Company D, France, 10 November 1944. Entered service from Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Private First Class CHRISTOPHER C. RHODES, 38 432 048, Company A, France, 13 November 1944. Entered service from Cooper, Texas.
- Private First Class FINIS J. ROGERS, 34 723 529, Company A, France, 13 November 1944. Entered service from Dresden, Tennessee.
- Private First Class EDWARD WILLIAMSON, 33 617 269, Company A, France, 5 November 1944. Entered service from Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania.
- Private GEORGE COLLING, 32 679 635, Medical Detachment, France, 13 November 1944. Entered service from Maspeth, New York.
- Private ROBERT P. CROSS, 38 003 917, Company K, France, 14 November 1944. Entered service from Phoenix, Arizona.
- Private CHALLIE E. STORY, 36 418 449, Company A, France, 5 November 1944. Entered service from Muskegon, Michigan.

114th Infantry

- First Lieutenant DANIEL W. BRADSHAW JR., 01 284 279, Headquarters, France, 11 November 1944. Entered service from Ogden, Utah.
- Second Lieutenant HERSCHEL G. GUY, 01 300 314, Antitank Company, France, 11 November 1944. Entered service from Waco, Texas.
- Technical Sergeant STEVEN DVOROVY, 20 225 188, Company D, France, 14 November 1944. Entered service from Woodbridge, New Jersey.

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Sergeant MARTIN T. DOYLE, 36 575 888, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, France, 11 November 1944. Entered service from Merrill, Michigan.

Private First Class OVES C. CHAPMAN, 35 696 559, Antitank Company, France, 11 November 1944. Entered service from Jamestown, Kentucky.

Private First Class JAMES L. HUDSPETH, 36 735 090, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, France, 11 November 1944. Entered service from Lawrenceville, Illinois.

Private First Class ELWOOD R. SMITH, 13 146 342, Company G, France, 12 November 1944. Entered service from Martinsburg, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class VAUGHN A. VANDERGRIF, 38 342 215, Company A, France, 14 November 1944. Entered service from Canyon, Texas.

324th Infantry

First Lieutenant ALBERT J. LANGE, 01 307 428, Company M, France, 5 November 1944. Entered service from Sandstone, Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant LOUIS L. BALENT, 20 225 584, Company K, France, 11 November 1944. Entered service from Somerville, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant WOODROW P. STROEBEL, 32 056 618, Medical Detachment, France, 15 November 1944. Entered service from Newark, New Jersey.

Sergeant FIRMAN H. LLOYD, 20 226 245, Company I, France, 13 November 1944. Entered service from Salem, New Jersey.

Sergeant ALVIN G. RODGERS, 38 416 677, Company K, France, 11 November 1944. Entered service from Wharton, Texas.

Sergeant ELVIN M. SANDERS, 35 715 196, Company I, France, 10 November 1944. Entered service from Elkton, Kentucky.

Private First Class ROBERT M. ANDERSON, 15 314 941, Company M, France, 15 November 1944. Entered service from Terre Haute, Indiana.

Private First Class AUGUST L. BURDA, 36 644 263, Company A, France, 10 November 1944. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class LYNN R. BYERS, 35 227 837, Company B, France, 15 November 1944. Entered service from Goshen, Indiana.

Private First Class ROBERT L. DIXON, 34 599 401, Company B, France, 15 November 1944. Entered service from Alamance County, North Carolina.

Private First Class EDWARD M. FOJTEK, 36 808 112, Company I, France, 14 November 1944. Entered service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class TROY W. KIMBELL, 34 706 689, Company M, France, 8 November 1944. Entered service from Fayette, Alabama.

Private First Class MORGAN P. O'LAUGHLIN, 32 758 066, Company I, France, 15 November 1944. Entered service from Wilmington, Delaware.

Private First Class ERNEST A. PINELLI, 20 228 438, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, France, 11 November 1944. Entered service from New York, New York.

Private First Class FULL W. PRICE JR., 38 445 355, Company B, France, 11 November 1944. Entered service from Das Arc, Arkansas.

Private First Class FRANK J. ROBOTTI, 32 244 687, Company A, France, 15 November 1944. Entered service from West New York, New Jersey.

Private First Class THOMAS J. WELLIVER, 33 463 852, Company K, France, 11 November 1944. Entered service from Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Private JOSEPH P. MAZUR, 36 644 248, Cannon Company, France, 11 November 1944. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private GREGORIO J. MORENO, 19 082 779, Company K, France, 9 November 1944. Entered service from San Francisco, California.

217th Field Artillery Battalion

Private ARTHUR B. JEFFERY, 39 910 361, Battery B, France, 11 November 1944. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

III. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS: So much of General Orders Number 29, this Headquarters, 2 November 1944, awarding Purple Heart Medals to officers and enlisted men, as pertains to Private RICHARD E. LEGG, 35 866 713, Company D, 324th Infantry, is rescinded.

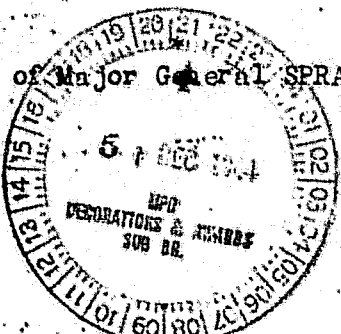
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- I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS.
 - II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.
 - III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS.
 - IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant WILBERN TOTTLEBEN, 36 055 976, Company E, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Blemery, France, on 8 November 1944. When his patrol, which was on a daylight reconnaissance, was subjected to withering machine gun and mortar fire, Sergeant Tottleben was ordered by his patrol leader to stop withdrawal. Instead of himself withdrawing, Sergeant Tottleben directed other members of his patrol through enemy fire and was last reported telling his men to keep calm and cool, getting them to safety. While doing this, he was killed by mortar fire. Sergeant Tottleben's heroic action and devotion to his men exemplified the highest qualities of leadership. Next of kin: Mrs. Lucy Mae Tottleben, (Wife), General Delivery, Hurst, Illinois.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade ALMO L. BEARD, 37 452 734, Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Leintrey, France, on 14 November 1944. Technician Beard was operating a radio for a forward observer during an attack made by Company E of the * * * Infantry. At about 0900 hours, heavy enemy automatic and mortar fire pinned the entire company to the ground and severed wire communication between the forward observer and himself. Realizing the extreme importance of reestablishing communications, Technician Beard picked up the entire radio equipment, which exceeded his own weight, and carried it over exposed terrain to the observation post approximately 1000 yards away. Despite the fact that eight men near him were struck by enemy fire and that he himself was wounded during this hazardous move, he finally reached the observation post with the radio intact. Technician Beard's heroism, initiative and unswerving devotion to duty enabled our batteries to quickly neutralize a large part of the German fire, thus making possible the continued advance of our infantry. Entered military service from Beaver City, Nebraska.

Second Lieutenant JEROME D. DEAN, 01 287 842, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Blemery, France, on 8 November 1944. Lieutenant Dean was the leader of a daylight combat patrol with the mission of locating enemy positions. Upon returning to his patrol after a personal reconnaissance of an enemy-held town, hostile machine guns and mortars opened fire on his group with such intensity that several were wounded, including Lieutenant Dean. Seeing that he could proceed no farther, he ordered his noncommissioned officers to start withdrawing the patrol while he remained behind until this was accomplished. Returning to his unit later, Lieutenant Dean pulled five wounded men from water holes into which they had fallen, and placed them in a location to which he could return with aid. After receiving treatment at the aid station, he led a medical officer and litter squads to these wounded men and assisted in returning them to the Battalion Aid Station. Lieutenant Dean's personal bravery and spirit of self-sacrifice are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Glendale, California.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted men:

Corporal DONALD F. BRYON, 32 895 646, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry. For meritorious service in action in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States, in France, from 24 October 1944 to 25 October 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Edith Mae Bryon, (Mother), 7 South Kilburn Road, Garden City, New York.

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Corporal JOHN E. BURKE, 37 473 830, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in action in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, from 20 October 1944 to 29 October 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Lottie Burke, (Mother), 832 West 7th Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Technician Fourth Grade RAYMOND E. SHARPNACK, 35 602 568, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in action in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, from 20 October 1944 to 29 October 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Bessie M. Sharpnack, (Mother), R. D. # 2, Cambridge, Ohio.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class JOSEPH P. CARROLL, 32 704 087, Company D, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Embermenil, France, on 27 October 1944. When an antitank gun which was being towed broke loose, Private Carroll dismounted under very heavy hostile fire and resecured it. This action, performed without regard for the extreme danger involved, is worthy of high praise. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Private JOSEPH CILIBERTI, 33 231 282, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, on 2 November 1944. When an enemy shell struck among a group of our soldiers, killing two and wounding three, the others, including Private Ciliberti, dispersed quickly and sought cover. In answer to cries of distress, however, Private Ciliberti abandoned his shelter, while the shelling continued, crawled to one of the wounded men and administered first aid. This courageous action is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class BYRON F. DISSELHORST, 19 118 454, Company F, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Domjevin, France, on 4 November 1944. When a group of men were wounded by shrapnel from an almost direct artillery hit, Private Disselhorst, acting entirely on his own initiative, moved out of the comparative safety of his fox hole into an exposed area which was being shelled, and carried a badly wounded soldier to a point where he could be evacuated. Private Disselhorst's courage and spirit of self-sacrifice are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Second Lieutenant ROSCOE L. EGGER JR, 01 325 152, Company C, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in France, from 24 October 1944 to 2 November 1944. On three separate occasions during this period, Lieutenant Egger demonstrated conspicuous leadership and personal bravery. On 24 October he rallied and reorganized his platoon when a mortar barrage threatened to disrupt its movement. On 29 October, after leading a patrol on a combat mission, Lieutenant Egger advanced alone to within 10 yards of an enemy machine gun in a search for missing men. And on 2 November, a patrol under Lieutenant Egger's leadership not only fulfilled its important reconnaissance mission, but also captured three German prisoners. Entered military service from Bremen, Indiana.

Second Lieutenant EDWARD J. FISCHER, 02 049 797, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy near Bligny, France, on 8 November 1944. When word was received that one of our patrols had suffered casualties well ahead of our lines, Lieutenant Fischer promptly led three litter squads through considerable mortar fire to the reported area and succeeded in evacuating all the wounded. In the meantime, information regarding other wounded men was brought in. Although exhausted, Lieutenant Fischer hastily recruited five additional litter squads and ventured out again under enemy observation and fire to effect their rescue. Lieutenant Fischer's total disregard of personal danger and his exemplary devotion to duty reflect the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Springfield, Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade EDWARD F. HANSMAN, 32 714 549, Company D, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Embermenil, France, on 27 October 1944. When an antitank gun which was being towed broke loose, Technician Hansman dismounted under very heavy hostile fire and resecured it. While doing this, he was wounded. Technician Hansman's daring act is worthy of great praise. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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Private First Class ALBERT L. HARRIS, 36 056 116, Company F, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in France, on 31 October 1944. When his squad had been halted by enemy fire, Private Harris, who was operating an automatic rifle from one of the flanks, undertook to relieve this pressure even though he had lost contact with his assistant and his ammunition carrier. Acting entirely on his own initiative, he advanced by fire and movement toward the enemy position and succeeded in silencing the gun, killing two and capturing five of the enemy. Private Harris's intrepidity and aggressiveness exemplify the finest qualities of our fighting men. Entered military service from Wolf Lake, Illinois.

Private BOBBY G. HOLLOWAY, 38 399 482, Medical Detachment, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy in France, on 26 October 1944. When the first volley of a hostile artillery barrage seriously injured a telephone operator, Private Holloway, a medical aid man, promptly left his fox hole and started to run about thirty yards across open ground to the wounded man's assistance. Before he reached the telephone operator, another volley hit in the area, further wounding the injured man. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private Holloway continued on his mission in the full face of the hostile artillery fire, and pulled the wounded man to safety in a nearby fox hole where he administered first aid. Private Holloway's intrepidity and spirit of self-sacrifice were an inspiration to his officers and fellow soldiers. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES W. HOPPER, 35 128 775, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in France, on 8 November 1944. While treating the wound of a casualty in an open area which was being subjected to an intense artillery barrage, Technician Hopper, an aid man, without hesitation shielded the wounded man with his own body, thereby preventing further injury. By his spirit of self-sacrifice and rare courage, Technician Hopper exemplified the finest qualities of our fighting men. Entered military service from Falmouth, Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade HOYT W. KING, 36 322 117, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Leintrey, France, on 3 November 1944. When his battalion was about to take up new positions after an advance, the men were caught in a heavy barrage of mortar and artillery fire. Upon learning that casualties were being suffered, Technician King left his place of comparative safety without any orders and entirely on his own initiative, and rushed to the aid of the wounded men. His courageous action and spirit of self-sacrifice helped to evacuate and save the lives of four men. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM HORBALY, 01 016 505, Company D, * * * Tank Battalion. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in France, from 7 August 1944 to 2 September 1944. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class LESTER V. KROUSE, 33 501 854, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry. For meritorious service in action in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, from 24 October 1944 to 25 October 1944. Entered military service from High Rock, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant RALPH A. LEIGHTON JR, 01 013 248, Company D, * * * Tank Battalion. For meritorious service in action against an enemy of the United States, in France, from 7 August 1944 to 2 September 1944. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private First Class ALVIN D. McCUTCHEON, 35 532 521, Company F, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Domjevin, France, on 4 November 1944. When an artillery shell wounded four men in his company, Private McCutcheon, realizing the necessity of evacuating the wounded as soon as possible, voluntarily left his fox hole and ran over 700 yards through open terrain and under a continuous barrage of enemy mortar and artillery fire, to secure medical aid. Upon returning, he assisted in evacuating the wounded. Private McCutcheon's daring, initiative, and spirit of self-sacrifice are in keeping with the finest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Garrettsville, Ohio.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH R. McPROUTY, 01 011 532, Company D, * * * Tank Battalion. For meritorious service in action against an enemy of the United States, in France, from 7 August 1944 to 2 September 1944. Entered military service from Grafton, West Virginia.

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Private First Class DANIEL M. MERCURI 31 308 875, Company M * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in France. On two separate occasions during the night of 24 October 1944 Private Mercuri voluntarily left the comparative safety of his fox hole and went to the aid of wounded comrades. Each of these actions, performed at great personal risk during a continuous enemy barrage, reflect great credit on Private Mercuri and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

Private First Class JOHN J. REARDON, 32 712 907, Company D, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Lemans, France, on 8 August 1944. At a critical time when the infantry was pinned down by fire from an enemy machine gun nest, a tree branch jammed against his tank in such a fashion that it obscured the driver's vision. Immediately, Private Reardon dismounted under a hail of small arms fire and removed the branch, thus making possible the subsequent destruction of the machine gun nest and a continuance of our advance. Private Reardon's fearlessness and decisive action in a moment of great stress reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade EUGENE C. RILEY, 35 789 852, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Domjevin, France, on 4 November 1944. When a group of men were wounded by shrapnel from an almost direct artillery hit, Technician Riley moved promptly from his fox hole into an exposed area which was still under enemy fire, and administered first aid to three of the wounded. In addition to helping save the lives of these men, Technician Riley's heroic action served as a tremendous morale factor for troops in their first action. Entered service from Lexington, Kentucky.

First Lieutenant THOMAS A. RONEY, O 507 728, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in France, from 24 October 1944 to 28 October 1944. Lieutenant Roney, as a forward observer for a Cannon Company, voluntarily remained at his observation post from 24 October to 28 October while under heavy hostile artillery and mortar fire, and continued adjusting effective fire on enemy positions despite the fact that his assistant observer had been killed by shell fragments and his radio operator wounded severely. Lieutenant Roney's outstanding devotion to duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Oakes, North Dakota.

Private First Class PAUL W. ROTH, 37 604 829, Antitank Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic and meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in France, on 2 October 1944. When it had been ascertained from a German prisoner that a sizeable group of the enemy might be induced to surrender if assured safe conduct, Private Roth, who speaks German fluently, volunteered to accompany a patrol in an attempt to persuade these Germans to give up. The patrol advanced to within hailing distance of one group of the enemy and Private Roth prevailed upon twelve of them to return to our lines as prisoners. When he approached a second group, however, and tried to talk them into surrendering, they opened fire on the patrol, killing the officer in charge. But after a brief fight, these Germans, too, decided to lay down their arms. By exposing himself to the enemy and skillfully talking them into surrender, Private Roth assisted greatly in effecting the capture of 23 Germans. Entered military service from Columbia, Missouri.

Sergeant LAWRENCE J. WILSON, 52 714 452, Company D, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Emberville, France, on 27 October 1944. When an antitank gun which was being towed broke loose, Sergeant Wilson dismounted under very heavy hostile fire and resecured it. This action, performed without regard for the extreme danger involved, is worthy of high praise. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 38

- I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART, POSTHUMOUS.
II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).
III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART, POSTHUMOUS: Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted man for wounds received in action against the enemy:

not extracted - ny 4-9-45
Private First Class LEONARD F. HERRIGES, 15 109 544 Co I, 114th Infantry, 15 November 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary B. Herriges (Mother), 1079 Gage Street, Hubbard Woods, Illinois.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER). Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded the first Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following-named enlisted man for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class VAUGHN A. VANDERGRIFF, 88 342 215, Company A, 114th Infantry, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Canyon, Texas.

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

71st Infantry

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH F. THEIEN JR, 20 228 642, Company F, France, 17 November 1944. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Staff Sergeant JOHN D. ASPARRO, 32 163 466, Company H, France, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant MURRAY M. BLUMENTHAL, 32 018 809, Company D, France, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant MICHAEL KALCOV, 32 000 845, Company A, France, 9 November 1944. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Staff Sergeant MICHAEL F. PIERCE, 32 018 802, Company F, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Sergeant STEPHEN FURIS, 33 437 977, Company I, France, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD K. EBY, 35 713 626, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, France, 13 November 1944. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade ROY W. KING, 36 322 117, Medical Detachment, France, 13 November 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD A. KUSZYNSKI, 36 323 402, Company K, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class DAVID M. CAREY, 11 067 640, Company F, France, 13 November 1944. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

Private First Class HARRY E. CULLEN, 33 617 104, Company C, France, 13 November 1944. Entered military service from Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class THOMAS E. FALLS, 35 546 901, Company I, France, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Private First Class EARL GRANT, 37 469 880, Company I, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Walthill, Nebraska.

Private First Class LORENZO C. JIMENEZ, 39 691 713, Company B, France, 13 November 1944. Entered military service from Oxnark, California.

Private First Class CHARLES A. KELTY, 36 237 062, Antitank Company, France, 13 November 1944. Entered military service from Monroe, Wisconsin.

Private First Class EDWARD J. WASILESKI, 36 644 435, Company M, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private JAMES H. ECK, 15 115 178, Company B, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private HERBERT A. MATHISEN, 32 867 558, Company F, France, 13 November 1944. Entered military service from Jamaica, New York.

Private EMMETT C. REYNOLDS, 34 974 137, Company I, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Wellington, Alabama.

Private GERALD A. SANDS, 35 705 397, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, France, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from New Albany, Indiana.

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114th Infantry

- ✓ Technical Sergeant HOWARD E. LEBBY, 20 226 202, Company I, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Salem, New Jersey.
- ✓ Technical Sergeant MARCIE BARTERSBY, 20 226 232, Company I, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Salem, New Jersey.
- ✓ Staff Sergeant EDWARD A. SPRINGMAN, 36 576 503, Company N, France, 13 November 1944. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.
- ✓ Sergeant RICHARD P. CAVER, 35 546 785, Company E, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Upper Sandusky, Ohio.
- ✓ Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH C. YODER, 35 050 040, Medical Detachment, France, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Mentor, Ohio.
- ✓ Technician Fifth Grade FLORENCE L. D'IMPERIO, 20 224 209, Medical Detachment, France, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Jamesburg, New Jersey.
- ✓ Private First Class RODERIC J. CLAPBELL, 36 820 319, Medical Detachment, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Superior, Wisconsin.
- ✓ Private First Class ITO C. DOBRZYNSKI, 32 252 275, Company D, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Dunkirk, New York.
- ✓ Private First Class CERNID R. BDDY, 36 644 265, Company G, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Rockford, Illinois.
- ✓ Private First Class PERRY L. EDLER, 36 055 833, Company I, France, 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Percy, Illinois.
- ✓ Private First Class FREDERICK D. HAMILTON, 35 092 470, Company I, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Martinsville, Indiana.
- ✓ Private First Class LESTER W. HOGAN, 36 418 533, Company E, France, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Muskegon, Michigan.
- ✓ Private First Class FRANK J. KOJNOWSKI, 33 463 322, Medical Detachment, France, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.
- ✓ Private First Class LEE A. IMMELMAN, 15 303 963, Company G, France, 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Bloomington, Indiana.
- ✓ Private First Class JOE PERRY, 34 722 682, Company G, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Chattanooga, Tennessee.
- ✓ Private First Class EMERIO SANCHEZ, 38 439 358, Company M, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas.
- ✓ Private First Class KENNETH C. SHERWOOD, 37 400 958, Company G, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from St Louis, Missouri.
- ✓ Private First Class NORBERT F. SWAIN, 33 438 023, Company F, France, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Ambridge, Pennsylvania.
- ✓ Private First Class CLARENCE R. YOUNG, 33 573 602, Company M, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.
- ✓ Private EUGENE F. ETTER, 36 804 493, Company F, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- ✓ Private ARTHUR MICHAUD, 31 462 943, Company A, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from St David, Maine.
- ✓ Private DEE L. PIGG, 38 432 772, Company C, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Ivanhoe, Texas.
- ✓ Private RICHARD J. SURETT, 31 426 970, Company C, France, 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Stoneham, Massachusetts.
- ✓ Private LOUIS TOLONE JR, 36 666 140, Company E, France, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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- ✓ Captain ANTHONY M. PICO, 0 346 018, Company L, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Belleville, New Jersey.
- ✓ Staff Sergeant LADISLAW CHERNOWITZ, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, France, 17 November 1944. Entered military service from New Brunswick, New Jersey.
- ✓ Staff Sergeant JOHN P. GILL, 20 227 297, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from New York, New York.
- ✓ Staff Sergeant WILLIAM TURNER, 32 223 521, Antitank Company, France, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.
- ✓ Sergeant EDWARD E. PEPPER, 36 644 350, Company N, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Evanston, Illinois.
- ✓ Private First Class THOMAS W. BARONE, 36 644 372, Company D, France, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.
- ✓ Private First Class RICHARD C. CROOKHAM, 35 536 734, Company B, France, 17 November 1944. Entered military service from East Cleveland, Ohio.
- ✓ Private First Class OSCAR R. FISCHER, 32 763 454, Medical Detachment, France, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Orange, New Jersey.
- ✓ Private First Class JAMES W. FRAZE, 35 724 863, Company G, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Central City, Kentucky.

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324th Infantry (Cont'd)

✓ Private First Class NEIL R. LARDY, 39 616 474, Company B, France, 11 November 1944. Entered military service from Glendive, Montana.

✓ Private First Class HARRY O. LEGO, 36 643 881, Company E, France, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

✓ Private First Class LEON F. WLAZIO, 32 955 228, Antitank Company, France, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

✓ Private ANTHONY BANDYCH, 35 278 560, Company L, France, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Steubenville, Ohio.

✓ Private PHILIP D. BEALL, 35 749 390, Company C, France, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Martinsburg, West Virginia.

✓ Private WARREN P. BURDGE, 20 225 793, Company E, France, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Asbury Park, New Jersey.

✓ Private JOHN J. CAINE, 17 133 279, Company B, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from St Louis, Missouri.

✓ Private HOWARD P. GOODMAN, 12 156 695, Medical Detachment, France, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from New York, New York.

✓ Private GILBERTO G. CCHOA, 38 161 807, Medical Detachment, France, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Galveston, Texas.

157th Field Artillery Battalion

✓ Staff Sergeant KIRK C. DEL CAMP, 20 236 598, Battery A, France, 8 November 1944. Entered military service from Atlantic City, New Jersey.

220th Field Artillery Battalion

✓ Staff Sergeant ARNOLD W. LUTZ, 20 233 610, Battery C, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Poughkeepsie, New York.

119th Medical Battalion

✓ Private WILLIAM B. GILL, 35 650 930, Company A, France, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Huntington, West Virginia.

44th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop

✓ Private First Class NORMAN E. KETNER, 36 460 222, France, 9 November 1944. Entered military service from Ionia, Michigan.

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29 July 1957

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

So much of General Orders 39, Headquarters 14th Infantry Division, dated 29 November 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to William C. Mandeville, service number 32 000 863, which reads "for wounds received in action in France on 22 November 1944," is amended to read, "for wounds received in action in France on 19 November 1944."

By Order of Wilbur H. Brucker, Secretary of the Army:

Adjutant General

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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AGO 44, U. S. Army
29 November 1944

- I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART, POSTHUMOUS.
- II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).
- III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.
- IV. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS.

I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART, POSTHUMOUS: Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted men:

not extracted - nj

Private First Class JOSEPH M. PALUMBO, 33 438 083, Company M, 71st Infantry, France, 22 November 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Yacovoni (Mother), 517 Glenwood Avenue, Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class DONALD V. SWEARINGEN JR., 33 675 122, Company F, 71st Infantry, France, 14 November 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Edith M. Swearingen (Mother) Georgetown, Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, the First Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Captain ANTHONY M. PICO, O 346 048, Company L, 324th Infantry, France, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Belleville, New Jersey.

First Sergeant ELIJAH S. DOWE, 20 224 531, Company A, 114th Infantry, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Corporal RANDOLPH B. THOMPSON, 33 066 873, Company M, 71st Infantry, France, 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Mount Airy, Maryland.

Private First Class EARL GRANT, 37 469 880, Company I, 71st Infantry, France, 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Macy, Nebraska.

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

71st Infantry

First Lieutenant EDWARD F. KERNS, O1 295 033, Company H, France, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant CLARENCE L. WICKERSHAM, O 416 045, Company K, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Washington, Georgia.

Technical Sergeant ALFRED R. PELLIGRI, 32 029 333, Company M, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Niagara Falls, New York.

Technical Sergeant WILLIS E. STICKNEY, 31 013 794, Company C, France, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Milford, New Hampshire.

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~~Technical Sergeant CAROL G. VAN NATA JR., 39 549 090, Company K, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.~~

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM C. MANDEVILLE, 32 000 863, Headquarters Company, The Battalion, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Staff Sergeant JEROME H. MATUSIAK, 32 111 899, Company M, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Maspeth, New York.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH A. VAGEDES, 35 628 613, Company M, France, 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Houston, Ohio.

Sergeant GERALD C. LIGGETT, 35 602 913, Company K, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

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71st Infantry (Continued)

Sergeant NAGY W. REED, 35 268 616, Company K, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

Sergeant GEORGE TINKA JR, 36 574 395, Company M, France, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Pontiac, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM C. OWENS, 19 015 012, Company L, 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Wallington, Alabama.

Corporal ERNEST HOLCSLAW JR, 35 092 391, Antitank Company, France, 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Hammond, Indiana.

Corporal HARRY LEVINE, 32 644 771, Company K, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade LEWIS A. PASSWATERS, 32 065 293, Headquarters Company, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Bridgefield, Delaware.

Private First Class JUNE CROWE, 35 683 002, Company E, France, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Locust Branch, Kentucky.

Private First Class JAMES V. ERITANO, 35 602 912, Company G, France, 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

Private First Class HARRY GOODMAN, 1 100 169, Headquarters Company, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Private First Class JOSEPH A. HONCZ, 33 501 685, Company M, France, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ALBERT JOGIUS, 36 636 167, Company H, France, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class CHARLES KAZARIAN, 20 228 427, Company E, France, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

Private First Class ERWIN LARRISON, 37 509 101, Antitank Company, France, 13 November 1944. Entered military service from Bates City, Missouri.

~~Private First Class LUIS D. MARTINEZ, 36 141 936, Company E, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Asherton, Texas.~~

Private First Class WOODROW W. NEAL, 33 533 812, Company M, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Grotna, Virginia.

Private First Class MARION A. OLIVER, 38 371 792, Company K, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Colorado City, Texas.

Private First Class WILBURN E. PORTER, 35 092 492, Antitank Company, France, 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Anderson, Indiana.

Private First Class EDWARD G. RAMSIER, 33 430 186, Company K, France, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Tarr, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class WILBUR L. ROBERTS, 35 627 452, Company K, France, 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Washington, Ohio.

Private First Class FRANCIS J. RUDZIK, 33 439 787, Company M, France, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class DONALD R. SCHANIZ, 33 438 135, Company K, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Harmony, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class RUDOLPH L. SITKA, 32 018 855, Company K, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ITALO SUSI, 32 239 893, Company K, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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71st Infantry (Continued)

Private First Class FELIX SZCZEPANSKI, 33 438 024, Company M, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Private JOSEPH J. GONTASZ, 33 931 551, Company L, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Washington, Pennsylvania.

Private LOUIS IZZO, 32 000 830, Company K, France, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private ARCHIE R. JOHNSON, 38 342 357, Company B, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Pampa, Texas.

Private ELMER V. KOGER, 36 131 285, Company K, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Welch, Oklahoma.

Private PAUL D. KUTZ, 36 604 267, Company K, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Zion, Illinois.

Private ROBERT E. MARINELLI, 35 603 288, Company E, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Private ROBERT W. MAXWELL, 31 261 514, Company I, France, 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Auburn, Massachusetts.

Private JAMES O. WINDLE, 38 432 756, Company G, France, 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Ivanhoe, Texas.

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Captain EUGENE BRYANT, O 439 370, Company D, France, 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Lexington, Kentucky.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM C. DOYLE, O1 307 380, Company G, France, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Burlington, New Jersey.

Sergeant ALBERT W. BACHMAN, 20 225 137, Cannon Company, France, 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND Z. GERAN, 38 445 948, Medical Detachment, France, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Knoxville, Arkansas.

Private First Class MARTIN E. DOWD, 36 727 695, Company L, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class EDWIN G. SPECK, 35 286 381, Company M, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Parma, Ohio.

Private JAMES E. HEALY, 42 033 302, Company I, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Private EARL D. PORTER, 36 190 785, Company D, France, 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Lansing, Michigan.

Private WARREN G. STEPHAN, 42 C07 951, Company G, France, 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Garfield, New Jersey.

Private JACK E. VAN WINKLE, 19 161 124, Company E, France, 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

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Captain ROBERT H. BEAN, O1 284 263, Company B, France, 21 November 1944. Entered military service from Jackson, Michigan.

Captain WILLIAM COLE JR, O 396 979, Company D, France, 21 November 1944. Entered military service from New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Captain DANIEL T. MURPHY, O 390 068, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, France, 21 November 1944. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

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324th Infantry (Continued)

First Sergeant SHERMAN A. CAMP, 36 174 526, Headquarters Company, France, 21 November 1944. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant JACOB METRICK, 32 223 994, Company F, France, 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH S. GRECCO, 20 225 620, Company F, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Somerville, New Jersey.

Sergeant ROBERT C. SHERER, 32 771 370, Company F, France, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from New Milford, New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM G. YOAKUM, 38 342 005, Medical Detachment, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Spur, Texas.

Private First Class RAUL V. ESTRADA, 39 354 626, Company A, France, 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

Private First Class JACK H. FLOYD, 34 723 557, Company F, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Dresden, Tennessee.

Private First Class SIDNEY HOCHSTETLER, 36 236 965, Company G, France, 21 November 1944. Entered military service from Luck, Wisconsin.

Private First Class GUY W. LYNCH, 35 628 915, Company E, France, 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Marion, Ohio.

Private First Class LENFORD TOMLIN, 35 646 806, Company E, France, 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Verdonville, West Virginia.

Private ANDREW PASTERICK, 33 842 349, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Donora, Pennsylvania.

Private ABNER R. REIDENBACH, 33 803 643, Company C, France, 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private WILLIAM H. SMILEY, 20 225 167, Company I, France, 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

44th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop

Captain EDMUND P. KIRBY, 01 030 262, France, 16 November 1944. Entered military service from Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Second Lieutenant ROBERT C. STANLEY JR, 01 032 052, France, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Staten Island, New York.

Sergeant RAYMOND E. VOGT, 20 228 338, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

44th Division Artillery

Private BARNEY ALLEN, 39 278 035, Headquarters Battery, France, 21 November 1944. Entered military service from San Jacinto, California.

156th Field Artillery Battalion

Corporal RICHARD B. QUINN, 35 503 698, Headquarters Battery, France, 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Zanesville, Ohio.

IV. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS. So much of General Order Number 36, this Headquarters, 17 November 1944, awarding Purple Heart Medal to officers and enlisted men, as pertains to Private First Class JIMMIE A. FOJTEK, 36 808 112, Company I, 324th Infantry, is rescinded.

By command of Major General SPRAGINS:

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- I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.
 - II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
 - III. AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL.
 - IV. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.
 - V. CORRECTED CITATION PERTAINING TO AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class GEORGE A. BARNES, 34 710 103, Company H, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in eastern France on 3 November 1944. At about 2000 hours, the Second Battalion and Company H Command Posts were subjected to a heavy mortar concentration, one burst of which hit a quarter-ton trailer loaded with 240 rounds of 81 mm mortar shells. The trailer burst into flames and the ammunition began to explode, endangering the personnel and installations of the two Command Posts. Answering the call of his company commander for volunteers, Private Barnes rushed to the burning trailer and assisted in putting out the fire. By his intrepid action under enemy fire and in the face of exploding ammunition, Private Barnes prevented probable loss of life among his comrades, saved Government property from destruction, and prevented the interruption of tactical operations. Entered military service from Nashville, Tennessee.

Private FRANK J. COVERNALE, 38 542 866, Company H, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in eastern France on 3 November 1944. At about 2000 hours, the Second Battalion and Company H Command Posts were subjected to a heavy mortar concentration, one burst of which hit a quarter-ton trailer loaded with 240 rounds of 81 mm mortar shells. The trailer burst into flames and the ammunition began to explode, endangering the personnel and installations of the two Command Posts. Answering the call of his company commander for volunteers, Private Covernale rushed to the burning trailer and assisted in putting out the fire. By his intrepid action under enemy fire and in the face of exploding ammunition, Private Covernale prevented probable loss of life among his comrades, saved Government property from destruction, and prevented the interruption of tactical operations. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

Captain BUFORD L. DAGGETT, 01 284 300, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry Division (then Company H, * * * Infantry). For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in eastern France on 3 November 1944. At about 2000 hours, the Second Battalion and Company H Command Posts were subjected to a heavy mortar concentration, one burst of which hit a quarter-ton trailer loaded with 240 rounds of 81 mm mortar shells. The trailer burst into flames and the ammunition began to explode, endangering the personnel and installations of the two Command Posts. Captain Daggett immediately called for volunteers, secured three men, and with complete disregard for his own safety, rushed to the burning trailer. Seizing a fire extinguisher, he fought the fire at close range and finally succeeded in extinguishing it without the loss of life or additional damage to Government property. By his intrepid action under enemy fire and in the face of exploding ammunition, Captain Daggett displayed qualities in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Center, Texas.

Technical Sergeant JAMES P. MURPHY, 20 227 149, Hq Co, 3d Bn, * * * Infantry, (then Private, Company H). For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in eastern France on 3 November 1944. At about 2000 hours, the Second Battalion and Company H Command Posts were subjected to a heavy mortar concentration, one burst of which hit a quarter-ton trailer loaded with 240 rounds of 81 mm mortar shells. The trailer burst into flames and the ammunition began to explode, endangering the personnel and installations of the two Command Posts. Answering the call of his company commander for volunteers, Private Murphy rushed to the burning trailer and assisted in putting out the fire. By his intrepid action under enemy fire and in the face of exploding ammunition, Private Murphy prevented probable loss of life among his comrades, saved Government property from destruction, and prevented the interruption of tactical operations. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

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Private LEMUEL F. SWAIN, 6 896 979, Battery A, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Laintrey, France, on 14 November 1944. While Private Swain was serving on a liaison party it became apparent that communications with the forward observer were in danger of being cut off because of weak batteries. Realizing the gravity of the situation, particularly since the infantry had been immobilized all day by heavy German fire, Private Swain, acting entirely on his own initiative and with only a vague idea of the location of the forward observer, worked his way forward about a mile across the fire-swept terrain, located the observer and delivered the battery. Private Swain's intrepidity and enterprise are a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class MARTIN D. AMBROSIO, 35 535 431, Company I, * * * Infantry For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 3 November 1944. When his patrol was forced to withdraw under a hail of mortar and automatic fire, the patrol leader was thrown into a barbed wire entanglement by the explosion of an enemy mine. Instead of continuing to withdraw, Private Ambrosio remained behind and assisted in extricating the officer and returning him to safety. Shortly thereafter, Private Ambrosio noticed that another member of the patrol was dragging a wounded comrade back to the group under steady harassing enemy fire. Again Private Ambrosio ignored his own safety and remained behind to cover the two men, both of whom were thus enabled to return safely to our lines. Private Ambrosio's high devotion to duty and his spirit of self-sacrifice reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Lorain, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade OLNEY A. BARNES, 39 256 238, Battery A, * * * Armored Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy near Digne, France, on 20 August 1944. Technician Barnes was a member of a voice relay team whose mission was to direct artillery fire on the enemy, who were occupying the city with a large force. Because of the effectiveness of the artillery fire on their positions, the enemy launched an attack on our observers' positions. Armed with a sub-machine gun, Technician Barnes placed himself between the relay party and the enemy, and was instrumental in repulsing the enemy attack. The subsequent surrender of the enemy resulted in the capture of many prisoners and much material. Technician Barnes' quick thinking, cool courage and heroic action were of immeasurable value to the success of the mission. Entered military service from Norwalk, California.

Corporal BERNARD BERKOWITZ, 32 058 055, Battery A, * * * Armored Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy near Digne, France, on 20 August 1944. While performing his duty as a member of a forward observer team, Corporal Berkowitz and his comrades faced isolation and possible capture when a force of the enemy threatened to cut the only road to their position. Although exposed to enemy small-arms fire, Corporal Berkowitz remained at his post making possible continued radio service by withstanding the enemy with carbine fire. As a result of the heroic stand by Corporal Berkowitz and his party, the enemy attack was beaten off. The continued operation of the radio relay was instrumental in the ultimate destruction of the enemy stronghold by accurate direction of artillery fire. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

Captain JENNINGS BOZEMAN, 0 415 305, * * * Armored Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 28 October 1943 to 11 July 1944. Entered military service from Dozier, Alabama.

Technician Fifth Grade RANDALL L. BROADUS, 18 062 682, Company B, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mitterness, France, on 28 November 1944. While taking cover under an intense artillery barrage, Technician Broadus, an ambulance orderly, became aware that one of the soldiers in the vicinity had been hit. He left his cover immediately, ran approximately one hundred yards to the ambulance he had just seen, the barrage began, secured a stretcher, ran another 200 yards to the wounded man, and administered first aid. Technician Broadus' action contributed materially to saving the life of the wounded soldier. Entered military service from Franklin, Texas.

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Staff Sergeant JAMES A. CARPENTIERI, 32 276 253, Service Battery, * * * Armored Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 11 May 1944 to 11 July 1944. Entered military service from Fairview, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant CHARLES G. CASTOR, O 464 634, Service Battery, * * * Armored Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 11 May 1944 to 11 July 1944. Entered military service from North Rose, New York.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD J. CICHOCKI, 32 697 008, Company D, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Manonviller, France, on 2 October 1944. When two tanks in his platoon became immobilized by mud, Sergeant Cichocki dismounted under heavy artillery and mortar fire, and directed his tank into position to tow the bogged-down tanks. He also unhitched his tow cable and attached it to each of the tanks in turn, thus enabling his platoon to take up positions to repel enemy counterattacks for the remainder of the day. Sergeant Cichocki's courage and skill under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the Service. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Private First Class CHESTER A. DOMBROSKI, 35 501 010, Battery A, * * * Armored Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy near Digne, France, on 20 August 1944. While performing his duty as a member of a forward observer team, Private Dombroski and his comrades faced isolation and possible capture when a force of the enemy threatened to cut the only road to their position. Although exposed to enemy small-arms fire, Private Dombroski remained at his post making possible continued radio service by withholding the enemy with carbine fire. As a result of the heroic stand by Private Dombroski and his party, the enemy attack was beaten off. The continued operation of the radio relay was instrumental in the ultimate destruction of the enemy stronghold by accurate direction of artillery fire. Entered military service from Lorain, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant KENNETH M. HARROLD, 35 166 546, * * * General Hospital (then Company I, * * * Infantry). For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Embermenil, France, on 3 November 1944. When his patrol was forced to withdraw under a hail of mortar and automatic fire, the patrol leader was thrown into a barbed wire entanglement by the explosion of an enemy mine. Instead of continuing to withdraw, Sergeant Harrold remained behind and assisted in extricating the officer and returning him to safety. Shortly thereafter, Sergeant Harrold noticed that another member of the patrol was dragging a wounded comrade back to the group under steady harassing enemy fire. Again Sergeant Harrold ignored his own safety and remained behind to cover the two men, both of whom were thus enabled to return safely to our lines. Sergeant Harrold's high devotion to duty and his spirit of self-sacrifice reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Poneto, Indiana.

Captain ARTHUR A. HOPKINS, O1 166 727, Battery C, * * * Armored Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bohas, France, on 3 September 1944. While his battery was being subjected to intense hostile shelling, Captain Hopkins noticed that two of his men had been hit. Without hesitation he left his position of comparative safety, went to the aid of the men and found that one had been killed and the other seriously wounded. Captain Hopkins administered first aid and directed the evacuation of the wounded man. He then reorganized his battery and ordered them to displace to an alternate position. However, he remained behind to make a careful search to determine whether or not any wounded had been overlooked. Only after completely satisfying himself that no one had been left behind did Captain Hopkins leave the area which was still being heavily shelled. The devotion to duty and the concern of Captain Hopkins for the welfare of his men reflect the highest credit upon himself and are in keeping with the high traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

Sergeant ARNOLD F. KRESS, 36 071 694, Battery C, * * * Armored Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bohas, France, on 3 September 1944. At about 1000 hours, Sergeant Kress' battery was heavily shelled by enemy counter-battery fire. During the shelling a gunner was fatally wounded. Sergeant Kress, Chief of section, observing that his gunner had been seriously wounded, immediately left his place of comparative safety, went to the assistance of the wounded man, and administered first aid. Sergeant Kress then went to secure a stretcher with which to evacuate the wounded man, and while so doing, was wounded himself about the head and legs. Despite his wounds, he con-

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tinued after the stretcher, under hostile artillery fire, and carried it back to the wounded man. Sergeant Kress' disregard for his own safety, cool courage, and determination to help his men are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Springfield, Illinois.

Private THOMAS A. PATON, 36 454 208, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 3 November 1944. When he had been informed that a member of a wire party in an advance position had been wounded, Private Paton, an aid man on his first combat mission, worked his way forward to the injured man in the face of an enemy barrage, rendered first aid, and remained with him until he was evacuated. Private Paton's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Flint, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant FRANCIS E. TIERNEY, 31 015 394, Battery A, * * * Armored Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy near Dieppe, France, on 20 August 1944. Sergeant Tierney was a member of a voice relay team whose mission was to direct artillery fire on the enemy, who were occupying the city with a large force. Because of the effectiveness of the artillery fire on their positions, the enemy launched an attack on our observers' positions. Armed with a sub-machine gun, Sergeant Tierney placed himself between the relay party and the enemy, and was instrumental in repulsing the enemy attack. The subsequent surrender of the enemy resulted in the capture of many prisoners and much materiel. Sergeant Tierney's quick thinking, cool courage and heroic action were of immeasurable value to the success of the mission. Entered military service from Lowell, Massachusetts.

Corporal MERVIN D. STANTON, 37 326 550, Medical Detachment, * * * Armored Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bohas, France, on 3 September 1944. When Battery C was being subjected to heavy counter-battery fire, one man was killed and another seriously wounded. Observing that these men had been hit, Corporal Stanton immediately left his position of comparative safety despite the fact that the area was still being heavily shelled, administered first aid to the wounded man and then assisted in evacuating him to an aid station. The courage of this man is deserving of great praise and reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Rush City, Minnesota.

Private First Class JAMES W. MOORE, 37 508 028, Company B, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rehicourt, France, on 19 November 1944. When Private Moore saw that his ambulance had been hit by enemy artillery shells, he left his protected position, ran to the ambulance under continuing artillery fire, and drove the damaged vehicle into an underpass. He thus prevented the complete destruction of a Government vehicle and kept intact the evacuation facilities of the infantry battalion to which he had been attached. By this heroic deed, Private Moore demonstrated complete devotion to duty and utter disregard for his personal safety. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

First Lieutenant WILLIS E. TAYLOR, 01 312 822, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic and meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 3 November 1944. While running wire forward of new positions, Lieutenant Taylor and two enlisted men were subjected to a continuous barrage of enemy mortars, as a result of which one of the men was so seriously wounded that he could not be moved without a litter. For four hours, Lieutenant Taylor remained with the wounded man until litter bearers could work their way through the barrage. Lieutenant Taylor's unselfish care for the wounded man, at great danger to himself, undoubtedly saved the soldier's life and reflects the highest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Waynesburg, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class DONALD W. THOMAS, 37 455 043, Headquarters Battery, * * * Armored Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic and meritorious service in action against the enemy near Rambervillers, France, on 24 October 1944. At about 1600 hours, Private Thomas, driver of a wire truck, was sent out with a lineman to repair a telephone line that had been severed by enemy shells. Though the enemy continued to shell the area, Private Thomas and the lineman continued to trace the wire to where it had been blown out. As they were making repairs, the lineman was seriously wounded by shrapnel. After rendering first aid, Private Thomas drove his truck back through the area which was being shelled to a nearby collecting company. After leading the ambulance to the wounded man, he finished repairing and servicing the line. Private Thomas' gallant action and coolness in a situation of great stress are in the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Alliance, Nebraska.

Technician Fourth Grade CECIL H. TINGLER, 35 749 Company C, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Embermeil, France, on 11 November 1944. While removing German "g" mines, Technician Tingler and two other men were wounded by a discharge of one of these mines. Disregarding his own chest wounds, he assisted in evacuating his wounded comrades to a vehicle approximately one-half mile away. Not until after the completion of this noble deed did Technician Tingler identify his platoon commander of his own wounds, which proved to be serious. Technician Tingler's unusual courage and spirit of self-sacrifice were an inspiration to all his fellow soldiers. Entered military service from Sutton, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant STEPHEN P. WAKOSKI, 35 503 Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 3 November 1944. While under constant enemy fire, Sergeant Wakoski worked his way back approximately 1000 yards from an advance position, led an aid man to a wounded comrade, and remained with him until he could be evacuated. This heroic action, performed at the risk of being hit by both friendly and enemy fire, is worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Danison, Ohio.

III. AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight is awarded to the following-named officer:

Captain KARL A. SALSKOV, O 421 932, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 October 1944 to 13 November 1944, in eastern France. Entered military service from Idaho.

IV. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight is awarded to the following-named officers:

First Lieutenant BERNARD F. HEANEY, O1 181 626, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 14 September 1944 to 13 November 1944, in eastern France. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Captain WILLIAM H. O'CONNELL, O1 177 557, Headquarters Battery, * * * Division Artillery, from 19 October 1944 to 22 November 1944, in eastern France. Entered military service from Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM M. SYMON JR, O 538 301, Headquarters, * * * Division Artillery, from 19 October 1944 to 18 November 1944, in eastern France. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

V. CORRECTED CITATION PERTAINING TO AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: So much of Section IV, General Orders 34, Headquarters 44th Infantry Division, 1944, pertaining to First Lieutenant ORRIS L. HAMILTON, O1 307 228, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry, as reads:

"When his battalion was about to take up new positions after an advance, the men were caught in a heavy barrage of mortar and artillery fire. Upon learning that casualties were being suffered, Lieutenant Hamilton left his place of comparative safety without any orders and entirely on his own initiative, and rushed to the aid of the wounded men. His courageous action and spirit of self-sacrifice helped to evacuate and save the lives of four men."

is corrected to read:

"When his battalion was about to take up new positions after an advance, the men were caught in a heavy barrage of mortar and artillery fire which resulted in many casualties. Lieutenant Hamilton immediately picked up his 300 radio, rushed out of his pillbox to a precarious position where he could observe the direction and position of enemy guns, and radioed his observations to our batteries. This action resulted in the silencing of the enemy guns and prevented further casualties. Lieutenant Hamilton's daring and skill reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States."

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Descriptive Citations for Bronze Star Medals awarded for meritorious service.

CAPTAIN JENNINGS BOZEMAN, O 415 305, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion.

From 28 October 1943 to 11 July 1944, Captain Jennings Bozeman, FA, O 415 305, Service Battery, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion was battalion motor officer. While at Roccamonfina, Italy, in the British Tenth Corps sector, Captain Bozeman was confronted with problems of mud and rain which were constantly bogging vehicles down on the mountain roads. On numerous occasions, it was necessary for Captain Bozeman to evacuate vehicles in full view of the enemy. Because of the muddy ground he often exposed himself to the enemy for several hours at a time in order to effect evacuation of vehicles. Not only did he evacuate his own vehicles but on numerous occasions would assist his British comrades in evacuating their vehicles. He was on call at all hours of the day and night and due to the nature of the terrain his services were required almost constantly. On the drive of the Fifth Army from Minturno to Cecina, Italy, Captain Bozeman worked long hours day and night to keep the vehicles of his battalion at the peak of operating efficiency. His untiring efforts and devotion to duty were responsible for the fact that the 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, despite long, hard marches and frequent changes of sector, was always able to have its vehicles in excellent operating order, and was at all times able to bring down quick and accurate artillery fire with the maximum number of guns. Captain Bozeman's untiring efforts and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the Military Service.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES G. CASTOR, FA, O 464 634, 59th Armored FA Bn.

From 11 May 1944 until 11 July 1944, Charles G. Castor, 1st Lt, FA, O 464 634, Service Battery, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion was ammunition officer of the 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. During this time the battalion advanced from the Garigliano River to the vicinity of Cecina, Italy, a distance of over 300 miles. Lieutenant Castor was faced with the problem of keeping an adequate supply of ammunition at the gun positions despite the fact that the battalion was constantly being shifted from sector to sector, thus necessitating extremely long hauls of ammunition from already established dumps. Through his tireless energy he was always able to have a sufficient supply of ammunition at the gun positions, even though it meant that he was on the road almost constantly day and night for long periods of time, locating new dumps, reconnoitering shorter routes of supply, and coordinating the movements of his ammunition sections so that they would always be at the right place at the right time. Because of his untiring efforts, the battalion was able to render effective fire at all times even though it was on the move constantly and was shifted from one task force or division to the other in widespread sectors from the Garigliano to Cecina. Lieutenant Castor's untiring efforts and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the Military Service.

STAFF SERGEANT JAMES A. CARPENTIERI, 32 276 253, 59th Armored FA Bn.

From 11 May 1944 until 11 July 1944, James A. Carpentieri, Staff Sergeant, 32 276 253, Service Battery, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, was ammunition noncommissioned officer for the battalion. During this time the battalion advanced from the Garigliano River to the vicinity of Cecina, Italy, a distance of over 300 miles. Staff Sergeant Carpentieri was faced with the problem of keeping an adequate supply of ammunition at the gun positions despite the fact that the battalion was

constantly being shifted from one sector to another, thus necessitating extremely long hauls of ammunition from already established dumps. Through his tireless energy he was always able to have a sufficient supply of ammunition at the gun positions, even though it meant that he was on the road almost constantly day and night for long periods of time, locating new dumps, reconnoitering shorter routes of supply, and coordinating the movements of his ammunition sections so that they would always be at the right place at the right time. Because of his untiring efforts, the battalion was able to render effective fire at all times even though it was on the move constantly and was shifted from one task force or division to the other through widespread sectors from the Carigliano to Cecina. Staff Sergeant Carpentieri's untiring efforts and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and exemplify the highest traditions of the Military Service.

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- I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER), MISSING IN ACTION.
II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).
III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

C. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER), MISSING IN ACTION. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Sergeant JOHN LUB-ANETZKI, 35 765 837, Company L, 1st Infantry, France, 25 October 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Olga Lubianetski, 545 First Street, Warren, Ohio. (Wife)

VI. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Staff Sergeant STEPHEN JURIS, 33 437 977, Company I, 1st Infantry, France, 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant BILL CHANEY, 20 224 757, Company B, 114th Infantry, France 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Woodridge, New Jersey.

Private First Class IRA E. BOYCE, 37 505 090, Company K, 32nd Infantry, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Cedar City, Missouri.

Private First Class JAMES J. BURKE, 33 178 984, Company B, 32nd Infantry, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class BEN E. LADY, 39 616 474, Company B, 32nd Infantry, France, 9 November 1944. Entered military service from Glendive, Montana.

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

1st Infantry

First Lieutenant CLAUD E. BAGWELL JR, O1 298 167, France, 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Thomastown, Georgia.

First Lieutenant CHARLES J. CLOUTIER, O1 284 294, France, 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Dexter, Maine.

First Lieutenant IORHENZO S. EVANS JR, O1 292 677, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

Technical Sergeant LAWRENCE A. BLACKHAM, 32 012 518, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, France, 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Flushing, New York.

Technical Sergeant DALE E. HARTFIELD, 35 133 106, Company B, France, 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Lebanon, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant JOHN J. McQUEEN JR, 32 018 924, Company I, France, 28 November 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant RIMMER F. GISH, 37 498 328, Company K, France, 28 November 1944. Entered military service from Tipton, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant MIKE KUBAYKO JR, 35 286 105, Company B, France, 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Colebrook, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT H. RIVBS, 14 064 065, Company F, France, 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Miami, Florida.

Staff Sergeant CARL L. TRINPE, 35 712 256, Company G, France, 1 December

1944. Entered military service from Seymour, Indiana.

Sergeant LOUIS G. BARRY, 16 115 148, Company B, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Pontiac, Michigan.

Sergeant RUSSELL E. BROWN, 35 546 172, Company B, France, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

Sergeant DENNIS P. GOUGHENOUR JR, 33 433 373, Company K, France, 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Conowingo, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant TOM E. LANE, 38 466 747, Company D, France, 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Alluwe, Oklahoma.

Sergeant JOE G. LEE, 34 537 672, Company K, France, 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Crescent City, Florida.

Technician Fifth Grade JIMMIE E. BONTA, 35 788 842, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, France, 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES McENAMON, 32 223 120, Medical Detachment, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from St Albans, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM B. PUMMAN, 18 113 367, Medical Detachment, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Private First Class ROBERT R. BITTNER, 33 430 264, Company G, France, 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Berlin, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class CHARLES H. BROUGH, 15 359 039, Medical Detachment, France 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class HENRY G. EDKINS JR, 14 116 484, Company K, France, 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Dainell, South Carolina.

Private First Class JOHN F. LARIN, 32 000 879, Company B, France, 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Pelham, New York.

Private First Class JACK A. PAYMER, 36 453 552, Company F, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Private First Class JAMES H. PITTENGO JR, 18 214 571, Company F, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Waco, Texas.

Private JAMES L. BASHON, 34 960 249, Company B, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Dorchester Station, Georgia.

Private MARVIN A. BREKS, 38 661 947, Company G, France, 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Prairie Grove, Arkansas.

Private ARTHUR BRENSTAMER, 38 672 976, Company B, France, 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

Private SAMUEL CORN, 42 116 664, Company I, France, 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Jamesburg, New Jersey.

Private GILBERT O. KIRK, 35 085 706, Company D, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Private HERBERT MADON, 34 819 003, Company G, France, 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Gulfport, Alabama.

Private FRANK G. MUMMER JR, 33 683 057, Company B, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private JAMES W. PARMET, 37 602 967, Medical Detachment, France, 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Festus, Missouri.

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Private MURRY D. SNOW, 31 508 810, Company C, France, 26 November 1944.
Entered military service from Tene Jack, Missouri.

Private RALPH G. STOKES, 36 983 641, Company I, France, 2 December 1944.
Entered military service from Marien, Illinois.

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Major JOSEPH J. NOVYKIND, O 339 890, France, 5 December 1944. Entered
military service from Waterston, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant GEORGE S. COOPER II, O 416 704, France, 25 November 1944.
Entered military service from Coopers town, New York.

First Lieutenant HERBERT FERREIRA, O1 302 621, France, 5 December 1944.
Entered military service from Sanford, North Carolina.

First Lieutenant EDWARD G. SWASOHKA, O1 302 746, France, 5 December 1944.
Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Second Lieutenant RUD G. ABRAHAM, O1 314 575, France, 30 November 1944.
Entered military service from Capac, Michigan.

Second Lieutenant JOHN G. BONGHERDINO, O1 314 430, France, 4 December 1944.
Entered military service from Albany, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant WILSON MORRIS, O1 323 955, France, 2 December 1944.
Entered military service from St Louis, Missouri.

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM J. SCOTT, O1 598 061, France, 4 December 1944.
Entered military service from Greenville, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant BILL CHANEY, 20 224 757, Company M, France, 2 December
1944. Entered military service from Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH M. ZABANA, 32 040 208, Company D, France, 24
November 1944. Entered military service from Amsterdam, New York.

Staff Sergeant MARVIN H. AFGAR, 35 092 485, Company I, France, 1 December
1944. Entered military service from Anderson, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant DANIEL B. HINES, 32 244 213, Company M, France 3 December
1944. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Staff Sergeant STANLEY H. KOENIG, 20 226 015, Company H, France, 3 December
1944. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant CARLTON T. McAFEE, 35 602 892, Company C, France, 2 December
1944. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant NICHOLAS S. OLAK, 12 056 561, Company C, France, 4 December
1944. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

Staff Sergeant ARTHUR A. FRIEPE, 35 535 137, Company I, France, 29 November
1944. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant WEO F. ROUEH, 33 437 760, Company G, France, 25 November 1944.
Entered military service from Hinesch, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH J. SORIPANI, 32 002 100, Company K, France, 30 Novem-
ber 1944. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Staff Sergeant CHAUNCEY R. SHOUN, 39 572 315, Company L, France, 1 December
1944. Entered military service from Hollywood, California.

Sergeant GEORGE ANDREWS, 36 322 544, Company H, France, 3 December 1944.
Entered military service from Marengo, Illinois.

Sergeant SAM BUFFALINI, 33 437 933, Company H, France, 2 December 1944.
Entered military service from Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

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Sergeant CHARLES H. McQUAID, 32 014 519, Company A, 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Belleville, New Jersey.

Sergeant WAYNE W. WHITE, 35 623 757, Company E, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Millersport, Ohio.

Sergeant RALPH O. WILFANG, 37 612 734, Company B, France, 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Moulton, Iowa.

Corporal ABE BYOON, 20 225 990, Company H, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

Corporal DONALD R. FREDSON, 35 039 560, Company G, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES R. MOYAN, 35 237 241, Company D, France, 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Highland, Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade HARRY D. JOHNS, 35 055 923, Company I, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Alton, Illinois.

Private First Class GARRISON G. BORNHORS, 35 696 458, Company K, France, 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Glasgow, Kentucky.

Private First Class MERRIE E. BRADY, 35 055 812, Company I, France, 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Marshall, Illinois.

Private First Class LEROY E. BUSH, 37 473 883, Company J, France, 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Private First Class MANTER A. DUNE, 35 788 493, Company H, France, 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Hamilton, Ohio.

Private First Class ROBERT E. HAST, 16 168 337, Company A, France, 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class AMADO Y. JONES, 35 156 321, Company I, France, 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Austin, Texas.

Private First Class JAMES G. CRIST, 35 236 834, Company E, France, 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Boyd, Wisconsin.

Private First Class AUSTIN E. GROVE, 35 628 382, Company H, France, 5 December 1944. Entered military service from London, Ohio.

Private First Class WATSON EDW, 39 275 061, Company F, France, 2 December 1944. Entered military service from San Diego, California.

Private First Class JAMES O. HOYT, 35 442 332, Company G, France, 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Clinton, Illinois.

Private First Class MAURICE W. JOFFIN, 35 418 390, Company G, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Muskegon, Michigan.

Private First Class FLORENCE F. YORREZ, 38 004 088, Company I, France, 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Cortaro, Arizona.

Private First Class ANTHONY F. TORITZ, 35 419 355, Company K, France, 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Gladstone, Michigan.

Private First Class WILLIAM H. LYNN, 14 126 507, Company G, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from York, South Carolina.

Private First Class HAROLD D. McGRAW, 17 143 530, Company M, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Cogswell, North Dakota.

Private First Class LEWIS H. MOODY SR, 34 895 588, Company A, France, 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Glenville, North Carolina.

Private First Class GERRARD T. MURPHY, 32 272 812, Company D, France, 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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714th Infantry (Continued)

Private First Class GEORGE NIZ, 38 003 956, Company H, France, 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Hunters Point, Arizona.

Private First Class TORTON J. PAUL, 36 806 630, Company F, France, 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Two Rivers, Wisconsin.

Private First Class WILLIAM J. PARKINSON, 32 814 378, Company I, France 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

Private First Class RUSSETT C. SHERTON, 15 351 520, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Paducah, Kentucky.

Private First Class HEATHMAN F. SPRY, 34 598 103, Company A, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Woodleaf, North Carolina.

Private First Class GEORGE STODCKMANN, 36 816 162, Company K, France, 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Private First Class JAMES D. THOMAS, 15 312 851, Company I, France, 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

Private First Class CHARLES H. WEBBER, 35 546 749, Company A, France, 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

Private R. B. BADGETT, 38 692 460, Company G, France, 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Seminole, Oklahoma.

Private FRANCIS V. CADETTO, 33 936 301, Company E, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private ELLISON DAHOZY, 39 855 155, Company G, France, 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Fort Defiance, Arizona.

Private HART R. DAVIGNON, 42 155 126, Company G, France, 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Watervliet, New York.

Private JAMES H. DITTON, 35 628 863, Company K, France, 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

Private BILLY J. DUKE, 38 439 265, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, France, 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Monahans, Texas.

Private WILLIAM A. FIELDS, 36 321 808, Company B, France, 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Bradford, Illinois.

Private IRVING A. GOEKE, 36 806 633, Company G, France, 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Collins, Wisconsin.

Private WILLIAM W. GHEER, 35 535 527, Headquarters Company, France, 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Bellville, Ohio.

Private ADOLPH E. HOFFMAN, 38 156 910, Company F, France, 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Seguin, Texas.

Private OTIS H. JOHNSON, 20 731 192, Company A, France, 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Senath, Missouri.

Private ROBERT H. KING, 32 687 771, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, France, 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private JAMES W. McLEOD, 31 305 237, Company H, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Woburn, Massachusetts.

Private JAMES W. MEDLEY, 34 505 822, Company F, France, 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Felham, Tennessee.

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114th Infantry (Continued)

Private GEORGE M. MEROINDAVAGE, 33 073 604, Company I, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from West Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Private WILLIAM F. NELSON, 37 550 150, Company I, France, 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Stillwater, Minnesota.

Private ROY W. FAYMQUIST, 36 703 689, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private EDGAR T. PASSWATERS, 37 679 295, Company I, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Webster City, Iowa.

Private EMERSON B. FENCE, 35 806 045, Company B, France, 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Private JOHN W. PITRE, 36 662 189, Company F, France, 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private THOMAS P. POYSON, 12 102 898, Company C, France, 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Branford, Connecticut.

Private CHARLES A. QUINCY, 16 054 308, Company I, France, 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Little York, Illinois.

Private GERARD H. SHRIVER, 37 662 737, Company I, France, 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Centerville, Iowa.

Private ALBERT J. WITMER, 35 345 25, Company I, France, 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Fort Jennings, Ohio.

324th Infantry

First Lieutenant JOHN V. BRENNAN, 01 297 151, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Duryea, Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant JOHN W. HARNOP, 0 519 567, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Second Lieutenant GEORGE W. WEGSEAN, 01 314 569, France, 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Dupont, Washington.

First Sergeant QUERINO E. DIGEANCIATO, 20 225 608, Company K, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Bound Brook, New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM G. GOSK, 20 225 574, Company I, France, 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Manville, New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant JAMES F. MARTIN, 32 027 769, Company G, France, 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE M. BURGER, 32 012 778, Company I, France, 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Ridgewood, New York.

Staff Sergeant THOMAS J. GAUGHERAN, 32 002 290, Company B, France, 3 November 1944. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

Sergeant ROBERT BARBER, 18 104 573, Company E, France, 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Elsa, Texas.

Sergeant COSMO J. TESTA, 33 586 392, Company D, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade FREDERICK R. SCHUENEMAN, 20 224 447, Medical Detachment, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklawn, New Jersey.

Corporal ALBERT J. HARRIS, 36 056 116, Company F, France, 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Wolf Lake, Illinois.

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324th Infantry (Continued)

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN E. LANGSTADT, 32 715 696, Medical Detachment, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Flushing, New York.

Private First Class WALTER A. BEDNARE, 36 764 533, Company B, France, 10 November 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class LEONARD B. STAYCOCK, 34 722 757, Company B, France, 26 October 1944. Entered military service from Fayetteville, Tennessee.

Private First Class JAMES J. BURKE, 33 178 984, Company B, France, 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ALBERT W. BUSH, 34 710 379, Company B, France, 9 November 1944. Entered military service from Cartersville, Tennessee.

Private First Class HERBERT DANZER, 12 425 145, Company B, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class HARVEY F. WETZNER, 37 602 946, Company I, France, 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Kirkwood, Missouri.

Private First Class ERNEST L. HILLOCK, 38 077 788, Company G, France, 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Farwell, Texas.

Private First Class MORRIS W. HOMME, 36 237 035, Company G, France, 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Chetek, Wisconsin.

Private First Class JOSEPH R. JARODA, 33 438 061, Company G, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Ambidge, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOHN H. TAYTON, 35 048 834, Company B, France, 10 November 1944. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class RUSSELL W. HEND, 35 603 228, Company B, France, 8 November 1944. Entered military service from Wooster, Ohio.

Private First Class LLOYD Y. SOWER, 36 649 115, Company B, France, 9 November 1944. Entered military service from Xenia, Illinois.

Private WESLEY G. ANDREWS, 15 133 809, Company I, France, 27 November 1944. Entered military service from Ashtabula, Ohio.

Private JOSEPH W. WUQUA, 33 216 880, Company I, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from South Salem, Virginia.

Private HENRY PRAZMA, 36 280 910, Medical Detachment, France, 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Adams, Wisconsin.

Private RAY M. SEYF, 39 747 988, Medical Detachment, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Long Beach, California.

44th Division Artillery

Private First Class DONALD M. INGHAM, 39 329 759, Battery A, 217th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Private First Class EDWIN J. STARZIO, 36 645 659, Battery B, 156th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private WAYNE MUFF, 35 602 599, Headquarters Battery, 156th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 29 November 1944. Entered military service from East Palestine, Ohio.

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63d Engineer Combat Battalion

Private First Class EARL B. HANSON, 35 749 266, Company B, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Queen Shoals, West Virginia.

119th Medical Battalion

Private First Class HORACE C. LAWSON, 37 602 831, Company B, France 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Advance, Missouri.

Private EARL M. FOREMAN, 13 142 324, Company C, France, 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

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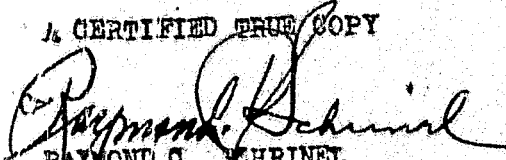
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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 43

WFO 44, U. S. Army
13 December 1944.

- SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.
SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION.
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SECTION V - AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, under the provision of Army Regulations 600-46, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class WILLIAM E. COBB, 34 525 642, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 22 November 1944 at Middlebronn, France. Private Cobb was operating a radio with a liaison party attached to an infantry battalion when the entire battalion was pinned down by hostile artillery, machine gun, mortar and small arms fire. All personnel except Private Cobb and another radio operator immediately sought cover when their own position came under the heavy artillery barrage. These two men, knowing the radios would not function at the required distance if they were inside a building or under cover, and knowing also that adjustment of our own artillery to neutralize the enemy fire was entirely dependent upon maintaining communications with their battalion, fearlessly and gallantly remained at their post and relayed the liaison officer's messages until the enemy fire was neutralized. As a result of this heroic action, the infantry battalion was able to advance to its objective. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Corporal ROBERT H. IDSARDI, 34 129 002, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 22 November 1944 at Middlebronn, France. Corporal Idsardi was operating a radio with a liaison party attached to an infantry battalion when the entire battalion was pinned down by hostile artillery, machine gun, mortar and small arms fire. All personnel except Corporal Idsardi and another radio operator immediately sought cover when their own position came under the heavy artillery barrage. Notwithstanding the fact that he sustained a severe wound from a shell fragment, Corporal Idsardi fearlessly and gallantly continued to operate his radio until too weak from loss of blood. His heroic action greatly contributed to the neutralization of the German fire and permitted the infantry battalion to advance to its objective. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant JAMES T. TOWER, O1 301 561, Company H, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 15 November 1944 in the vicinity of Entremenil, France. Lieutenant Tower was the leader of a machine gun platoon which was attached to an attack company. When riflemen from this company began to draw small arms fire from an important enemy-held bridge, Lieutenant Tower set up his heavy machine guns as a base of fire upon that point and proceeded alone to the bridge, armed only with a carbine. Upon arrival, he jumped down a bank and was confronted by five of the enemy with their guns trained on him. He boldly demanded their surrender and the surrender of the others who were also holding positions underneath the bridge. In all he succeeded in capturing 38 prisoners. Lieutenant Tower's intrepidity, superior leadership and sound judgment are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Grand Island, New York.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-46, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named enlisted men for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Leintrey, France on 14 November 1944. These men were members of a liaison party returning from the front lines with four prisoners when a hostile artillery barrage wounded the captain in charge of the group. They crawled to the officer while under heavy fire, administered first aid, improvised a litter and helped carry him two miles to an aid station. This heroic action, performed in addition to the capture of four prisoners, is worthy of high praise.

Corporal JAMES D. DUREN JR, 34 706 816, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. Next of kin: Mrs. Icie P. Duren (Mother), 1056 Overton Avenue, Tarrant City, Alabama.

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Staff Sergeant BERNARD F. LARSEN, 35 023 432, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. Next of kin: Mrs. Bernard F. Larsen (Wife), 10040 Ridge Road, Srecksville, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT G. MAXEINER, 35 628 716, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy Maxeiner (Mother), 648 West 3d Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

VII. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Corporal RICHARD E. BRANT, 35 092 068, Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy. On 16 November 1944, Corporal Brant accompanied the forward observer in the attack on Igney, France, and carried a radio and equipment on foot, through heavy hostile fire, to a position at the front lines. On 18 November 1944, he helped direct the fire of five artillery battalions in support of an infantry attack on a strategic enemy-held hill. Corporal Brant's heroic and skillful performance of his duties under extremely hazardous conditions reflects great credit upon himself and the Service. Entered military service from Logansport, Indiana.

Private JAMES J. BYRNES, 32 715 138, Service Company, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic service in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 19 November 1944. A supply train consisting of four vehicles loaded with ammunition and gasoline was parked in a confined area in the town of Rechiécourt-le-Chateau due to lack of space and intense enemy fire. When an enemy shell struck nearby, one of the trucks was set on fire and the ammunition started to explode. The other vehicles in the train were thus very seriously endangered. With full realization of the tremendous risk involved, Private Byrnes quickly left his place of safety and drove them away from danger. Private Byrnes' intrepid action, quick thinking, and disregard for his personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the Service. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Second Lieutenant GLENN D. CHAPMAN, O1 177 327, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy. On 16 November 1944, Lieutenant Chapman, acting as a forward observer during the attack on Igney, France, proceeded on foot for two miles, by-passed enemy emplacements and, though under constant fire, reached the front lines and directed extremely effective artillery fire. On 18 November 1944, Lieutenant Chapman moved to a position well ahead of our front lines and directed the fire of five artillery battalions while under constant enemy automatic weapons fire. At great personal risk, he maintained communications for the infantry's attack and effectively neutralized enemy fire. Entered military service from Waukesha, Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant ROMAINE M. FORTIER, O1 646 172, Company A, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy on 17 November 1944. Because of the tactical situation, it was imperative that a bridge leading into Amenoncourt, France, be constructed without delay, even before enemy small arms fire could be cleared from the vicinity. Given his orders, Lieutenant Fortier moved his men to the position and undertook construction in the face of continuous enemy fire. Thirty minutes later, traffic was moving across the vital bridge. The outstanding manner in which this mission was accomplished is a tribute to Lieutenant Fortier's superior leadership and technical skill. Entered military service from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Staff Sergeant JOHN P. HARTLAGE JR., 35 697 184, Company A, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Laintrey, France, on 13 November 1944. When his unit was pinned down by enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Sergeant Hartlage, although knowing that any movement might draw instant fire, crawled forward and assisted in the evacuation of two wounded men. Sergeant Hartlage's courage and spirit of self-sacrifice are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

Private EDWARD KOOYUMJIAN, 36 736 962, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Foulcrey, France, on 17 November 1944. Acting as a runner during the establishment of a mortar observation post, Private Kooyumjian, with complete disregard for his own safety, made his way through heavy enemy fire and warned his platoon of the expected infiltration of the enemy. Thus warned, the platoon moved into new positions and thwarted the enemy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 44)

APO #44, U. S. Army
19 December 1944

AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN'S BADGE: By satisfactory performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy, and pursuant to authority contained in War Department Circular Number 408, dated 17 October 1944, the following named officers are awarded and entitled to wear the Combat Infantryman's Badge:

COLONEL ERGIL D. PORTER, O-6966, 71st Infantry Regiment

COLONEL KENNETH S. ANDERSON, O-8365, 324th Infantry Regiment

COLONEL ROBERT R. MARTIN, O-15953, 114th Infantry Regiment

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AGO #14, U.S. Army
24 December 1944

- I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART, POSTHUMOUS.
- II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART, MISSING IN ACTION.
- III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).
- IV. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.
- V. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS.

I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART, POSTHUMOUS: Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted men:

Sergeant GRANT W. GEISE, 36 642 334, Company K, 71st Infantry, France, 25 November 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Geise (Mother), Route 2, Claremont, Illinois.

Corporal CARL G. ECKERT, 33 501 870, Company M, 71st Infantry, France, 22 November 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Laura Eckert (Mother), Lawn, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade DONALD E. BREEDLOVE, 38 399 586, Medical Detachment, 324th Infantry, France, 20 November 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Willie Thomas (Mother), 301 East Versa, Hollis, Oklahoma.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART, MISSING IN ACTION: Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Captain PAUL A. KUNKLE, O 284 585, Headquarters, Third Battalion, 71st Infantry, France, 13 November 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. M. L. Kunkle (Mother), 200 Washington Ave., Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade ANTON E. KUBITSCHKEK, 39 120 057, Headquarters, Third Battalion, 71st Infantry, France, 18 November 1944. Next of kin: Mr. Ernest L. Kubitschek (Father), 270 Castro St., San Francisco, California.

Private First Class PAUL ROSKO, 33 834 609, Company L, 71st Infantry, France, 15 November 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Grace Rosko (Wife), R.F.D. 3, Easton, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOHN K. JOHNSON, 39 120 033, Headquarters, Third Battalion, 71st Infantry, France, 17 November 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Gladys K. Johnson (Mother), 2425 Fourteenth Ave., San Francisco, California.

III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER): Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM H. SMILEY, 20 335 167, Company I, 324th Infantry, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Sergeant LORAIN CUSTER, 38 003 875, Company A, 114th Infantry, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Coolidge, Arizona.

Private First Class EDWARD E. BLAYLOCK, 34 722 757, Company B, 324th Infantry, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Fayetteville, Tennessee.

Private LOUIS L. BAILENT, 20 225 584, Company B, 324th Infantry, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Bound Brook, New Jersey.

Private A. H. KINSEY, 19 172 405, Medical Detachment, 324th Infantry, France, 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Shoshone, Idaho.

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IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

71st Infantry

Major STEPHEN L. KOVACS, O 268 585, Headquarters, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Captain FREDERICK O. LINDSKOG, O 293 374, Company C, France, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

Captain HERBERT W. RICHARDSON JR, O1 290 479, Headquarters Company, France. Entered military service from Pasadena, California.

Captain CHARLES L. RUST, O 346 332, Headquarters Company, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Washington, D.C.

First Lieutenant HARRY R. LAW, O1 296 716, Company F, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant WILLIS E. TAYLOR, O1 312 822, Company D, France, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Waynesburg, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant NICK A. WIHEM, 32 012 843, Company K, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Jamaica, New York.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM O. GIBSON, 19 060 878, Company K, France, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Collins, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant CLIFFORD R. GULLETT, 35 651 517, Company I, France, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Pointsville, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant ANDREW J. HARRIS, 34 801 336, Company D, France, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Estaboga, Alabama.

Staff Sergeant ARISTIDES PLATANITES, 32 223 098, Company K, France, 24 October 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Sergeant GARVISS L. GARDNER, 38 432 522, Company K, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Dawson, Texas.

Sergeant LOUIS PAPONIS, 19 190 821, Company E, France, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN D. EGGERS, 32 000 492, Headquarters, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade LEO K. REIMER, 36 806 745, Medical Detachment, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade DONALD C. ROBLEE, 32 028 216, Headquarters, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Sandusky, New York.

Private First Class HOMER S. BOGGS, 35 749 319, Company I, France, 28 October 1944. Entered military service from Sutton, West Virginia.

Private First Class JOHN KROTKOSKY, 33 574 317, Headquarters, Second Battalion, France, 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class LOUIS R. TIEMANN, 33 066 862, Company D, France, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Private First Class LESLIE C. WELSH, 35 066 974, Company E, France, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Cumberland, Maryland.

Private NOAH W. ESTES, 38 697 513, Company G, France, 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Maroon, Oklahoma.

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Private First Class JASPER J. KENNEDY, 37 503 152, Anti-tank Company, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Kidder, Missouri.

Private BERNARD S. KLEIN, 32 795 698, Company I, France, 29 October 1944. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

Private HARRY A. MOORE, 37 634 599, Company M, France, 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Naylor, Missouri.

Private GUY D. REED, 18 152 032, Medical Detachment, France, 24 November 1944. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Private WALTER E. TAYLOR JR., 37 707 549, Company F, France, 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Meeker, Colorado.

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Major EDWARD M. MINION, O 340 925, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

Captain RICHARD J. ROMAN, O 377 245, France, 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Bozeman, Montana.

First Lieutenant MAX L. SMITH, O2 047 161, 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Trumann, Arkansas.

Second Lieutenant ARTHUR S. W. CHANTRY, O 503 151, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

Technical Sergeant EARL DUNNUCK, 6 802 026, Company A, France, 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE F. CARRIGO, 33 455 654, Company G, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Washington, D.C.

Staff Sergeant JOHN W. LETTENBERGER, 36 806 747, Company I, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant ERVIN A. PICKEL JR., 37 390 995, Company E, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant LEON U. PRETTI, 32 001 889, Company C, France, 7 December 1944. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Sergeant MARVIN W. BRYANT, 34 706 280, Company H, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Talladega, Alabama.

Sergeant CECIL L. COOK, 37 662 816, Company C, France, 9 December 1944. Entered military service from Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Sergeant DAN CLARK, 35 681 795, Company A, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Hamilton, Ohio.

Sergeant EDWARD S. DATA, 36 736 937, Company E, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant GLEO C. REDKEY, 35 788 976, Company G, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Blanchester, Ohio.

Sergeant DONALD W. ROSS, 35 629 453, Headquarters, Second Battalion, France, 9 December 1944. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

Sergeant CHARLES L. SMITH, 38 104 925, Company D, France, 12 December 1944. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

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Technician Fifth Grade DONALD A. BOSS, 37 420 403, Medical Detachment, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade ROGER M. STINCHFIELD, 31 319 239, Medical Detachment, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Wayne, Maine.

~~Private First Class GEORGE T. BUEH, 34 728 509, Company G, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Big Sandy, Tennessee.~~

Private First Class ALFRED A. CHILL JR, 37 514 636, Company H, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Marion, Kansas.

Private First Class EUGENE DOJATA, 36 807 611, Company G, France, 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Caledonia, Wisconsin.

Private First Class FRANK L. FELDT JR, 37 661 990, Company H, France, 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Clinton, Iowa.

Private First Class EDWARD A HENRY, 33 588 685, Company C, France, 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Garrett Hill, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class GEORGE L. LANE, 35 650 672, Company M, France, 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Amett, West Virginia.

Private First Class MICHAEL J. LETO, 20 226 017, Company D, France, 28 November 1944. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

Private First Class GERALD J. MATSON, 39 043 815, Company F, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

Private First Class LEON D. OVEROM, 37 570 243, Company C, France, 9 December 1944. Entered military service from Glendale, California.

Private First Class ROBERT G. PIPER, 16 139 431, Company H, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Deerfield, Illinois.

Private First Class CARL SCARBERRY, 55 546 822, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Ottawa, Ohio.

Private First Class WALTER R. SZEJONG, 33 430 260, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class OLA R. WEIKLE, 35 749 516, Company A, France, 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Sarton, West Virginia.

Private JOHN J. BAYORMAN, 36 876 661, Company E, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Private JAMES C. MYERS, 38 697 586, Company E, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Osage, Oklahoma.

Private FRANCIS T. MULROONEY, 32 952 680, Company H, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Wilmington, Delaware.

Private EDWARD PUSINAK, 20 225 162, Company H, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Kenilworth, New Jersey.

Private DORSEY L. SMITH, 36 738 290, Anti-tank Company, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from McLeasboro, Illinois.

Private LUHER WELLS, 38 682 836, Company F, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Meridian, Texas.

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Captain CARL D. CLARDY, O 271 233, Company G, France, 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

First Lieutenant ALBERT MERAN, O1 307 051, Company G, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant PAUL O. HERTSGAARD, O1 322 224, Company E, France, 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Kindred, North Dakota.

Technical Sergeant ANDREW E. TOMKO, 20 225 672, Company I, France, 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Manville, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant NORMAN T. BYRNES, 11 099 810, Company L, France, 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Waterville, New York.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM N. RUSSELL, 31 333 565, Company I, France, 12 December 1944. Entered military service from New Haven, Connecticut.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN S. BROWN, 33 254 551, Company M, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Allenwood, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN F. SCHOENER, 35 603 071, Headquarters, Third Battalion, France, 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Massillon, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade VICTOR W. WUNDERLICH, 38 416 744, Medical Detachment, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Spring, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade HENRY G. COOK, 34 539 426, Company C, France, 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Jacksonville, Florida.

Technician Fifth Grade GUIDO J. GOSSY, 13 114 130, Medical Detachment, France, 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade IRVIN HIPPEN, 36 321 850, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from In Prairie, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN E. STAFF, 36 614 817, Company H, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Ramsey, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade THOMAS J. STYUDUHR, 33 433 405, Headquarters, Second Battalion, France, 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Sharon, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOHN R. BURKE, 35 091 808, Company E, France, 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Wabash, Indiana.

Private First Class THOMAS A. CATALDO, 32 000 823, Headquarters, First Battalion, France, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Yonkers, New York.

Private First Class Glenn A. Cook, 33 433 371, Company C, France, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Oswayo, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class RALPH A. ESPOSITO, 33 559 121, Company L, France, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Private First Class RICHARD E. KNOWLTON, 15 078 726, Company A, France, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Warren, Ohio.

Private First Class ROBERT B. MAHAN, 33 438 074, Company G, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Butler, Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class ALFRED J MORGAN JR, 39 420 303, Company I, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Auburn, California.

Private First Class RAYMOND NAYLOR, 39 553 583, Company B, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Lone Pine, California.

Private First Class WILLARD E. RETTIG, 35 546 211, Company E, France, 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Arlington, Ohio.

Private First Class JOHN E. SHARRER, 33 438 117, Company E, France, 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Harmony, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ERNIE J. WINES, 35 092 599, Company F, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Michigan City, Indiana.

Private PAUL FAIB, 35 916 528, Medical Detachment, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

Private HOLLIS FREEMAN, 38 443 863, Company I, France, 9 December 1944. Entered military service from Sheridan, Arkansas.

Private HOWARD S. FRIES, 33 617 022, Anti-tank Company, France, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Northampton, Pennsylvania.

Private ABRAHAM JONES, 32 754 297, Medical Detachment, France, 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Salem, New Jersey.

Private LEONARD R. REEDER, 35 601 385, Company B, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from East Liverpool, Ohio.

Private JACK L. RATTS, 14 117 462, Company A, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Private HERBERT SCHOENFELD, 13 125 096, Company L, France, 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private LINWOOD E. STARKEY, 20 226 673, Company A, France, 12 November 1944. Entered military service from Cedarville, New Jersey.

Private ELIJIO M. VALENZUELA, 38 439 289, Company F, France, 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Alpine, Texas.

Private WILLIAM W. WEISSMAN, 33 783 297, Company A, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

156th Field Artillery Battalion

Corporal JOHN D. NOYCE, 37 496 299, Headquarters Battery, France, 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Salina, Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade WILBUR J. BROWN, 35 629 016, Headquarters Battery, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

217th Field Artillery Battalion

Private WILLIAM R. ROSS, 35 092 422, Battery A, France, 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Rushville, Indiana.

220th Field Artillery Battalion

First Lieutenant ROBIN W. MAC DONALD, 0 461 258, Headquarters, France, 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

Technician Fourth Grade RICHARD E. HAYDEN, 35 602 370, Battery B, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade VERNON C. DOVERSBERGER, 35 092 417, Headquarters Battery, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Tipton, Ohio.

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63d Engineer Combat Battalion

First Lieutenant CHARLES E. BROWN, OI 109 159, Company B, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from National City, California.

Corporal RICHARD T. EATON, 32 763 455, Company B, France, 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Bloomfield, New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade NELSON H. GARRETT, 35 650 887, Company B, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Cranberry, West Virginia.

Private First Class ~~KENNETH HADLEY~~ ^{RESC. BY GO# 2 -- 13 Jan 45} 35 396 585, Company B, France, 29 October 1944. Entered military service from Jamestown, Kentucky.

119th Medical Battalion

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES H. CAMPBELL, 37 473 850, Company B, France, 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Private First Class JOHN E. KOPP, 12 124 052, Company B, France, 9 December 1944. Entered military service from Corona, Long Island, New York.

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Technician Fifth Grade JOHN D. ~~W~~, 35 696 758, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from Oolitic, Indiana.

Private KENNETH S. BEWING, 37 603 097, France, 22 November 1944. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

44th CIC Detachment

Private First Class WALTER E. RAACK, 15 108 790, France, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Des Plaines, Illinois.

NR-47/46 rescinded 4/8/46
V. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS: 1. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 42, this Headquarters, 10 December 1944, awarding Purple Heart to officers and enlisted men, as pertains to Private First Class WILLIAM F. LYNN, 14 116 507, Company C, 114th Infantry, is rescinded.

OK 2. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 36, this Headquarters, 17 November 1944, awarding a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Private HARRY WILLIAMS JR, 38 537 607, Company K, 71st Infantry, is rescinded.

OK 3. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 39, this Headquarters, 29 November 1944, awarding Purple Heart to officers and enlisted men, as pertains to Technical Sergeant SAMUEL G. VAN NATTA JR, 39 549 080, Company K, 71st Infantry, is rescinded.

By command of Major General SPRAGINS:

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25 December 1944

- I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS.
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- III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS.
- IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION.
- V. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- VI. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted men:

Private HARRY KLOEPFER, 20 277 053, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Schalbach, France, on 25 November 1944. When the enemy subjected his battery's forward position to heavy machine-gun fire and launched an attack with four tanks and infantry, Private Kloefer, who was a member of a forward observation party, gallantly remained at his post and relayed vital information to our artillery batteries. As the enemy tanks advanced closer to his vulnerable position, he was killed by a direct hit from an 88 mm tank gun. Private Kloefer's courage, determination and heroic self-sacrifice materially aided in routing the enemy and exemplify the noblest qualities of our fighting men. Next of kin: Mrs. Ella Kloefer (Mother), 705 Cooper Street, Millville, New Jersey.

Private JAMES W. NEAL, 54 599 370, Company G, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Schalbach, France, on 25 November 1944. Private Neal, an automatic rifleman, was covering his platoon's left flank when ten enemy tanks carrying infantry approached his position in an attack on the platoon. Although opposition to such vastly superior forces meant certain death, Private Neal immediately opened fire with his automatic weapon and continued firing even after the tanks had overrun his position, thereby causing the enemy infantry to dismount and forcing the tanks to proceed alone. After his supply of ammunition was exhausted he was killed by direct fire from the enemy tanks. Private Neal's valiant defense of his post and his willingness to challenge the enemy in the face of insurmountable odds exemplify the finest traditions of the Service. Next of kin: Mrs. G. G. Neal (Mother), 111 Hamilton Street, Burlington, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant STANLEY F. SCIBEK, 36 296 118, Company I, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 13 November 1944. Sergeant Scibek was leading his platoon into the town of Leintrey, France, through a barrage of mortar and artillery fire when machine-gun fire from a concrete pillbox impeded the advance of his scouts. Creeping and crawling warily to the flank of the pillbox, Sergeant Scibek rolled two hand grenades into it, killing its two occupants and putting it out of action. As a result of this courageous deed, the capture of Leintrey was greatly facilitated. As the platoon advanced upon Hill 310, its next objective, his scouts were again stopped by the enemy. Sergeant Scibek crawled forward and tossed another grenade which killed two more Germans and paved the way for his platoon to reach its objective. During this action, Sergeant Scibek was killed by enemy machine-gun and mortar fire. Sergeant Scibek's courage, aggressiveness and fighting spirit exemplify the finest traditions of our Armed Forces. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Scibek, 2535 South 7th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, (Mother)

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Sergeant ROBERT H. ABSHER, 33 559 316, Company A, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Leintrey, France, on 13 November 1944. While his platoon was engaged in a fire-fight and its advance held up by enemy machine-gun, Sergeant Absher crawled to a position that would permit him to fire on the emplacement. While doing this, he was wounded. In spite of his wound Sergeant Absher remained in his position until ordered to go back to the aid station. After his wound was dressed, he voluntarily returned to his platoon, crawled 150 yards beyond its forward position while under continuous enemy fire, and help evacuate two seriously wounded comrades. Sergeant Absher's intrepid action, aggressiveness and spirit of self-sacrifice reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Roaring River, North Carolina.

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II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: (Continued)

Private WALTER E. BROWN, 35 628 980, Company F, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Volksberg, France, on 4 December 1944. Private Brown was the first scout as his platoon moved across open ground with the mission of uncovering dug-in enemy positions. When the platoon drew machine-gun fire from an emplacement about 100 yards forward, Private Brown crawled to within 35 yards of the position while another scout fired at the crew from the flank. Although a 20 mm gun had in the meantime opened fire and severely wounded him, Private Brown succeeded in lobbing a grenade into the machine-gun nest and wiping it out. Private Brown's gallant and courageous action is in keeping with the finest traditions of our fighting men. Entered military service from Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade ARMIN W. LIPPMANN JR, 32 056 619, Medical Detachment * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Schalbach, France, on 25 November 1944. When two men had been seriously wounded during a panzer attack, Technician Lippmann, although under intense enemy fire from tanks only 200 yards away, ran 100 yards over open terrain and rendered aid to the wounded men. He remained with them for twenty minutes, while under extremely heavy tank and small arms fire, administering to their needs. Technician Lippmann's courageous and unselfish action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Hoboken, New Jersey.

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~~Colonel ROBERT R. MARTIN, 015 953, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Embermenil, France, on 16 November 1944. When his party was subjected to German machine-gun fire, Colonel Martin deliberately exposed himself to draw enemy fire so that the other men in his group could complete a flanking move. During this action, he was fired upon several times and an enemy grenade exploded less than four feet from him. Returning to his troops later, he immediately set out again with a few men and flushed out the hostile machine-gun nest. Colonel Martin's intrepidity and fighting spirit exemplify the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kosmosdale, Kentucky.~~

First Lieutenant MAX L. SMITH, 02 047 161, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Weisslingen, France, on 30 November 1944. After a platoon of infantry had secured high ground across a railroad track, they were subjected to intense 20 mm and 88 mm cannon fire, resulting in a number of casualties. Disregarding all warnings that to cross the track would completely expose him to the full impact of this fire, Lieutenant Smith led a litter team to the wounded men and, under constant fire, administered aid and directed their evacuation. Seeing that one of the injured men lay in a clearing directly beside the railroad, where 20 mm cannon fire was particularly heavy, Lieutenant Smith, with utter disregard for his personal safety, further exposed himself to grave danger and brought the man to safety. By his courageous actions and profound devotion to duty, Lieutenant Smith reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Trumann, Arkansas.

Second Lieutenant GERALD R. STICKNEY, 01 308 016, Company I, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Leintrey, France, on 13 November 1944. Although seriously wounded as a result of a heavy enemy mortar and artillery barrage, Lieutenant Stickney remained under fire and directed his platoon to safety. Then, completely disregarding his own welfare, he directed mortar fire to assist in the successful completion of his company's objective. Lieutenant Stickney's unswerving devotion to duty and his intrepidity while in mortal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Brookport, New York.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class COLLIE R. MARTIN, 35 696 472, Company E, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the Les Remabois Woods Sector on 31 October 1944. Private Martin was a voluntary member of a patrol of four men with the mission of investigating enemy strength in a patch of woods suspected of being the source of harassing mortar fire. The patrol moved into the woods and upon discovering more of the enemy than had been anticipated, withdrew and directed an artillery concentration on the area. Then they moved into the woods a second time. They now discovered machine-gun emplacements and mopped them up. Proceeding

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS: (Continued)

farther, they found a mortar position and completely annihilated this too. Next, they discovered an observation dug-out which was very active. Moving to point-blank range, they opened fire and wiped out the entire position. The patrol had accomplished its mission so efficiently that no trouble was forthcoming from the wooded area. By his daring and skill Private Martin contributed greatly toward the success of this action. Next of kin: Mrs. Nannie F. Martin (Mother), Route 2, Cave City, Kentucky.

Private ERVIN R. PETROVIK, 36 252 241, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Leintrey, France, on 14 November 1944. In order to establish wire communications with the forward position of his battalion, Private Petroviak swam two swollen streams, proceeded through heavy woods and risked a heavy barrage of enemy artillery. Throughout the night, although under heavy artillery and mortar fire, he maintained the line, which was the only means of communication for his battalion and its supporting artillery. Private Petroviak's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruth Petroviak (Wife), 309 North 61st Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class JOSEPH QUASKY, 33 559 159, Company C, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the Les Remabois Sector on 8 November 1944. Private Quasky, while on a hazardous daylight patrol, moved over open terrain 2700 yards ahead of our lines. Upon encountering a hostile machine-gun emplacement which opened fire on it, the patrol returned the fire and withdrew in another direction. Having completed its mission, the patrol returned over the open terrain, constantly meeting with withering automatic and small arms fire and with harassing mortar fire. Private Quasky's daring and courage in the face of extreme danger reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Agnes Quasky (Mother), 603 W. West Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH APANA, 20 014 421, Company B, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the Les Remabois Sector on 8 November 1944. Sergeant Apana, while on a hazardous daylight patrol, moved over open terrain 2700 yards ahead of our lines. Upon encountering a hostile machine-gun emplacement which opened fire on it, the patrol returned the fire and withdrew in another direction. Having completed its mission, the patrol returned over the open terrain, constantly meeting with withering automatic and small arms fire and with harassing mortar fire. Sergeant Apana was reported missing in this action. Sergeant Apana's daring and courage in the face of extreme danger reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mr. Joseph K. Apana (Uncle), 3011 Lakanau Street, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Private First Class JOHN J. BARRY, 20 229 609, Company B, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the Les Remabois Sector, France, on 8 November 1944. Private Barry, while on a hazardous daylight patrol, moved over open terrain 2700 yards ahead of our lines. Upon encountering a hostile machine-gun emplacement which opened fire on it, the patrol returned the fire and withdrew in another direction. Having completed its mission, the patrol returned over the open terrain, constantly meeting with withering automatic and small arms fire. Private Barry was reported missing in this action. Private Barry's daring and courage in the face of extreme danger reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Catherine C. Barry (Wife), 332 Greely Avenue, Grant City, Staten Island, New York.

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IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION: (Continued)

Private First Class LESTER M. GICK, 35 546 909, Company C, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the Les Remabois Sector, France, on 8 November 1944. Private Gick, while on a hazardous daylight patrol, moved over open terrain 2700 yards ahead of our lines. Upon encountering a hostile machine-gun emplacement which opened fire on it, the patrol returned the fire and withdrew in another direction. Having completed its mission, the patrol returned over the open terrain, constantly meeting with withering automatic and small arms fire and with harassing mortar fire. Private Gick was reported missing in action. Private Gick's daring and courage in the face of extreme danger reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Devetta M. Gick (Wife), RFD #2, Monroeville, Indiana.

Private First Class DAVID D. O'NEIL, 32 000 593, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Leintrey, France, on 14 November 1944. In order to establish wire communications with the forward position of his battalion, Private O'Neil swam two swollen streams, proceeded through heavy woods and risked a heavy barrage of enemy artillery. Throughout the night, although under heavy artillery and sniper fire, he maintained the line, which was the only means of communication for his battalion and its supporting artillery. Private O'Neil's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary O'Neil 214 Willis Avenue; Bronx, New York.

Private First Class MILTON E. WALBERT, 36 296 350, Company A, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the Les Remabois Sector, France, on 8 November 1944. Private Walbert, while on a hazardous daylight patrol moved over open terrain 2700 yards ahead of our lines. Upon encountering a hostile machine-gun emplacement which opened fire on it, the patrol returned the fire and withdrew in another direction. Having completed its mission, the patrol returned over the open terrain, constantly meeting with withering automatic and small arms fire and with harassing mortar fire. Private Walbert was reported missing in this action. Private Walbert's daring and courage in the face of extreme danger reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary J. Walbert, (Wife), 925 North Front Street, Marquette, Michigan.

V. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Private First Class JESUS R. SILLER, 38 454 358, Company A, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the Les Remabois Sector, France, on 8 November 1944. Private Siller, while on a hazardous daylight patrol, moved over open terrain 2700 yards ahead of our lines. Upon encountering a hostile machine-gun emplacement which opened fire on it, the patrol returned the fire and withdrew in another direction. Having completed its mission, the patrol returned over the open terrain, constantly meeting with withering automatic and small arms fire and with harassing mortar fire. Private Siller's daring and courage in the face of extreme danger reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

VI. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class FLOYD BAKER, 38 150 592, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the Les Remabois Sector, France, on 8 November 1944. Private Baker, while on a hazardous daylight patrol, moved over open terrain 2700 yards ahead of our lines. Upon encountering a hostile machine-gun emplacement which opened fire on it, the patrol returned the fire and withdrew in another direction. Having completed its mission, the patrol returned over the open terrain, constantly meeting with withering automatic and small arms fire and with harassing mortar fire. Private Baker's daring and courage in the face of extreme danger reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Battiest, Oklahoma.

VI. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Private First Class BRADY N. COE, 35 683 237, Company B, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the Les Remabois Sector, France, on 8 November 1944. Private Coe, while on a hazardous daylight patrol, moved over open terrain 2700 yards ahead of our lines. Upon encountering a hostile machine-gun emplacement which opened fire on it, the patrol returned the fire and withdrew in another direction. Having completed its mission, the patrol returned over the open terrain, constantly meeting with withering automatic and small arms fire and with harassing mortar fire. Private Coe's daring and courage in the face of extreme danger reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Private ARTHUR H. EDWARDS, 37 507 688, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy on 2 December 1944. In the attack on Hinsbourg, France, Company G, * * * Infantry, came under intense 20 mm cannon fire, resulting in a number of casualties. When Private Edwards saw that fellow soldiers lay wounded and helpless under direct observation of enemy gunners, he voluntarily left his own protected position, exposed himself to the deadly fire, and helped withdraw two comrades to safety. This heroic and unselfish action is in the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

Sergeant EDMOND J. GALLERIE, 32 741 375, Company D, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ancerville, France, on 15 November 1944. While he engaged the enemy, a round in the 37 mm gun of his tank became jammed. Sergeant Galleria dismounted under heavy artillery fire and rammed the round from the gun, thus enabling the tank to continue in the attack. This heroic action, performed at great personal risk, is worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Private First Class SAMUEL GELLER, 32 066 840, Company A, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy at Igley, France, on 16 November 1944. Private Geller and three other soldiers volunteered to drive two ambulances through concentrated artillery fire to evacuate ten seriously wounded men. Upon reaching a point 500 yards from the casualties, and finding that the sound of their motors drew small arms fire, they stopped their motors and pushed the ambulances the rest of the way. After loading the casualties, they pushed both vehicles 500 yards back before starting the motors. By his valiant action and unselfish devotion to duty, Private Geller assisted materially in saving the lives of ten wounded soldiers. Entered military service from Wilmington, Delaware.

First Lieutenant PHILIP A. HOLUBECK, O1 546 324, MAC, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 November 1944. Despite the fact that the town of Leintrey, France, was still under heavy mortar and sniper fire and that previous attempts to enter it had been repelled, Lieutenant Holubeck volunteered to make another effort to get through. Even though his ambulance was hit twice on the way, he continued into Leintrey and established a badly needed aid station. Throughout the night he aided and evacuated casualties in the face of continuous enemy shelling. Lieutenant Holubeck's courage and unselfish devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant HAROLD L. HUNT, 35 724 887, Company E, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the Les Remabois Sector, France, on 31 October 1944. Sergeant Hunt was a voluntary member of a patrol of four men with the mission of investigating enemy strength in a patch of woods suspected of being the source of harassing mortar fire. The patrol moved into the woods and upon discovering more of the enemy than had been anticipated, withdrew and directed an artillery concentration on the area. Then they moved into the woods a second time. They now discovered machine-gun emplacements and mopped them up. Proceeding farther, they found a mortar position and completely annihilated this too. Next, they discovered an observation dug-out which was very active. Moving to point-blank range, they opened fire and wiped out the entire position. The patrol had accomplished its mission so efficiently that

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no further trouble was forthcoming from this area. By his daring and skill, Sergeant Hunt contributed greatly toward the success of this action. Entered military service from Paducah, Kentucky.

Corporal SIGURD O. JOHNSON, 20 745 819, Company B, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Oberhof, France, on 23 November 1944. While in support of an infantry battalion, Corporal Johnson's tank destroyer was hit by enemy artillery and left disabled in a vulnerable position. Realizing that the infantry were in desperate need of all the fire power available to them, Corporal Johnson and the other crew members refused to abandon their destroyer. Since the gun sight had been rendered useless they completely exposed themselves to enemy artillery and sniper fire and directed the fire of their destroyer upon targets to the immediate front of the infantry. Corporal Johnson's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from McLeod, North Dakota.

Staff Sergeant MICHAEL KALCOW, 32 000 845, Company A, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the Les Remabois Sector, France, on 8 November 1944. Sergeant Kalcow, while on a hazardous daylight patrol, moved over open terrain 2700 yards ahead of our lines. Upon encountering a hostile machine-gun emplacement which opened fire on it, the patrol returned the fire and withdrew in another direction. Having completed its mission, the patrol returned over the open terrain, constantly meeting with withering automatic and small arms fire and with harassing mortar fire. Sergeant Kalcow's daring and courage in the face of extreme danger reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Hastings, New York.

Private First Class JAMES H. LANGLEY, 34 706 543, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the Les Remabois Sector, France, on 8 November 1944. When a daylight reconnaissance patrol was ordered to move out ahead of our lines to determine enemy locations and dispositions, Private Langley was given the mission of maintaining constant observation over the patrol from an exposed observation post. About 2700 yards ahead, the patrol encountered strong enemy resistance. At the same time, the observation post was subjected to heavy mortar and artillery fire. For the next three hours, while the patrol engaged the enemy and while the observation post was under constant shelling, Private Langley maintained his position and reported not only the progress of the patrol but enemy positions as well. Private Langley's bravery and unswerving devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Cullman, Alabama.

Private First Class JOHN F. LARKIN, 32 000 879, Company E, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the Les Remabois Woods Sector, France, on 31 October 1944. Private Larkin was a voluntary member of a patrol of four men with the mission of investigating enemy strength in a patch of woods suspected of being the source of harassing mortar fire. The patrol moved into the woods and upon discovering more of the enemy than had been anticipated, withdrew and directed an artillery concentration on the area. Then they moved into the woods a second time. They now discovered machine-gun emplacements and mopped them up. Proceeding farther, they found a mortar position and completely annihilated this too. Next, they discovered an observation dug-out which was very active. Moving to point-blank range, they opened fire and wiped out the entire position. The patrol had accomplished its mission so efficiently that no trouble was forthcoming from the wooded area. By his daring and skill Private Larkin contributed greatly toward the success of this action. Entered military service from Palham, New York.

Staff Sergeant R. B. LAWRENCE, 34 723 777, Company E, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the Les Remabois Sector, France, on 31 October 1944. Sergeant Lawrence was a voluntary member of a patrol of four men with the mission of investigating enemy strength in a patch of woods suspected of being the source of harassing mortar fire. The patrol moved into the woods and upon discovering more of the enemy than had been anticipated, withdrew and directed an artillery concentration on the area. Then they moved into the woods a second time. They now discovered machine-gun emplacements and mopped them up. Proceeding farther, they found a mortar position and completely annihilated this too. Next, they discovered an observation dug-out which was very active. Moving to point-blank range, they opened fire and wiped out the entire position. The patrol had accomplished its mission so efficiently that no trouble was forthcoming from the wooded area. By his daring and skill Sergeant Lawrence contributed greatly toward the success of this action. Entered military service from McKen, Tennessee.

VI. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL; (Continued)

Name entered by HQ #51 - Dec. 30, 1944.
Private LEONARD LOERNKOPF, 34 760 958, Company A, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy at Igney, France, on 16 November 1944. Private Loernkopf and three other soldiers volunteered to drive two ambulances through concentrated artillery fire to evacuate ten seriously wounded men. Upon reaching a point 500 yards from the casualties, and finding that the sound of their motors drew small arms fire, they stopped their motors and pushed the ambulances the rest of the way. After loading the casualties, they pushed both vehicles 500 yards back before starting the motors. By his valiant action and unselfish devotion to duty, Private Loernkopf assisted materially in saving the lives of ten wounded soldiers. Entered military service from Savannah, Georgia.

Private FRED R. LOWMAN, 35 629 000, Company A, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy on 13 November 1944. When it was learned that there were eight casualties in Leintrey in need of evacuation, Private Lowman volunteered to drive his ambulance there for this purpose, even though it was known that the roads and the town were still under heavy mortar and artillery fire, that snipers were present, and that previous similar attempts had failed. The successful accomplishment of this hazardous mission was responsible for saving at least two lives. Private Lowman's indomitable courage and unswerving fidelity to duty had a profound effect upon the morale of other Medical Department soldiers and exemplify the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade JUNIOR P. MILLER, 35 092 446, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 3 December 1944. Technician Miller, acting as a route marker, was posted at a railroad underpass which was being subjected to enemy interdiction fire. After guiding two batteries through successfully, he was seriously wounded by shell fragments. In spite of his injuries, Technician Miller steadfastly remained at his post in order to direct the remaining battery. Technician Miller's fortitude and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Service. Entered military service from Frankfort, Indiana.

Technical Sergeant ARTHUR P. MURPHY, 20 227 149, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, (then Private, Company B) * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rauviller, France, on 24 November 1944. While under heavy enemy machine-gun fire, Sergeant Murphy made his way to the side of a wounded comrade, rendered first aid, constructed a litter and bore the wounded man to safety. This act, which was performed under observation of the enemy and under continuous hostile fire, probably resulted in saving the life of the soldier and merits the highest praise. Entered military service from the Bronx, New York.

Private CLYDE R. POLING, 35 749 193, Company A, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy at Igney, France, on 16 November 1944. Private Poling and three other soldiers volunteered to drive two ambulances through concentrated artillery fire to evacuate ten seriously wounded men. Upon reaching a point 500 yards from the casualties, and finding that the sound of their motors drew small arms fire, they stopped their motors and pushed the ambulances the rest of the way. After loading the casualties, they pushed both vehicles 500 yards back before starting the motors. By his valiant action and unselfish devotion to duty, Private Poling assisted materially in saving the lives of ten wounded soldiers. Entered military service from Grafton, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant JACOB E. SACKMAN, 37 081 956, Company B, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Oberhof, France, on 23 November 1944. While in support of an infantry battalion, Sergeant Sackman's tank destroyer was hit by enemy artillery and left disabled in a vulnerable position. Realizing that the infantry were in desperate need of all the fire available to them, Sergeant Sackman and the other crew members refused to abandon their destroyer. Since the gun sight had been rendered useless, they completely exposed themselves to enemy artillery and sniper fire and directed the fire of their destroyer upon targets to the immediate front of the infantry. Sergeant Sackman's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tuttle Lake, North Dakota.

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Technician Third Grade LETTERINO A. SCALA, 20 227 293, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 November 1944. Despite the fact that the town of Laintroy, France was still under heavy mortar and sniper fire and that previous attempts to enter it had been repelled, Technician Scala volunteered to make another effort to get through. Even though his ambulance was hit twice on the way, he continued into Laintroy and established a badly needed aid station. Throughout the night he aided and evacuated casualties in the face of continuous enemy shelling. Technician Scala's courage and unselfish devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class SIGMUND SKOLMOWSKI, 35 546 543, Company A, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy at Igney, France, on 16 November 1944. Private Skolmowski and three other soldiers volunteered to drive two ambulances through concentrated artillery fire to evacuate ten seriously wounded men. Upon reaching a point 500 yards from the casualties, and finding that the sound of their motors drew small arms fire, they stopped their motors and pushed the ambulances the rest of the way. After loading the casualties, they pushed both vehicles 500 yards back before starting the motors. By his valiant action and unselfish devotion to duty, Private Skolmowski assisted materially in saving the lives of ten wounded soldiers. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade MARION M. TOYNE, 20 745 800, Company B, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Oberhof, France, on 23 November 1944. While in support of an infantry battalion, Technician Toyne's destroyer was hit by enemy artillery and left disabled in a vulnerable position. Realizing that the infantry were in desperate need of all the fire power available to them, Technician Toyne and the other crew members refused to abandon their destroyer. Since the gun sight had been rendered useless, they completely exposed themselves to enemy artillery and sniper fire and directed the fire of their destroyer upon targets to the immediate front of the infantry. Technician Toyne's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Lisbon, North Dakota.

Sergeant RALPH W. VEALE, 37 151 460, Company B, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Oberhof, France, on 23 November 1944. While in support of an infantry battalion, Sergeant Veale's tank destroyer was hit by enemy artillery and left disabled in a vulnerable position. Realizing that the infantry were in desperate need of all the fire power available to them, Sergeant Veale and the other crew members refused to abandon their destroyer. Since the gun sight had been rendered useless, they completely exposed themselves to enemy artillery and sniper fire and directed the fire of their destroyer upon targets to the immediate front of the infantry. Sergeant Veale's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from King City, Missouri.

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- VII. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-46, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant ROGER R. COX, O 485 182, Company C, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in eastern France on 17 November 1944. During the course of the day numerous enemy counterattacks had been aimed at the First Battalion's position which were under the constant fire of infantry mortars and artillery. Machine-gun and sniper fire were likewise heavy and accurate. After each counterattack, Lieutenant Cox, with indomitable courage, rose from his fox hole on the forward slope of the hill, in full view of enemy observers, to rally and reorganize his men. By so doing, he was instrumental in preventing the enemy from penetrating our lines. On one such occasion, while checking his men, Lieutenant Cox was shot and killed by an enemy sniper. Lieutenant Cox's gallantry and selfless devotion to duty are attributes well worthy of emulation and reflect the finest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret H. Cox, 3405 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-46, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Private ALEX ZERLING, # 002 450, Company F, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Volksberg, France, on 4 December 1944. Private Zerling was the second scout as his platoon moved across open ground with the mission of uncovering dug-in enemy positions. When the first scout was halted by enemy machine-gun fire, Private Zerling worked his way along the flank to within 40 yards of the enemy position and pinned the crew down with continuous fire, thus enabling the first scout to lob in a grenade. The destruction of this emplacement was effected in the face of direct fire from a 20 mm gun. Private Zerling's gallant and courageous action is in keeping with the finest traditions of our fighting men. Next of kin: Mrs. Lona Zerling (Mother), 29 Cannon Street, New York, N. Y.

III. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-46, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Private First Class TONY H. GRIJALVA, 38 439 547, Company E, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in eastern France on 17 November 1944. When his company was held up by heavy enemy machine-gun and small-arms fire coming from a house located in a sunken road directly to his front, Private Grijalva, noting entirely on his own initiative, crawled forward under the withering fire until he reached the house. Then he courageously rushed inside and silenced the machine gun with rifle fire, wounding three of the enemy and capturing nine. By his heroic action under heavy fire and his utter disregard for personal safety, Private Grijalva was responsible for the continuation of the advance of his company. Entered military service from San Sislario, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE O. BURST, 37 497 862, Medical Detachment, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action in eastern France. At about 1900, 3 December 1944, Technician Burst bravely administered aid to severely wounded men while under continuous enemy fire. Two hours later an enemy shell wounded several more men including Technician Burst. Even though he received multiple shrapnel wounds in his left thigh, leg and lower left jaw, Technician

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... the wounded and rendered all the aid possible. He then succeeded in getting them all aboard vehicles while he rode on the running board. The battery commander placed him in the cab of the vehicle. Upon arrival at the aid station, he insisted that all other wounded personnel be cared for before attending to medical attention himself. Technician Harst's noble actions are deserving of the highest standards of gallantry and devotion to duty. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

... the enemy in eastern France on 17 November 1944. When his position was held up by heavy enemy machine-gun and small-arms fire coming from a house located in a shallow road directly to his front, Private McKay, noting the danger to his own initiative, crawled forward under the withering fire until he reached the house. Then he courageously rushed inside and silenced the machine gun with rifle fire, wounding three of the enemy and capturing nine. By his intrepid action under heavy fire and his utter disregard for personal safety, Private McKay was responsible for the continuation of the advance of his company. Entered military service from Prospect, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade FRANK R. SCHUMESMAN, 20 224 447, Medical Detachment, ... Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Andenbach, France, on 4 December 1944. When a direct hit by an enemy shell killed two and wounded seven of our men, Technician Schumelman, who was one of those wounded, administered first aid to the other casualties under a continuous enemy barrage and remained with them until they were evacuated. Despite his wounds, which were serious, Technician Schumelman would not consent to treatment until all the other wounded had been cared for. This noble action and spirit of self-sacrifice are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade CLIFFORD L. VAUGHN, 19 049 834, Medical Detachment, 114th Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Volksberg, France, on 3 December 1944. As Company A, ... Infantry, moved from the woods to attack high open ground, it was subjected to intense artillery, mortar, antitank, 20 mm and small-arms fire, forcing it to withdraw and leave behind several casualties. Technician Vaughn, a medical man, remained under this intense fire and administered aid to two seriously wounded men for approximately an hour and a half after Company A had withdrawn. He then carried one of the men on his back for 300 yards, until they were out of range of the enemy fire, and remained with his patient until enemy riflemen appeared 150 yards away. He then hid the wounded man and withdrew to prevent capture by the enemy. Later, the injured soldier, still alive, was recovered by a patrol. Technician Vaughn's heroic actions, performed under extremely heavy shell fire, concussions from which knocked him off his feet three times, are deserving of the highest praise and exemplify the noblest qualities of our fighting men. Entered military service from Orange Grove, California.

IV. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named officer:

Second Lieutenant IRVIN J. YOUNG, OI 314 991, Company C, ... Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the Les Rimbois Woods Sector on 6 November 1944. Lieutenant Young, while leading a hazardous daylight patrol, moved over open terrain 2700 yards ahead of our lines. Upon encountering a hostile machine-gun emplacement which opened fire on it, the patrol returned the fire and withdrew in another direction. Having completed its mission, the patrol returned over the open terrain, constantly meeting with withering automatic and small-arms fire and with harassing mortar fire. Only four men of this patrol returned, Lieutenant Young having been killed and five reported missing. Lieutenant Young's daring and courage in the face of extreme danger reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mr. George D. Young (Father), 503 Exchange Avenue, Andolett, New York.

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...wounded and rendered all the aid possible. He then succeeded in getting them all aboard vehicles while he rode on the running board until the battery commander placed him in the cab of the vehicle. Upon arrival at the aid station, he insisted that all other wounded personnel be cared for before admitting to medical attention himself. Technician Barst's noble actions are the highest standards of gallantry and devotion to duty. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class ROBERT E. LEMAY, 16 008 816, Company B, 888th Infantry, 2d Infantry Division, 10th Army, 11th Airborne Division. For gallantry in action against the enemy in eastern France on 17 November 1944. When his company was held up by heavy enemy machine-gun and small-arms fire coming from a bunker located in a sunken road directly to his front, Private Lemay, acting on his own initiative, crawled forward under the withering fire until he reached the bunker. Then he courageously rushed inside and silenced the machine gun with rifle fire, wounding three of the enemy and capturing nine. By his intrepid action under heavy fire and his utter disregard for personal safety, Private Lemay was responsible for the continuation of the advance of his company. Entered military service from Prospect, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade FREDERICK R. SCHUENSMAN, 20 224 447, Medical Detachment, 888th Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Schœnbeek, France, on 4 December 1944. When a direct hit by an enemy shell killed four and wounded seven of our men, Technician Schuensman, who was one of those wounded, administered first aid to the other casualties under a continuous enemy barrage and remained with them until they were evacuated. Despite his wounds, which were serious, Technician Schuensman would not consent to treatment until all the other wounded had been cared for. This noble action and spirit of self-sacrifice are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade CLIFFORD L. VAUGHN, 19 049 834, Medical Detachment, 114th Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Volkberg, France, on 3 December 1944. As Company A, 888th Infantry, moved from the woods to attack high open ground, it was subjected to intense artillery, mortar, antitank, 20 mm and small-arms fire, forcing it to withdraw and leave behind several casualties. Technician Vaughn, a medical man, remained under this intense fire and administered aid to two seriously wounded men for approximately an hour and a half after Company A had withdrawn. He then carried one of the men on his back for 300 yards, until they were out of range of the enemy fire, and remained with his patient until enemy riflemen appeared 180 yards away. He then hid the wounded man and withdrew to prevent capture by the enemy. Later, the injured soldier, still alive, was recovered by a patrol. Technician Vaughn's heroic actions, performed under extremely heavy shell fire, concussion from which knocked him off his feet three times, are deserving of the highest praise and exemplify the noblest qualities of our fighting men. Entered military service from Orange Grove, California.

IV. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following-named officer:

Second Lieutenant IRVIN J. YOUNG, 01 314 991, Company C, 888th Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the Les Rembols Woods Sector on 6 November 1944. Lieutenant Young, while leading a hazardous daylight patrol, moved over open terrain 2700 yards ahead of our lines. Upon encountering a hostile machine-gun emplacement which opened fire on it, the patrol returned the fire and withdrew in another direction. Having completed its mission, the patrol returned over the open terrain, constantly meeting with withering automatic and small-arms fire and with harassing mortar fire. Only four men of this patrol returned, Lieutenant Young having been killed and five reported missing. Lieutenant Young's daring and courage in the face of extreme danger reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mr. George D. Young (Father), 503 Exchange Avenue, Sidiott, New York.

VI. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officers:

First Lieutenant **DWAYNE P. CRISY**, OI 015 596, Company G, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy in France during the period 13 July 1944 to 19 November 1944, during which time he served first as platoon leader and later as company commander. Throughout this time Lieutenant Crisy spurred his company forward to victorious achievements by his own example of personal bravery and by his outstanding leadership. On numerous occasions he abandoned disabled tanks to mount others and continue leading the attack. On 19 November 1944, while leading his company on St. George, his tank was hit and commenced to burn. Lieutenant Crisy dismounted and, under extremely heavy small-arms fire, ran to another tank. While preparing to mount, he was hit above the eye. Although in intense pain, he managed to get to the radio, direct his tanks forward, and give instructions for another officer to take over command, before dropping to the ground to receive treatment. Lieutenant Crisy's actions have been a constant source of inspiration to the men of his command. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

First Lieutenant **ANGEL L. McNEELY**, OI 014 583, Company A, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic service in action over the period 10 July 1944 to 1 December 1944 in France. During five continuous months in combat, from La Haye de Puits down the Cotentin Peninsula, across the Seine to Luneville, and now on the current drive, Lieutenant McNeely, as company commander, demonstrated remarkable leadership and heroism in action. He repeatedly climbed out of disabled tanks to mount others and continue to lead his company in attack. Numerous times he reconnoitered on foot under very heavy fire, with utter disregard for his own safety. On one occasion, when his company ran into heavy antitank fire, he rallied and reorganized the remainder of his tanks to hold what ground had been taken. Lieutenant McNeely's courage, calmness and resourcefulness were important factors in inflicting heavy casualties and material damage upon the enemy. Entered military service from Watertown, New York.

VII. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant **LLOYD H. ANDERSON**, OI 298 004, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Sabremail, France, on 14 November 1944. When Lieutenant Anderson was ordered to withdraw his platoon from a particular area, he undertook, entirely on his own initiative, to rescue several casualties of another unit. These men had lain helpless for several days and could not be evacuated because of the intense enemy sniper fire. Lieutenant Anderson organized his platoon into litter teams and transported the wounded under cover of darkness, through a minefield and under heavy artillery fire, without sustaining a single casualty among his own men. Lieutenant Anderson's initiative and resourcefulness, coupled with his excellent leadership and control, materially aided in saving the lives of the wounded and credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wausau, Wisconsin.

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Private **KENNETH J. BECK**, 37 607 825, Company B, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Fort Demancon, France, on 4 November 1944. Private Beck courageously volunteered to lead a group of officers and enlisted men on a hazardous mission of removing casualties from a mine field located close to enemy-held ground. Private Beck's rendition of first aid to these men and his assistance in effecting their evacuation were instrumental in saving their lives. His daring action and devotion to duty reflect great credit on Private Beck and the military service from Washington, Missouri.

Private **WALTER S. BOLEK**, 16 088 892, Company C, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Sabersuil, France, on 18 November 1944. During an advance by his company across open terrain, a sudden heavy concentration of artillery, mortar and small arms fire fell on the leading element causing a number of casualties including Private Bolek. Though seriously wounded, he continued to carry important messages for the company commander, while under fire, until he was evacuated for medical treatment. The outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Private Bolek on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant **GEORGE D. FRANKLIN**, 33 439 485, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Volksberg, France, on 8 December 1944. When one of his comrades was seriously wounded by machine-gun fire, Sergeant Franklin gallantly crawled to his aid across open ground for a distance of 100 yards in the face of enemy mortar and machine-gun fire. After administering first aid, he helped remove the wounded man to safety. This heroic and unselfish action undoubtably saved the man's life and reflects great credit on Sergeant Franklin and the Service. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class **MELVIN W. HUGHES**, 38 724 954, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the attack on Volksberg, France, on 3 December 1944. When Company A's advance was held up by fire from a 50 mm gun, Private Hughes set up a heavy machine gun, dragged it to within point-blank range of the German gun, and drove the enemy from its position. Private Hughes' initiative and courageous action, which made it possible for Company A to advance into the town, reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Sullivan, Indiana.

First Sergeant **PAUL LeGOSE**, 20 229 256, Company I, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy during the night of 21 November 1944. While his company was advancing near Sarrebourg, France, Sergeant LeGose captured a German officer and enlisted men. Upon interrogation, he gathered that a large enemy force might be moving in on the company's flank. Moving out quickly with another soldier to act as security against this probability, Sergeant LeGose intercepted an enemy force of about sixty and opened fire, causing them to disperse and retire. Sergeant LeGose's quick thinking and decisive action averted possible disaster to his company from a surprise attack, and reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Staff Sergeant **JOHN T. MORRISSEY**, 32 262 169, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy on 25 November 1944. During the attack on Sabersuil, France, two men were severely wounded and lay helpless under enemy machine-gun fire. Although his entire platoon had been forced to take cover because of the intense automatic fire, Sergeant Morrissey, with complete disregard for his own safety, left his protected position, rescued the two men and carried them to a safe area where they could be evacuated. Sergeant Morrissey's heroic action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

Lieutenant **ARVID W. O'CONNELL**, 01 278 410, Company I, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 12 November 1944. During this time, Lieutenant O'Connell took command of Company I, * * * Infantry, and successfully led it through battles near Sarrebourg, France. Lieutenant O'Connell was constantly up to the front, directing fire to better effect and coordinating each attack. His leadership and recognition of the company after each objective that he successfully captured is an effective illustration of his own through suffering heavy casualties.

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ualties and loss of key personnel. His successful leadership and disregard of personal safety were a constant inspiration to his men and did much to insure the success of his battalion. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Staff Sergeant HENRY J. BONEY, 32 070 022, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Volksburg, France, on 9 December 1944. When one of his comrades was seriously wounded by machine-gun fire, Sergeant Boney gallantly crawled to his aid across open ground for a distance of 100 yards in the face of enemy mortar and machine-gun fire. After administering first aid, he helped remove the wounded man to safety. This heroic and unselfish action unambiguously saved the man's life and reflects great credit upon Sergeant Boney and the Service. Entered military service from Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade FREDERICK R. SCHUMENMAN, 20 224 447, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. (Then Private First Class) For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Embourgn, France, on 27 October 1944. Upon hearing the cries of wounded men, Technician Schumeman voluntarily left the comparative safety of his fox hole and crawled under heavy artillery and mortar fire to their aid. After administering emergency treatment to two men, he assisted in moving them through the enemy fire to a more sheltered position, from which they could be evacuated. Technician Schumeman's spirit of self-sacrifice and exemplary devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant WILLIS E. STICKNEY, 31 013 724, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 21 November 1944. In the absence of commissioned officers during the attack on Sarrebourg, Sergeant Stickney, as senior uncommissioned officer of Company G, * * * Infantry, assumed command and led his company successfully to its final objective. Through Sergeant Stickney's gallant efforts and superior command ability, his company was held together and was able to carry on under enemy fire with a minimum of casualties. By rising to the occasion at a time of great stress, Sergeant Stickney demonstrated qualities worthy of the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Milford, New Hampshire.

Sergeant CALVIN R. STOUT, 37 469 117, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy on 2 December 1944. In the attack on Rinsburg, France, Company G, * * * Infantry, came under intense 20 mm cannon fire, resulting in a number of casualties. When Sergeant Stout saw that fellow soldiers lay wounded and helpless under direct observation of enemy gunners, he voluntarily left his own protected position, exposed himself to the deadly fire, and helped withdraw two comrades to safety. Sergeant Stout's heroic and unselfish action is in the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Tensleep, Wyoming.

Captain HAROLD B. WILLIAMS, 01 294 401, Company A, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 8 December 1944. During the attack on the strongly fortified town of Enohenberg, France, Captain Williams led his company through intense artillery fire. Under direct observation of a Mark IV tank, he effected the destruction of two machine-gun nests which were holding up the advance of an entire battalion. He then led his men into houses that had been barricaded by the enemy. When the Germans retaliated by throwing grenades, he directed automatic fire at the windows, keeping the enemy down while his men entered the houses and cleared them. Captain Williams' personal courage and superior leadership under heavy fire were an inspiration to his command. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted men:

Private First Class MICHAEL C. GOSKIE, 35 535 551, Company H, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 3 December 1944 in the vicinity of Volksberg, France. Private Goskie was the leader of a heavy machine-gun squad in support of an infantry company when an enemy 20 mm gun subjected the company to heavy and sustained fire. After seeing two of his men hit, Private Goskie proceeded up a hill and crawled to within 50 yards of the enemy position in an effort to locate it. He located the gun, but while returning, he was hit by a 20 mm shell and had to remain where he fell for two hours until he could be recovered. When he was picked up, still conscious, he was able to give the exact location of the enemy gun so that it could be knocked out prior to the advance of his battalion. Private Goskie's outstanding courage and spirit of self-sacrifice exemplify the finest qualities of our fighting men. Next of kin: Mrs. Catherine J. Goskie (Mother), 135 Columbus Avenue, Struthers, Ohio.

Private LEE R. SMITH, 34 770 981, Company G, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of Schalbach, France. Private Smith's platoon was subjected to a frontal attack by six German "Tiger" tanks, two of which were coming directly toward his fox hole. Undaunted by the fire from these "Tigers," Private Smith repeatedly exposed himself in order to fire at accompanying enemy infantry. When one of the tanks was knocked out by our supporting destroyers, a member of the crew advanced throwing grenades at the defending platoon. Private Smith sighted the grenadier and killed him. While holding off this dangerous threat to our troops, Private Smith was mortally wounded by fire from one of the tanks. The indomitable fighting spirit and courageous self-sacrifice of this soldier are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Olivia Smith (Mother), 106 Palmster Street, Statesville, North Carolina.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION: By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following-named officer:

Captain PAUL A. KUNKLE, O 284 585, Headquarters, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in eastern France from 17 November 1944 to 20 November 1944. On many occasions during this period, when communications with higher headquarters had been shot out, Captain Kunkle volunteered to deliver essential information despite difficult terrain, heavy artillery and sniper fire, and the additional hazards involved in by-passing enemy units. On 18 November 1944, he was wounded while leading the attack on Foulerey, France. Refusing medical aid, he insisted on leading his men to capture the town. Captain Kunkle's aggressive spirit, outstanding display of leadership, and fearlessness on the battlefield were an inspiration to the men of his battalion and reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Next of kin: Mrs. M. L. Kunkle (Mother), 2001 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

III. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted man:

Sergeant ARTHUR MYGLAND, 17 050 328, Company C, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action against the enemy. On the night of 21 November

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III. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS: (Continued)

1944, Sergeant Mygland's tank destroyer was supporting a cavalry unit which had entered the town of Lywiller, France. Shortly after he had placed his destroyer in position, Sergeant Mygland observed a two-man enemy patrol entering the town. Opening fire, he wounded one man and took the other prisoner. Later in the night a larger patrol entered the town and overpowered and disarmed a sergeant of the cavalry unit. Sergeant Mygland, observing this from his position in the destroy turret, realized that he could not fire on this patrol without endangering the life of his fellow soldier. Without hesitating, he left his position of safety and crawled to within a few yards of the patrol. Opening fire, he diverted the attention of the enemy group, whereupon their American prisoner succeeded in escaping uninjured. Continuing to fire, Sergeant Mygland wounded one of the enemy but was in turn mortally wounded himself. Sergeant Mygland's courageous regard for the welfare of a fellow soldier, and his heroic self-sacrifice, exemplify the noblest qualities of our fighting men. Next of kin: Mrs. Alma Mygland (Wife), Rugby, North Dakota.

IV. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class IVAN D. CRAWFORD, 35 166 793, Company L, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Weislingen, France on 3 December 1944. When his company was attacked and encircled by the enemy, Private Crawford crawled from his concealed position to the assistance of a wounded comrade in the face of direct fire from the machine guns mounted on an enemy half-track only 100 yards away. This intrepid action, performed at tremendous risk, is worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from New Harmony, Indiana.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM G. DOYLE, 01 307 380, Company G, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Frohmuhl, France, on 2 December 1944. While Company G, * * * Infantry, was advancing on high ground, it was subjected to heavy and sustained 20 mm fire. Five men were wounded, including Lieutenant Doyle, who sustained a severe leg injury. Despite his injury, he unhesitatingly exposed himself by going to the aid of one of the men who lay helpless in the direct line of enemy fire. In the face of the 20 mm gun, he withdrew the injured man to safety. Lieutenant Doyle's intrepid and unselfish action was an inspiration to his men. Entered military service from Burlington, New Jersey.

Private First Class JOHN J. FRANCOEUR, 36 645 425, Company L, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in eastern France on 15 November 1944. The advance of Company L, * * * Infantry, had been temporarily halted by heavy enemy machine-gun fire to its immediate front and by enemy sniper fire from a ridge on the left flank. A volunteer seven-man patrol, of which Private Francoeur was a member, undertook to destroy the enemy position. With the fire of a machine gun directed on the patrol, but covered by the other members of his party, Private Francoeur voluntarily continued forward. During his advance he was exposed to heavy sniper fire, which made his task doubly difficult. Defying these dangers, Private Francoeur moved to within 25 yards of the machine gun nest and tossed in several grenades, killing the crew and destroying the weapon. Private Francoeur's cool courage and tenacity of purpose enabled his company to continue its advance and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Captain ANTHONY M. PICO, 0 346 048, Company L, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in eastern France from 24 October 1944 to 4 December 1944. Throughout this period, Captain Pico distinguished himself by conspicuous leadership, personal bravery and an indomitable fighting spirit, proving a constant source of inspiration to the men of his company. On 17 November 1944, while in command of his own unit and attachments, Captain Pico led an attack on Avricourt, the success of which was largely due to his fearless and inspiring leadership. On two other occasions, when he suffered relatively minor wounds, he refused evacuation and continued to lead his company. On 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Waldhambach, Captain Pico was wounded in the leg by artillery fire. Though hardly able to walk, he refused aid until he made sure that all the other wounded had been treated. Only when relieved of his command did he return to the rear. He then limped unescorted to an aid

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IV. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: (Continued)

station, despite his painful injury, to secure stretcher bearers for his men. Through his selfless actions and his personal fearlessness, Captain Pico has become a legend to the men of his battalion. Entered military service from Belleville, New Jersey.

✓ Private First Class PETER W. REIS, 35 788 941, Company I, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Weisslingen, France on 3 December 1944. When his company was attacked and encircled by the enemy, Private Reis crawled from his concealed position to the assistance of a wounded comrade in the face of direct fire from the machine guns mounted on an enemy half-track only 100 yards away. This intrepid action, performed at tremendous risk, is worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Cincinnati Ohio.

✓ Staff Sergeant EDWARD J. WAGNER, 32 222 963, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in France on 13 November 1944. When he learned that there were many casualties in Leintrey, Sergeant Wagner departed for the town in an ambulance, with full realization of the dangers involved. The roads leading into the town were under heavy artillery fire, and the town itself was still infested with the enemy. Despite this, he proceeded until his ambulance became stuck in the mud. Undaunted, he dismounted, loaded himself with supplies, and continued on foot, defying the heavy enemy machine-gun and artillery fire. Time and again he stopped to administer to the wounded. All this time the shelling increased, but he continued to render aid to every casualty he came upon. In one instance he entered an open field while it was being shelled and evacuated an injured soldier by carrying him on his back. Sergeant Wagner's supreme courage and devotion to duty, despite the hazards involved, exemplify the unselfish creed of the Medical Department soldier which is an inspiration to all fighting men. Entered military service from Staten Island, New York.

V. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted men:

✓ Private First Class DON E. ELLIS, 18 147 882, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Embormonil, France, on 11 November 1944. When a direct hit from enemy 88 mm artillery caused a dug-out containing four men, to cave in, Private Ellis, with complete disregard for his own safety, voluntarily left his foxhole and started to dig out the wounded men. He continued to dig and to assist in the evacuation of these men despite the fact that the position remained under constant shell and mortar fire. This heroic and unselfish deed reflects great credit upon Private Ellis and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mr. Ed Ellis (Father), 315 North 14th Street, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

✓ Private First Class GERALD J. MATSON, 39 043 615, Company F, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 8 December 1944. While his company was making a temporary withdrawal during the fighting for Eschenberg, Private Matson volunteered to remain behind and help evacuate two badly wounded men who were lying in an area subjected to an artillery concentration every fifteen minutes. Private Matson, who had been wounded in the leg earlier in the day, helped one of the men to an aid station, a mile and a half away, over very rugged terrain. Private Matson's unselfish action, under heavy and sustained fire, shows rare courage and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Florence G. Matson (Mother), 3014 - 57th Avenue, Oakland, California.

VI. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

✓ Private First Class MURRY W. WILMOT, 36 575 570, Company F, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Leintrey, France, on the night of 13-14 November 1944. Although his company was being subjected to heavy machine-gun and sniper fire from all sides, with the result that several men were killed and wounded attempting to cross a clearing, Private Wilmot laid and repaired wire across this very clearing in order to reestablish contact with the battalion command post. By his intrepid action and selfless

VI. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION (Continued)

devotion to duty, while being actually fired upon, Private Wilnot successfully maintained the sole means of communication between his company and his battalion. Next of kin: Mrs. Shirley Wilnot (Wife), 12720 Manor Street, Detroit, Michigan.

VII. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Technician Third Grade HENRY C. GUTER, 32 013 078, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in France on 24 and 25 November 1944. While attacking the village of Rauwiller, Company G, * * * Infantry, suffered many casualties. On numerous occasions, Technician Guter, the company aid man, rushed to the aid of his wounded comrades in the face of constant 88 mm fire. Despite the grave danger, he moved about aiding and evacuating casualties. Technician Guter's unselfish actions, without thought for his own safety, are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Roosevelt, New York.

VIII. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant REE C. ABRAHAM, 01 314 575, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 30 November 1944. While receiving orders, prior to the attack on Weisslingen, France, Lieutenant Abraham was wounded in the leg and shoulder by an enemy shell. Disregarding the advice of an aid man that he withdraw and secure treatment, Lieutenant Abraham led his platoon in the capture of Weisslingen and remained with his men during the night. Lieutenant Abraham's courage and fortitude in carrying on the entire day with two untreated shrapnel wounds are deserving of the highest praise and exemplify the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Capac, Michigan.

Sergeant FREDERICK W. ADLER, 36 174 777, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in France on 4 December 1944. While proceeding along the road leading into Diemeringen, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, was heavily shelled by hostile artillery. During the shelling two men were seriously wounded. Sergeant Adler, who was following behind these men, did not seek cover as did others but went to their aid. He remained with them administering aid despite the intense artillery fire, and later directed their evacuation. Sergeant Adler's decisive and unselfish action saved the men from bleeding to death and was an inspiration to his platoon. Entered military service from Ruth, Michigan.

Captain WILLIAM E. BALDWIN JR, 0 469 703, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Leintrey, France, on 13 November 1944. Captain Baldwin volunteered to take an ambulance to Leintrey to evacuate eight wounded men, although he was fully aware that he would thereby expose himself to the very heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire which was falling continuously on the road. He also knew that Leintrey still contained active snipers who fired on everything that moved through the town. With utter disregard for his own safety, Captain Baldwin drove the ambulance to Leintrey and brought the wounded back to safety. Two of these men were in such a serious condition that their timely evacuation undoubtedly saved their lives. Entered military service from Pisgah Forest, North Carolina.

Private First Class JOHN J. BOENZI, 36 735 333, Company C, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Embermenil, France, on 13 November 1944. While Company C was advancing over open terrain, it was subjected to an intense mortar barrage, one burst of which wounded Private Boenzi, a radio operator. Despite his serious wound, Private Boenzi continued to relay important messages, under a hail of enemy fire, until a substitute operator could relieve him. Only then did he allow himself to be treated and evacuated. Private Boenzi's outstanding devotion to duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

VIII. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

✓ Corporal WILBERT M. BREY, 16 048 610, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 13 November 1944. When he had learned there were many casualties in a building in the town of Leintrey, Corporal Brey started out with two litter squads, only to be stopped by artillery and machine-gun fire which covered the approaches to the town. Leading his squad to safety, he proceeded alone into the town and began his search for casualties. He was halted by enemy fire on two occasions, but continued on, even to the extent of entering buildings being fired upon. After locating the wounded, he returned to his squads, led them safely to the casualties and directed their evacuation. Corporal Brey's outstanding devotion to duty in the face of extreme danger is worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Denmark, Wisconsin.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade JACK P. GOODMAN, 35 682 456, Company A, * * * Tank Battalion. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France from 4 December 1944 to 6 December 1944. When the commander of an assault gun became violently ill before an attack, Technician Goodman, a radio electrician, knowing the company needed a tank commander, volunteered to command this gun in the attack. During the next two days, Technician Goodman's leadership and courage contributed greatly to furthering the advance of our troops. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

✓ Technician Third Grade HENRY C. GUTER, 32 013 078, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in France on 13 and 14 November 1944. During an attack on Embermenil, Company G, * * * Infantry, was constantly subjected to heavy artillery and mortar fire, causing many casualties. Technician Guter, the company aid man, on numerous occasions during this period rushed out into the open despite the heavy fire to aid and evacuate wounded men. Technician Guter's unselfish devotion to his fellow soldiers in the face of grave danger was an inspiration to his comrades and is worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Roosevelt, New York.

✓ Technical Sergeant JOHN HEFFERNAN, 20 228 817, Company G, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 24 and 25 November 1944. While defending several buildings with his platoon in the town of Rauwiller during an enemy effort to retake the positions, Sergeant Heffernan went from building to building, exposing himself to the enemy, and encouraged his men to hold out. Next morning, the enemy subjected the buildings to 88 mm fire from tanks and to automatic and small-arms fire from houses which they occupied across the street. Sergeant Heffernan continued to hold the buildings until ordered to withdraw. During the withdrawal, he again displayed great courage and coolness in the face of terrific machine-gun and 88 mm fire, as he led his men 1000 yards south of the town and reorganized his platoon. The inspiring leadership of Sergeant Heffernan reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Belle Rose New York.

✓ Private First Class JAMES A. HORNER, 34 506 779, Med Det, (then AT Co) * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Embermenil, France. On 22 October 1944, Private Horner exposed himself to enemy mortar fire in order to render first aid to a wounded comrade. He remained with this man under continuous fire until medical aid men could effect an evacuation. Again, on 13 November 1944, Private Horner demonstrated his courage and selfless devotion to duty by clearing a minefield in order to place an antitank gun in position. These heroic deeds are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Clarksville, Tennessee.

✓ Private STANLEY S. JEWELL, 32 251 956, Company C, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Volksberg, France, on 3 December 1944. Private Jewell volunteered to return to a rear position in order to secure some badly needed plasma, knowing that he would have to traverse dark wooded terrain which was patrolled by the enemy. The successful accomplishment of this hazardous mission was instrumental in saving the lives of several wounded comrades and reflects great credit on Private Jewell and the Service. Entered military service from Derby, New York.

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VIII. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

✓ First Lieutenant BERTRAM KAUFMAN, OI 014 513, Company B, * * * Tank Battalion. For meritorious service in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in France from 3 July 1944 to 8 December 1944. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Technical Sergeant AUGUST L. KRUEGER, 38 156 817, Company G, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 24 and 25 November 1944. While defending several buildings with his platoon in the town of Rauwiller during an enemy effort to retake the positions, Sergeant Krueger went from building to building, exposing himself to the enemy, and encouraged his men to hold out. Next morning the enemy subjected the buildings to 88 mm fire from tanks and to automatic and small-arms fire from houses which they occupied across the street. Sergeant Krueger continued to hold the building until ordered to withdraw. During the withdrawal, he again displayed great courage and coolness in the face of terrific machine-gun and 88 mm fire, as he led his men 1000 yards south of the town and reorganized his platoon. The inspiring leadership of Sergeant Krueger reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

✓ Staff Sergeant HENRY MANTEL, 32 222 923, Company I, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy near Sarrebourg, France, on 21 November 1944. While his company was advancing on Sarrebourg, Sergeant Mantel assisted in the capture of a German officer and enlisted man. Upon interrogation, he learned that a large force of the enemy might be moving in from the flank. Moving out quickly with another soldier to act as security against this probability, Sergeant Mantel and his comrade intercepted an enemy force of about sixty and opened fire, causing them to disperse. Sergeant Mantel's quick thinking and decisive action prevented possible disaster to his company from a surprise attack and reflect great credit upon himself and our armed forces. Entered military service from Richmond Hill, New York.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade FRANCIS J. MAZUR, 33 501 726, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 17 November 1944. While his battalion was occupying the high ground west of Avricourt, it was subjected to heavy artillery, mortar and sniper fire. When Technician Mazur observed that a fellow soldier had been seriously wounded, he unhesitatingly left his position of comparative safety and proceeded to the injured man. Despite the shelling, he administered first aid and remained with the soldier until he was safely evacuated. Technician Mazur's daring action in the face of extreme danger is worthy of emulation. Entered military service from Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania.

✓ Second Lieutenant LUKE F. LeBLOND, OI 307 429, Company A, * * * Infantry. For meritorious service in action against the enemy at Xouaxanges, France, on 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Sioux City, Iowa.

✓ Sergeant HAROLD H. MEYER, 35 546 838, Headquarters Company, First Battalion * * * Infantry. For meritorious service in action against the enemy at Xouaxange, France, on 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Woodburn, Indiana.

✓ Private First Class ELWIN E. MOSS, 36 576 314, Company I, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Embermenil, France on 13 November 1944. During an attack against entrenched enemy positions, an enemy machine gun seriously wounded one man in the neck. Under the continuing hail of fire, Private Moss left his comparatively safe position, crawled to the wounded man, administered first aid and carried him to safety. Private Moss' heroic action resulted in saving the life of a fallen comrade and reflects the highest credit on himself and the Service. Entered military service from Wyandotte, Michigan.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade RICHARD W. NEVALAINEN, 37 552 047, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Leintrey, France, on 13 November 1944. Technician Nevalainen volunteered to act as guide for an ambulance to Leintrey, although he knew full well that he would thereby expose himself to heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire falling continuously on the road. It was also known that Leintrey still contained active enemy snipers who fired on anything that moved through the town. Without regard for his own personal safety, Technician Nevalainen drove to Leintrey and back, effecting the evacuation of eight casualties, two of whom were so seriously wounded that their timely evacuation was

VIII. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

undoubtedly responsible for saving their lives. Entered military service from Chisholm, Minnesota.

✓ First Sergeant RAYMOND H. PETERS, 20 227 588, Company G, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 24 and 25 November 1944. While defending several buildings with his platoon in the town of Rauwiller during an enemy effort to retake the positions, Sergeant Peters went from building to building, exposing himself to the enemy, and encouraged his men to hold out. Next morning the enemy subjected the buildings to 88 mm fire from tanks and to automatic and small-arms fire from houses which they occupied across the street. Sergeant Peters continued to hold the buildings until ordered to withdraw. During the withdrawal, he again displayed great courage and coolness in the face of terrific machine-gun and 88 mm fire, as he led his men 1000 yards south of the town and reorganized his platoon. The inspiring leadership of Sergeant Peters reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Teaneck, New Jersey.

✓ Private First Class HENRY W. PETTY, 6 939 046, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Embermenil, France. During operations on 13 and 14 November 1944, Private Petty, in the face of constant hostile small arms, mortar and artillery fire, moved across open terrain in full view of the enemy, administered aid to a number of casualties and directed their evacuation. Private Petty's devotion to duty despite great personal danger is worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Waverly, Missouri.

✓ Private JOHN W. PITRE, 36 662 189, Company F, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Enchenberg, France, on 8 December 1944. During a temporary withdrawal in the course of the fierce fighting for this town, Private Pitre discovered that two of his comrades were severely wounded and could not be evacuated without litters. Rather than leave these men where they would have been helpless against any enemy action, he voluntarily remained behind his withdrawing unit and guarded the wounded men until litter bearers arrived. During this time, from 0100 to 0300, he was completely alone, under heavy artillery fire, and subject to action of enemy patrols. Private Pitre's selfless concern for the welfare of his comrades is deserving of the highest praise. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

✓ Second Lieutenant RAYMOND QUINN, 01 307 511, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Foulcrey, France, on 16 November 1944. During the advance on Foulcrey, Lieutenant Quinn, with utter disregard for personal safety, moved over open terrain, in full view of the enemy and while under heavy fire, to establish an 81 mm mortar observation post. He remained at this post despite continuous shelling and lack of covering fire, and directed effective fire of our own which destroyed an enemy machine-gun nest and prevented an infiltration attempt on the right flank. Lieutenant Quinn's devotion to duty, in the face of extreme danger, contributed materially to the success of the attack. Entered military service from the Bronx, New York.

✓ Captain HAROLD A. RUPP, 01 285 122, Company A, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 19 November 1944 in the vicinity of St Georges, France. During a daylight withdrawal under enemy shelling, Captain Rupp exposed himself to direct fire in order to place supporting fire on enemy strong points. By his personal bravery he saved the lives of a number of his men and brought about the surrender of the enemy positions. Entered military service from Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

✓ Sergeant WILLIAM N. RUSSELL, 31 333 565, Company I, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 13 November 1944. During an attack in the vicinity of Embermenil, Sergeant Russell courageously ran to the aid of a wounded soldier while fully exposed to the enemy. Despite the heavy fire, he rendered aid and helped carry the wounded man to safety. Sergeant Russell's courage and spirit of self-sacrifice exemplify the finest traditions of the Medical Department soldier and are worthy of emulation. Entered military service from New Haven, Connecticut.

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VIII. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Sergeant CHARLES L. SMITH, 18 104 925, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Anchenberg, France, on 8 December 1944. During an enemy artillery concentration, a man in Private Smith's company was severely wounded in the leg and was unable to crawl to safety. When Private Smith, who was carrying a machine gun at the time, noticed the wounded man's plight, he carried his gun to a nearby building, handed it over to another soldier dashed out into the open field and, amid the rain of shells, carried the injured man to safety. Private Smith's courageous concern for the welfare of a fellow soldier, even at the risk of his own life, is in keeping with the finest tradition of the military service. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

Captain WENDALL M. SMOOT JR, O 465 272, Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in France from 18 October 1944 to 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Private First Class ROBERT L. TULLY, 35 629 014, Company B, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Volksberg, France, on 3 December 1944. While taking the high ground south of this town, Company B, * * * Infantry, suffered a number of casualties. Private Tully, a member of this company, upon seeing one of his comrades fall, ran 300 yards over terrain which was being subjected to mortar and 20 mm cannon fire, to aid the wounded soldier. Although he was exposed to enemy observation and fire, he lifted his comrade and carried him to safety. Private Tully's courageous deed is worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Farmersville, Ohio.

Private First Class GEORGE WALZ, 32 243 915, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy on 21 November 1944 near Sarrebourg, France. After his radio had been shot off his back, Private Walz crawled to his Battalion Commander, while under direct enemy observation and fire, delivered valuable information and then returned forward to reestablish communications. Private Walz' high devotion to duty merits the greatest praise. Entered military service from Teaneck, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant EUGENE A. WILLIAMSON, 36 807 868, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in France from 24 October 1944 to 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Appleton, Wisconsin.

Corporal ROBERT M. WOOLSEY, 32 061 667, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in France from 24 October 1944 to 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Summit, New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade VICTOR W. WUNDERLICH, 38 416 744, Med Det, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 13 November 1944. During an attack in the vicinity of Embermenil, Technician Wunderlich courageously ran to the aid of a wounded soldier while fully exposed to the enemy. Despite the heavy fire, he rendered aid and helped carry the wounded man to safety. Technician Wunderlich's courage and spirit of self-sacrifice exemplify the finest traditions of the Medical Department soldier and are worthy of emulation. Entered military service from Spring, Texas.

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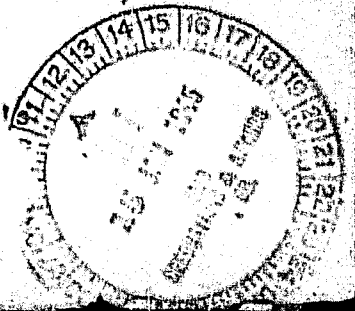
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1. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 46, Headquarters 44th Infantry Division, 25 December 1944, awarding Silver Star Medals to officers and enlisted men, as pertains to Colonel ROBERT R. MARTIN, 015 953, * * * Infantry, is revoked.

2. So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 46, Headquarters 44th Infantry Division, 25 December 1944, awarding Bronze Star Medals to officers and enlisted men, as reads, "Private LEONARD LOERNKOPF, 34 760 958, Company A, * * * Medical Battalion," is amended to read, "Private LEONARD LOWENKOPF, 34 760 958, Company A, * * * Medical Battalion.

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No. 50, Headquarters 44th Infantry Division, 30 December 1944.

First Lieutenant BERTRAM KAUFMAN, O1 014 513, Company B, 749th Tank Battalion. For meritorious service in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in France from 3 July 1944 to 8 December 1944. During a period of 156 days of continuous combat duty as maintenance officer, he has directed repair of tanks under fire and breached mine fields to recover badly needed tanks. By his courage and leadership he has set the example for his men.

Second Lieutenant LUIS F. LeBLOND, O1 307 429, Company A, 71st Infantry. For meritorious service in action against the enemy at Kouaxanges, France, on 20 November 1944. Lieutenant LeBlond secured important information concerning demolitions placed on a bridge and assisted in effecting their removal. This service prevented possible destruction of the bridge which was vital to the movement of the entire division.

Sergeant HAROLD H. MEYER, 35 546 838, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 71st Infantry. For meritorious service in action against the enemy at Kouaxanges, France, on 20 November 1944. Sergeant Meyer was instrumental in securing information concerning demolitions placed on a bridge and assisted in effecting their removal. This service prevented possible destruction of the bridge which was vital to the movement of the entire division.

Captain WENDELL M. SMOOT JR, O 465 272, Battery 3, 217th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in France from 18 October 1944 to 2 December 1944 when he was wounded by shell fragments. During this period Captain Smoot performed the duties of a battery commander in a superior manner. His battery was engaged in continuous combat operations. The welfare of his officers and men, and the efficient functioning of his battery were constantly uppermost in his mind. His devotion to duty was exemplified daily in his close supervision of the operations of his battery and he was indefatigable in his efforts to alleviate the hardships of mud, rain, and cold under which his men worked.

Staff Sergeant EUGENE A. WILLIAMSON, 36 807 868, Cannon Company, 324th Infantry. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in France from 24 October to 12 December 1944. During this period Sergeant Williamson performed the duty of Reconnaissance Sergeant in his company. He has discharged his duties in a superior manner and has always achieved outstanding results. He has been under hostile small arms, mortar and artillery fire on numerous occasions. His efficiency has aided greatly in the accomplishment of his unit's close support mission.

Corporal ROBERT M. WOOLSEY, 32 061 667, Cannon Company, 324th Infantry. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in France from 24 October 1944 to 12 December 1944. During this period Corporal Woolsey has been a member of a forward observation group and has discharged his duties in a superior manner, always achieving outstanding results. He has been under hostile small arms, mortar and artillery fire on numerous occasions and has narrowly escaped death or injury several times. Corporal Woolsey's efficiency has greatly aided in bringing down effective 105 mm howitzer fire on the enemy, resulting in the accomplishment of the close support mission of his unit.

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- I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS.
 - II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.
 - III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
 - IV. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL AND OAK-LEAF CLUSTERS.

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted man:

✓ Staff Sergeant HORACE W. JOHNS JR, 32 061 755, Company C, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Volksberg, France, on 4 December 1944. During his company's attack on a stoutly defended orchard leading into the town of Volksberg, Sergeant Johns, leader of a light machine-gun section, observed that an ammunition bearer lay seriously wounded without cover or concealment. The orchard was the scene of intense fire from both sides. Heavy mortar and 20 mm fire from half-tracks, plus continuous small-arms fire, were falling continuously on the area. Knowing full well the extreme danger involved, Sergeant Johns completely disregarded his own safety and rushed out to rescue his injured comrade. While attempting to aid the wounded man, Sergeant Johns was struck fatally by enemy fire. His gallant and unselfish action was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Jeanie G. Johns (Mother), 89 Hillside Avenue, Chatham, New Jersey.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

✓ T. Sgt. LEO J. WROBLEWSKI, 32 012 658, (then Sgt) Company K, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in Rauwiller, France, on 26 October 1944. Acting entirely on his own initiative, Sergeant Wroblewski assumed command of his company in the absence of its officers during an attack on the town of Rauwiller. The company was located in four houses in the southeast end of town, the only section not in enemy hands. When the enemy subjected these positions to heavy tank and automatic fire from a distance of only 100 yards, Sergeant Wroblewski ran from house to house, averting confusion, and established a strong defense which prevented the enemy from overwhelming the company. Sergeant Wroblewski's superior leadership, courage and fighting spirit reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

✓ Private First Class TONY CIAMPI, 36 644 368, Company C, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy on 13 November 1944 during the attack on Embermenil, France. While proceeding across an exposed hill to deliver an important message, Private Ciampi was seriously wounded in the legs by mortar fire. Despite his wounds and the heavy mortar fire, he continued on his mission and delivered the message. Private Ciampi's spirit of self-sacrifice and exemplary devotion to duty are worthy of emulation. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant JACKSON W. ELLIS, 38 432 454, (then Pfc) Company L, * * * Inf. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Weisslinger, France, on 3 December 1944. When his platoon was surrounded by four enemy half-tracks which attacked it firing assault cannons, machine guns, and 20 mm guns, Sergeant Ellis, together with three comrades, decided to search for friendly tank destroyers known to be somewhere in the nearby town. He undertook this extremely hazardous mission knowing that all routes of escape were covered and that enemy patrols were active throughout the area. He crossed an open field 300 yards wide in spite of being fired upon by enemy machine guns and finally managed to reach his objective. As a result of his intrepid action, the enemy force was repelled.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

and a squad of our men, who had been trapped in a building, were saved. Sergeant Ellis' initiative and resourcefulness reflect great credit upon himself and the Service. Entered military service from Blooming Grove, Texas.

Private RALEPH C. EVERETT, 35 032 588, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Weisslingen, France, on 3 December 1944. Acting as a route marker, Private Everett was posted at a railroad underpass which was being subjected to enemy interdiction fire. He maintained his post in the face of imminent peril until several men who had been hit were evacuated and until all batteries were guided through the underpass. Private Everett's personal courage and exemplary devotion to duty are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Michigan City, Indiana.

First Lieutenant HERBERT FERREIRA, OI 302 621, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 4 December 1944. During the attack on Volksberg, when a man in his company was hit by a 20 mm shell and unable to crawl to safety, Lieutenant Ferreira ran over 75 yards into an open field exposed to the deadly 20 mm fire and carried the wounded man out of danger. Lieutenant Ferreira's courage and spirit of self-sacrifice are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Sanford, North Carolina.

Captain MARTIN L. LOOBY, O 374 395, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 21 November 1944. In the attack on Sarrebourg, Captain Looby, while assisting the commander, demonstrated conspicuous bravery and leadership with utter disregard for his own life. Exposing himself to direct enemy fire, he established vital communications, brought up supporting weapons, and was instrumental in saving the lives of several men who had been pinned down by enemy fire. Captain Looby's daring and initiative were an inspiration to his men and are in keeping with the best traditions of the military service. Entered military service from East Orange, New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH L. LYNTON, 38 048 260, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry Division. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 14 December 1944. During an intense shelling of the farm buildings in which Technician Lynton and the crew of two tanks were seeking shelter, fragments from a direct hit seriously wounded one of the tank men. Disregarding his own safety, Technician Lynton left his protected position, ran across the open courtyard to find the aid station, and guided a medical aid man to the wounded soldier. Upon learning that a litter would be needed, Technician Lynton again exposed himself to the continuous shelling and secured the litter, after which he aided in carrying the wounded man to safety. Technician Lynton's coolness and courage under fire are in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Marlin, Texas.

Sergeant ROBERT R. MILLER, 33 618 734, (then Pfc) Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Weisslingen, France, on 3 December 1944. When his platoon was surrounded by four enemy half-tracks which attacked firing assault cannons, machine guns and 20 mm guns, Sergeant Miller, together with three comrades, decided to search for friendly tank destroyers known to be somewhere in the nearby town. He undertook this extremely hazardous mission knowing that all routes of escape were covered and that enemy patrols were active throughout the area. He crossed an open field 300 yards wide in spite of being fired upon by enemy machine guns and finally managed to reach his objective. As a result of his intrepid action, the enemy force was repelled and a squad of our men, who had been trapped in a building, were saved. Sergeant Miller's initiative and resourcefulness reflect great credit upon himself and the Service. Entered military service from Reading, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOHN L. REED JR, 36 576 614, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Weisslingen, France, on 3 December 1944. When his platoon was surrounded by four enemy half-tracks which attacked firing assault cannons, machine guns and 20 mm guns, Private Reed, together with three comrades, decided to search for friendly tank destroyers known to be somewhere in the nearby town. He undertook this extremely hazardous mission knowing that all routes of escape were covered and that enemy patrols were active throughout the area. He crossed an open field 300 yards wide in spite of being fired upon by enemy machine guns and finally managed to reach

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

his objective. As a result of his intrepid action, the enemy force was repelled and a squad of our men, who had been trapped in a building, were saved. Private Reed's initiative and resourcefulness reflect great credit upon himself and the Service. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

First Lieutenant LEROY N. RHOTEN, OI 174 689, Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Volksberg, France, on 4 December 1944. When Company B, * * * Infantry was subjected to heavy enemy 20 mm and sniper fire from the front and the left flank, Lieutenant Rhoten, an artillery forward observer, crawled ahead with his radio in the full face of the hostile fire and directed accurate artillery fire on the half-tracked 20 mm guns. Lieutenant Rhoten's daring and skill were instrumental in forcing the enemy to abandon his position and reflect great credit upon himself and the Service. Entered military service from Fort Collins, Colorado.

Private LEWIS STEVENS JR, 35 603 003, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Weisslingen, France, on 3 December 1944. When his platoon was surrounded by four enemy half-tracks which attacked firing assault cannons, machine guns and 20 mm guns, Private Stevens, together with three comrades, decided to search for friendly tank destroyers known to be somewhere in the nearby town. He undertook this extremely hazardous mission knowing that all routes of escape were covered and that enemy patrols were active throughout the area. Private Stevens crossed an open field 300 yards wide in spite of being fired upon by enemy machine guns and finally managed to reach his objective. As a result of his intrepid action, the enemy force was repelled and a squad of our men, who had been trapped in a building, were saved. Private Stevens' initiative and resourcefulness reflect great credit upon himself and the Service. Entered military service from Byasville, Ohio.

Captain EUCLID K. WILLIS, O 452 312, Service Company, * * * Tank Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 15 October 1944. Captain Willis directed his maintenance platoon in retrieving eight tanks that were mired in a swamp. The position was beyond our front lines and, although partially screened from observation by trees it was subjected to enemy artillery and rocket fire which were directed at the sounds of the tank engines. Occasional machine-gun and rifle fire were also laid on the position. The successful accomplishment of this highly important and dangerous mission was due largely to Captain Willis' inspiring leadership and the example which he set for his men.

IV. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL AND OAK-LEAF CLUSTERS:

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight is awarded to the following-named officers:

Second Lieutenant FITTS B. DICKENS, OI 183 271, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 21 October 1944 to 17 December 1944, in eastern France. Entered military service from Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Second Lieutenant VIRGIL A. SCHWARZ, OI 180 840, Service Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 22 October 1944 to 8 December 1944, in eastern France. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight is awarded to the following-named officers:

First Lieutenant BERNARD F. HEANEY, OI 181 626, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 13 November 1944 to 16 December 1944, in eastern France. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Second Lieutenant THOMAS H. RAUCH, O 528 829, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 14 November 1944 to 8 December 1944, in eastern France. Entered military service from Villanova, Pennsylvania.

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IV. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL AND OAK-LEAF CLUSTERS: (Continued)

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the ~~Second and Third~~ bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal are awarded to the following-named officers:

✓ Captain KARL A. SALS KOV, O 421 952, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 14 September 1944 to 15 December 1944, in eastern France. (Sevanty (70) sorties) Entered military service from Idaho.

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- I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART, POSTHUMOUS.
II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).
III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.
IV. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS.

I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART, POSTHUMOUS: Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded posthumously to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Private JOLE D. OSTRANDER, 32 852 139, Company I, 71st Infantry, France, 1 November 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Sarah Ostrander (Mother), RD #2, Schoharie, New York.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER): Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

71st Infantry

First Lieutenant CLARENCE E. BAKER, 01 298 168, (then Second Lieutenant) Company K, France, 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM O. GIBSON, 19 060 878, Company K, France, 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Collins, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant ERNEST HOLCSLAW JR, 35 092 391, (then Corporal) Antitank Company, France, 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Hammond, Indiana.

Private First Class HARRY E. CULLEN, 33 617 104, Company C, France, 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Shenandoah Heights, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class FREDERICK E. LEWIS, 35 602 299, Company F, France, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

Private ELMER V. KOGER, 38 131 285, Company K, France, 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Welch, Oklahoma.

Private FRANK G. MUELLER JR, 33 883 057, Company E, France, 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Sergeant SAM BUFALINI, 33 437 933, Company H, France, 19 December 1944. Entered military service from Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant JOHN A. CHYBION, 32 040 210, Company C, France, 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Amsterdam, New York.

Private First Class ROBERT L. CHURCH, 34 895 483, Company K, France, 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Idlewood, North Carolina.

Private First Class FRANK L. FELDT JR, 37 661 990, Company H, France, 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Clinton, Iowa.

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Technician Fifth Grade JAMES E. MCKIMM, 32 163 589, Medical Detachment, France, 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Port Richmond, New York.

Private First Class FRANK J. ROBOTTI, 32 244 687, Company A, France, 23 December 1944. Entered military service from West New York, New Jersey.

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

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III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (Continued)
71st Infantry

Major EDWARD BUSCHKAMPER, O 383 326, Headquarters, Third Battalion, France, 20 December 1944. Entered military service from White Plains, New York.

Second Lieutenant MALCOLM W. AALHÖLM, O1 062 110, Company G, France, 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Flemington, New Jersey.

Second Lieutenant GEORGE C. ANDRIAN, O1 323 654, Company L, France, 18 December 1944. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

First Lieutenant CLARENCE E. BAKER, O1 298 168, (then Second Lieutenant) Company K, France, 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Second Lieutenant RICHARD J. SCHIFF, O1 057 873, Company E, France, 18 December 1944. Entered military service from Highland Park, Illinois.

Second Lieutenant ROBERT L. WAGNER, O1 324 682, Company K, France, 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Kirkwood, Missouri.

First Sergeant LOUIS LENZ, 20 299 780, Company H, France, 18 December 1944. Entered military service from Patchogue, Long Island, New York.

Technical Sergeant JAMES A. BENNETT, 33 437 785, Company I, France, 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Mount Morris, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant ANTHONY DE MARINIS, 20 229 805, Company D, France, 18 December 1944. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Staff Sergeant TONY J. ANTANAITIS, 32 224 048, Company K, France, 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES R. BRENNEMAN, 33 501 914, Company H, France, 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Red Lion, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant SAMUEL HAIDUC, 35 603 075, Company C, France, 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Massillon, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM G. LANE JR, 33 573 505, Company I, France, 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Hustontown, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant WALTER A. MEROOK, 33 617 243, Company K, 20 December 1944. Entered military service from New Boston, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant JOHN L. SULLIVAN, 31 045 186, Company M, France, 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Lowell, Massachusetts.

Sergeant CALVIN H. FARTHING, 33 535 544, Company F, France, 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Danville, Virginia.

Sergeant OSCAR H. MORRIS, 34 723 730, Company M, France, 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Atwood, Tennessee.

Sergeant ERNEST A. BRUDERHAUSEN, 32 000 856, (then Corporal) Company H, France, 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Yonkers, New York.

Corporal JOHN H. DOWD JR, 11 079 305, Headquarters Company, France, 15 December 1944. Entered military service from West Hartford, Connecticut.

Corporal NED B. KING, 35 621 786, Company H, France, 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade ERNEST O. CLARI, 36 454 296, Medical Detachment, France, 19 December 1944. Entered military service from Lansing, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade THOMAS E. KENNEDY, 35 048 819, Headquarters Co, 3d Battalion, France, 12 December 1944. Entered military service from East Cleveland, Ohio.

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III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (Continued)

71st Infantry

Technician Fifth Grade KENNETH E. GARINGER, 3 627 512, Headquarters Company Third Battalion, France, 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Washington, Ohio.

Private First Class THOMAS L. ARNOLD, 17 039 046, Medical Detachment, France, 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Benton, Missouri.

Private First Class JOSEPH BOBYACK, 36 975 042, Company L, France, 19 December 1944. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class ALOYS F. FILLA, 37 602 763, Company G, France, 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Washington, Missouri.

Private First Class HENRY L. GIBSON, 39 329 644, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, France, 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Sergeant EARL S. HODGES, 34 130 485, (then Private First Class) Company B, France, 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Bogus Chitto, Mississippi.

Private First Class PAUL HRYNEWICH JR, 33 436 031, Company G, France, 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class LYLE E. HULBERT, 36 237 014, Company F, France, 19 December 1944. Entered military service from Barron, Wisconsin.

Private First Class EARL H. KING, 16 024 725, Medical Detachment, France, 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Escanaba, Michigan.

Private First Class JOE LUNA, 39 553 816, Antitank Company, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class NEVIN A. MILLER, 33 486 836, Company H, France, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Bachtelsville, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class CHARLES F. MOTT JR, 32 131 661, Company M, France, 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

Private First Class DONALD W. PALAY, 36 297 450, Company H, France, 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

Private First Class JASPER R. ROACH, 38 371 767, Company I, France, 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Lorraine, Texas.

Private First Class JOSEPH D. ROBEL, 33 617 043, Medical Detachment, France, 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ROMAN SAKOWSKI, 36 802 690, Company L, France, 19 December 1944. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class GEDIE J. SASSER, 34 796 133, Company M, France, 21 December 1944. Entered military service from West Palm Beach, Florida.

Private First Class HARLAN M. SEVERSON, 37 568 519, Company F, France, 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Madison, South Dakota.

Private First Class DALE W. SIMMERMAN, 16 039 100, Company E, France, 18 December 1944. Entered military service from New Baltimore, Michigan.

Private First Class JOHN H. TAYLOR, 34 505 647, Company C, France, 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Archville, Tennessee.

Private First Class FRED O. WILLIAMS, 33 437 968, Company C, France, 14 November 1944. Entered military service from Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

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III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (Continued)

71st Infantry

Private RAYMOND BILLIPS, 36 986 921, Company E, France, 18 December 1944.
Entered military service from Lansing, Michigan.

Private GEORGE W. DANIELS, 42 114 646, Company E, France, 13 December 1944.
Entered military service from Troy, New York.

Private THOMAS J. ESTLING, 56 295 532, Headquarters Company, France, 20
November 1944. Entered military service from Siperior, Wisconsin.

Private JAMES E. FITZGERALD, 37 563 681, Company H, France, 23 December
1944. Entered military service from Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Private PAUL H. FRY, 35 454 865, Company B, France, 26 December 1944.
Entered military service from Newport, Kentucky.

Private LLOYD H. GARRETT, 32 945 873, Company L, France, 13 December 1944.
Entered military service from Watervliet, New York.

Private MILLER R. HUNTER, 38 696 416, Company L, France, 13 December 1944.
Entered military service from Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Private JAY L. KENDALL, 42 018 893, Medical Detachment, France, 20 December
1944. Entered military service from Rahway, New Jersey.

Private ROBERT L. RICHEY, 34 865 125, Company L, France, 19 December 1944.
Entered military service from McCormick, South Dakota.

Private MAC M. SCHARF, 42 064 014, Company D, France, 13 December 1944.
Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private RUSSELL N. SHERBA, 33 883 275, Company E, France, 19 December 1944.
Entered military service from Dormont, Pennsylvania.

Private IRVING J. THIBAULT, 33 890 272, Company I, France, 19 December
1944. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Private ORVILLE D. TRUDO, 37 671 550, Company F, France, 19 December 1944.
Entered military service from Waterloo, Iowa.

Private WILLIAM E. WOODRUFF, 35 088 022, Company L, France, 13 December
1944. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

114th Infantry

Captain FRANCIS E. MITCHELL, O 376 535, Company K, France, 18 December
1944. Entered military service from Hornell, New York.

First Lieutenant KENWOOD J. NELSON, O1 307 061, Headquarters Company,
First Battalion, France, 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Los
Angeles, California.

Technical Sergeant SPUD A. BELLUCCI, 33 735 593, Company K, France, 18
December 1944. Entered military service from Mount Union, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant MERLE D. H. CRANE, 32 027 225, Company C, France, 14 December
1944. Entered military service from Corning, New York.

Staff Sergeant MAYNARD W. McDONNELL, 17 085 340, Company M, France, 18
December 1944. Entered military service from Montrose, South Dakota.

Sergeant JAMES E. BRAEGGER, 39 922 482, Company B, France, 16 December
1944. Entered military service from Villard, Utah.

Sergeant HERBERT D. LUIS, 39 547 084, Company F, France, 23 December 1944.
Entered military service from Hollywood, California.

Sergeant ALFRED A. PFEFFERKORN, 35 546 371, Company C, France, 20 December
1944. Entered military service from Ashley, Indiana.

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (Continued)

114th Infantry

Private First Class ISRAEL I. BERNSTEIN, 52 258 845, Company C, France, 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class LAWRENCE J. BROWN, 33 534 588, Company C, France, 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Huddleston, Virginia.

Private First Class HARRY L. DAFFIN JR, 33 559 156, Company A, France, 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Private First Class CHARLES M. GORMAN JR, 14 200 977, Company M, France, 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

Private First Class GEORGE R. KARCHER, 36 643 842, Company B, France, 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Dahlgren, Illinois.

Private First Class BENJAMIN LISOWSKI, 33 458 161, Company E, France, 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Larksville, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class HARVEY N. MYERS, 34 760 226, Company B, France, 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Lithonia, Georgia.

Private First Class ERIC G. PETERSON, 31 391 153, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, France, 18 December 1944. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

Private First Class WILLIAM G. SNODGRASS JR, 35 229 817, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, France, 18 December 1944. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Ohio.

Private CHARLIE J. HARRIS, 39 584 566, Company C, France, 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Lowell, Arizona.

Private ROBERT R. RAMSEY, 33 822 672, Company H, France, 19 December 1944. Entered military service from Buena Vista, Virginia.

Private WILLIAM H. WEST, 35 243 147, Company L, 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Muncie, Indiana.

Private DONZA WOOD, 34 867 160, Company C, France, 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Four Oaks, North Carolina.

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Captain DELBERT O. BARRY, 01 302 563, Company E, France, 19 December 1944. Entered military service from Aberdeen, Washington.

Second Lieutenant ERICK M. BRICKSON, 01 316 715, Company D, France, 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Milona, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant LAWRENCE F. BRADBURY, 0 463 296, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Challis, Idaho.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD J. BONITT, 32 243 232, Company E, France, 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Woodbine, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant RALPH E. HILL, 35 749 672, Company K, France, 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Morgantown, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant RALPH G. McCLURE, 35 039 418, Company G, France, 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Charleston, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant ALLEN P. SHELTON, 38 432 571, Company E, France, 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Gatesville, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT E. O'NEILL, 35 724 991, Company E, France, 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Worthington, Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade LOWELL G. WIKOFF, 39 302 422, Medical Detachment, France, 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Salem, Oregon.

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III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (Continued)

324th Infantry

Private First Class LAWRENCE A. GREPPLE, 38 381 485, Company I, France, 19 December 1944. Entered military service from Lafitte, Louisiana.

Private First Class WILLIAM L. DEAN, 15 132 475, Company B, France, 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class PAUL A. GARD, 37 622 842, Company L, France, 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Cylinder, Iowa.

Private First Class NORMAN L. NOACK, 35 834 062, Company L, France, 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Private First Class MEYER SONKEN, 42 127 871, Company C, France, 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Staten Island, New York.

Private WILLIAM H. BETTERS, 37 097 824, Cannon Company, France, 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Blue Earth, Minnesota.

Private CHESTER G. COTTELL, 32 061 306, Company D, France, 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Rutherford, New Jersey.

Private MICHAEL J. DI GIOIA, 33 074 486, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, France, 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

Private WILMER H. FRANCE, 33 559 505, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion France, 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

156th Field Artillery Battalion

First Lieutenant ROGER H. PELLETIER, 01 174 675, Service Battery, France, 19 December 1944. Entered military service from Methuen, Massachusetts.

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Captain SAMUEL LAMANNA, 01 101 537, Company G, France, 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Priest River, Idaho.

Technician Fifth Grade CONRAD H. DEERHAKE, 36 447 370, Company A, France, 26 December 1944. Entered military service from Germantown, Illinois.

119th Medical Battalion

Private JOHN W. McKASKLE, 6 268 663, Company B, France, 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Stanton, Texas.

IV. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS: So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 45, this Headquarters, 24 December 1944, awarding Purple Heart to officers and enlisted men, as pertains to Private First Class KENNETH HADLEY, 36 696 585, Company B, 63d Engineer Combat Battalion, is rescinded.

By command of Brigadier General

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 4

AGO 44, U. S. Army
16 January 1945.

- I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS.
- II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.
- III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- IV. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL.

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted men:

Private First Class LLOYD A. BROGGINI, 35 067 387, Company G, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Enchenberg, France, on 7 December 1944. Private Broggini was a member of a party sent forward to secure a house on the eastern edge of Enchenberg. When the leader of the party and two other men were trapped in the house, Private Broggini took up the fire-fight in an attempt to rescue the others. Despite intense enemy fire from machine guns and snipers, Private Broggini exposed himself repeatedly in order to fire at the enemy positions. His heroic effort was cut short by a sniper's bullet which killed him instantly. Private Broggini's heroic actions in the face of heavy enemy fire exemplify the finest qualities of our fighting men. Next of kin: Mrs. Grace Broggini (Mother), R D #1, Copley, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade PAUL E. POZAR, 35 534 741, Medical Detachment, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 14 December 1944. Disregarding warnings from his comrades that the position was under direct fire from an enemy pillbox, Technician Pozar went forward to aid a severely wounded man. As he approached the injured soldier he was killed by enemy machine-gun fire. Technician Pozar's audacious action and his willing self sacrifice so inspired the wounded man that, by exerting every bit of his remaining strength, he managed to drag himself to protective covering. Technician Pozar's display of courage and his profound devotion to duty exemplify the unselfish creed of the Medical Department soldier and are worthy of emulation. Next of kin: Mrs Sarah Pozar (Mother), 1087 East 185th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class EDWARD J. SCHRAGEL, 15 323 642, Company E, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Embarmes, France, on 15 November 1944. Private Schragel was the first scout as his platoon came upon an enemy dugout which offered stiff resistance and threatened the battalion's advance. Advancing fearlessly, Private Schragel attacked the dugout with rifle fire and hand grenades forcing out ten enemy soldiers, all of whom surrendered. While standing in front of the dugout calling for the surrender of the occupants, Private Schragel was treacherously killed by one of the emerging enemy. Private Schragel's daring action and his unswerving devotion to duty are worthy of the highest praise and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mr. Mike Schragel (Father), 543 Covington Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade DONALD A. BOSS, 37 420 403, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Volksberg, France, on 3 December 1944. While attacking south of the town, Company E was subjected to severe 20 mm enemy fire which inflicted a number of casualties. In the face of this direct fire, Technician Boss, an aid man, went to the aid of a wounded soldier who lay helpless in an exposed position. Even though he was wounded while helping this casualty, Technician Boss continued with his work until it was completed. He then returned to his assigned area and assisted another wounded soldier. Technician Boss' courage and devotion to duty are worthy of the highest praise and reflect great credit on himself and the Service. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: (Continued)

Sergeant DANIEL BRINDUSE, 35 092 507, Company E, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Embermenil, France, on 16 November 1944. As the first platoon of Company E was digging in after spearheading an attack, a heavy enemy artillery barrage fell in the area, inflicting 8 casualties. When he realized that there were not sufficient medical personnel to care for and evacuate those men, Sergeant Brinduse, although badly wounded himself, assisted in the evacuation of the others. He doggedly continued to act as a litter bearer until his wounds necessitated his own evacuation. Sergeant Brinduse's pluck and unselfishness were an inspiration to his comrades and exemplify the noblest qualities of our fighting men. Entered military service from Anderson, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant SAM C. GIGLIO, 38 160 493, Service Company, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in Rochicourt, France. On 19 November 1944, a 2½ ton truck, loaded to capacity with 105 mm, 75 mm, and small-arms ammunition, was parked bumper to bumper with another 2½ ton truck loaded with approximately 2000 gallons of gasoline. When the enemy began to shell the area, a direct hit was scored on the ammunition truck setting it on fire, and shrapnel punctured several gasoline cans in the adjoining vehicle spraying gasoline around the area. With the ammunition truck burning, shells exploding, shell casings flying in all directions, and the entire area under artillery fire, Sergeant Giglio ran out of his sheltered position and moved the gasoline truck, as well as other nearby trucks, to a safe area. He then returned and put out fires around a battalion ammunition and supply depot. The cool courage and fearlessness displayed by Sergeant Giglio on this occasion resulted in saving valuable government equipment for further use against the enemy and merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Beaumont, Texas.

Sergeant PETER NORRITO, 36 576 461, (then Private First Class) Company M, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action at Weisslinger, France, on 2 December 1944. During a fire-fight of small arms and automatic weapons in the midst of an enemy counterattack, Sergeant Norrito investigated a barn which he discovered held 13 enemy soldiers armed with one machine pistol and three machine guns besides their individual weapons. Alone, and armed only with a .45 caliber pistol, Sergeant Norrito boldly demanded their surrender. He succeeded in capturing the entire 13 with their equipment and arms. Sergeant Norrito's forthright and courageous action in capturing such a superior force reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM N. RUSSELL, 31 333 565, Company I, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in eastern France on 15 December 1944. Sergeant Russell, while acting as a patrol leader, advanced alone on an enemy machine-gun nest firing his weapon on the position and enabling his men to seek cover. He meanwhile directed 81 mm mortar fire on the enemy and succeeded in destroying the emplacement. Sergeant Russell then advanced under fire to two abandoned enemy machine guns located about 75 yards in front of the enemy lines and, unassisted, dragged both guns back to our own lines where they were later directed against the enemy. By his fearless actions and quick thinking, Sergeant Russell succeeded in eliminating three enemy machine guns which were in the path of advance of his unit, thereby reducing considerably the possibility of casualties among his comrades. Entered military service from New Haven, Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK F. SCHWARTZ JR, 12 051 520, Service Company, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in Rochicourt, France. On 19 November 1944, a 2½ ton truck, loaded to capacity with 105 mm, 75 mm, and small-arms ammunition, was parked bumper to bumper with another 2½ ton truck loaded with approximately 2000 gallons of gasoline. When the enemy began to shell the area, a direct hit was scored on the ammunition truck setting it on fire, and shrapnel punctured several gasoline cans in the adjoining vehicle spraying gasoline around the area. With the ammunition truck burning, shells exploding, shell casings flying in all directions, and the entire area under artillery fire, Technician Schwartz ran out of his sheltered position and moved the gasoline truck, as well as other nearby trucks, to a safe area. He then returned and put out fires around a battalion ammunition and supply depot. The cool courage and fearlessness displayed by Technician Schwartz on this occasion resulted in saving valuable government equipment for further use against the enemy and merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: (Continued)

Private First Class ROBERT E. STARRS, 39 139 012, Company E, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in eastern France on 15 November 1944. During a flanking attack against dug-in enemy positions, Private Starrs' company was held up by a strongly defended dugout. He promptly attacked this strong point singlehandedly, firing his rifle and throwing grenades until he was wounded. Despite his wound, he continued to fire on the enemy until the ten occupants of the position surrendered. Private Starrs' courage, aggressive fighting spirit and fidelity to duty are deserving of the highest praise and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Redwood City, California.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Captain WILLIAM E. COLE JR, O 396 979, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic and meritorious service in action against the enemy from 24 October 1944 to 4 December 1944. During this period he continually and personally supervised the employment of heavy weapons in his battalion and continually sought to improve and perfect all weapons installations. Displaying exceptional qualities of leadership and professional knowledge, Captain Cole constantly exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in order to render effective, close support of the attacking echelons. On 4 December 1944, on an inspection of a weapons position, Captain Cole was wounded. His untiring and consistently effective efforts were of invaluable assistance to his battalion and an inspiration to all who witnessed his splendid deeds. Entered military service from New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Private First Class NORMAN R. GILINO, 12 113 990, Company M, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 5 December 1944. During the attack on Volksberg, a fellow soldier was severely wounded by a shell fragment during an artillery barrage and lay exposed on open ground. Since no aid was immediately available, Private Gilino crawled from his position while the barrage was still falling and traversed the open ground to the injured soldier. He then administered first aid and helped evacuate the man. Private Gilino's spirit of self-sacrifice and courage under fire are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Union City, New Jersey.

Private First Class JAMES P. HEID, 20 227 000, * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 17 November 1944. Private Heid was a .50 caliber machine gunner in the first of two quarter-ton vehicles which entered the town of Meussy on a reconnaissance mission. After these two vehicles were driven about 100 yards into the town, they were completely surrounded by German soldiers who had climbed from ditches on each side of the road. Private Heid was the first to sight the enemy and swung his machine gun into action, forcing the enemy to the ground. Later, when his vehicle became stuck in a ditch, Private Heid again directed effective fire against the enemy, offering protection to a fellow soldier who towed the car back to the road. By his quick thinking and decisive action in spotting and firing upon the enemy, Private Heid played no small part in enabling both vehicles to withdraw without casualties and return with valuable information. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

Staff Sergeant DANIEL B. HINES, 32 244 213, Company M, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 5 December 1944. During the attack on Volksberg, a fellow soldier was severely wounded by a shell fragment during an artillery barrage and lay exposed on open ground. Since no aid was immediately available, Sergeant Hines crawled from his position while the barrage was still falling and traversed the open ground to the injured soldier. He then administered first aid and helped evacuate the man. Sergeant Hines' spirit of self-sacrifice and courage under fire are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Private First Class FRANK J. HOJNOWSKI, 33 463 922, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Embermenil, France, on 15 November 1944. While attacking through the woods east of this town, Private Hojnowski was wounded along with several other men by the first burst of an artillery barrage. Without pausing to determine the extent of his own injury and disregarding the continuing barrage, he rendered aid to two other men before having his own wound treated. Private Hojnowski's heroic action under the most trying circumstances is most laudable and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Corporal JACK L. NEALE, 34 722 639, * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 17 November 1944. As his reconnaissance platoon approached Moussey, troops were observed in the town; but because of the approaching darkness it could not be determined whether they were friendly or enemy. Corporal Neale unhesitatingly accompanied the lead vehicle in driving into town to obtain definite information. When they were 100 yards within Moussey, German soldiers surrounded them. Opening fire and keeping the enemy well pinned down, Corporal Neale began to withdraw when he noticed the other vehicle stuck in a ditch. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he stopped his own car, attached a rope to the other vehicle and towed it safely from under the enemy's eyes. Corporal Neale's daring and decisive action is worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Technician Fourth Grade GUY L. PHILLIPS, 35 713 597, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Hansmannhof, France, on 30 November 1944. When his company came under severe mortar fire, several men were wounded so badly that they lay helpless and exposed to the continuing fire. Technician Phillips did not wait for the fire to lift, but moved boldly out of his sheltered position, administered aid to the wounded while the barrage was still falling, and directed their evacuation. Technician Phillips' courageous and unselfish action is deserving of the highest praise. Entered military service from Canal Winchester, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT E. SCHLIESMAN, 35 092 655, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy east of Embermenil, France, on 20 December 1944. While Company F was in a wooded area, it came under a heavy enemy artillery barrage, which caused numerous tree-bursts, inflicting a number of casualties. Technician Schliesman, a medical aid man attached to another company, moved from his own area through the continuing fire to aid the wounded of Company F. He ministered to all the wounded and directed their evacuation. Technician Schliesman's courage and devotion to duty under heavy enemy fire saved the wounded men from serious suffering and are deserving of the greatest praise. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Amended to Read SLC to BS Medal. BY GO-107 29 Jan. 1945.
Major RAYMOND L. SHOEMAKER JR, 022 978, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in France from 27 October 1944 to 27 November 1944.

Sergeant WILLIAM J. TAY, 36 023 463, * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 17 November 1944. Sergeant Tay was leading the advance of his reconnaissance platoon when they approached Moussey and observed troops within the town. Because of the approaching darkness it could not be determined whether they were friendly or enemy; whereupon, Sergeant Tay and two other men, unhesitatingly drove into the town in two quarter-ton vehicles. Moving cautiously, they reached a point about 100 yards within the town when German soldiers started coming upon them from ditches on all sides. Remaining calm, Sergeant Tay reported this to his platoon leader by radio and immediately ordered a withdrawal while keeping the enemy well pinned down with steady and accurate fire. Throughout this tense situation, Sergeant Tay displayed amazing coolness and perfect control, and succeeded in withdrawing his vehicles against superior odds. Entered military service from Bloomington, Illinois.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Technician Fourth Grade LUTHER B. TUNNEY, 35 128 681, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy at Weisslingen, France, on 1 December 1944. During a strong enemy counterattack, Technician Tunney, a radio operator, acting entirely on his own initiative, took up a salvaged automatic rifle and provided sufficient fire to secure the battalion command post until the remainder of the guard could be set up. Later, he initiated a base of fire in a flanking action, inflicted many casualties on the enemy and aided considerably in repelling the attack. By his alertness, initiative and skill, Technician Tunney reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant HENRY E. WELCH, 17 142 573, (then Sergeant) Company B, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy on 8 December 1944. During the furious attack on Enochenberg, France, Sergeant Welch was assistant leader of the squad that took the first house in the town. When an enemy tank opened fire on the house severely wounding the squad leader and another soldier, Sergeant Welch immediately took command and rendered first aid to the wounded. He then organized the remainder of the squad and removed the casualties from the house under heavy tank fire in an orderly and efficient manner. Sergeant Welch's skillful leadership and coolness under fire are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.


Corporal RUSSELL C. WHISTLER, 35 580 453, Company B, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic and meritorious service in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in France from 30 September 1944 to 30 November 1944. As liaison corporal during this period, Corporal Whistler displayed great courage and resourcefulness in maintaining contact between Company B and his Regimental Headquarters. At times he had to travel under heavy artillery concentrations although other vehicles stopped and the occupants sought cover. On several occasions he led gasoline and ammunition trucks through unmarked enemy mine fields. By his determination and courage, Corporal Whistler has set a worthy example and has brought great credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Winchester, Indiana.

IV. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight is awarded to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant ROBERT H. DEFOSSET, O1 177 765, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 12 November 1944 to 17 December 1944. Entered military service from San Luis Obispo, California.

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Citation for Meritorious Service for Major Raymond Shoemaker, Jr.,
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Major RAYMOND L. SHOEMAKER JR. O22 978, *****Field Artillery Battalion.
For meritorious service in action against the enemy in France from 27 October
1944 to 27 November 1944. During this period, Major Shoemaker, as commanding
officer of the *****Field Artillery Battalion, supervised the movements of his
battalion into difficult areas, rapidly and promptly, and in a superior manner.
His individual efforts to keep abreast of the tactical situation and to reconnoiter
position areas and routes was outstanding. He frequently moved under intense
enemy mortar and artillery fire to check observation, thereby contributing materially
to the artillery support rendered the infantry.

HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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- I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS
- II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION.
- III. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following-named officers and enlisted men.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH H FEICHT, 32 223 568, Company I, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in eastern France on 13 December 1944. Prior to his company's attack on the strongly fortified area of Freudenberg Farm, Sergeant Feicht reconnoitered the routes for the attack and returned with exact information of five concrete casements in the company's path. The company attacked the enemy positions with Sergeant Feicht's squad leading. So well did he plan and coordinate his mission that he was largely responsible for his company's success despite the superior enemy force and their intense small-arms and 88 mm fire. While leading his men, Sergeant Feicht was fatally wounded. His daring reconnaissance, skillful leadership and personal bravery are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Catherine Feicht (Mother), 1327 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Second Lieutenant JAMES H HEARN, OI 314 473, Company B, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in eastern France. On 4 December 1944, prior to the attack on Volksberg, Lieutenant Hearn led a five-man reconnaissance patrol into the town and captured ten enemy prisoners who furnished valuable information. He returned to the town later at the head of his platoon, which was the forward element of the attacking battalion, leading his men in furious rifle and automatic weapons fighting. While moving from house to house in the town, Lieutenant Hearn was killed by sniper fire. His vigorous and courageous leadership were instrumental in driving the enemy back and enabled his company to gain a strong foothold in the town. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Edith W Hearn (Wife), 1422 Toberman Street, Los Angeles, California.

First Lieutenant CECIL C HUNT JR, O 470 664, Company B, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in eastern France on 13 December 1944. Lieutenant Hunt was given the hazardous mission of reconnoitering the area around Fort Simserhoff and cutting its protective wiring. In addition to the successful accomplishment of his mission, Lieutenant Hunt proceeded to the Fort and climbed upon it, making a close study of its turrets and the type of weapons likely to be encountered. The information thus obtained proved to be invaluable. Lieutenant Hunt's intrepidity, initiative, thoroughness, and superb devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of our Armed Forces. Next of kin: Mrs. Anne B. Hunt (Wife), Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant PHILIP POTASH, 32 001 939, Company F, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Schalbach, France on 25 November 1944. When the enemy launched a strong tank-infantry attack overrunning our positions and inflicting severe casualties. Sergeant Potash reorganized his squad and placed them in previously prepared positions. Then he directed the defensive fight against superior enemy forces and armor. Even though he was seriously wounded, he coordinated his automatic weapons and rocket launchers effectively. His activity and aggressiveness were so conspicuous that enemy tanks singled him out and wounded him fatally. Sergeant Potash's outstanding leadership, magnificent courage and exemplary conduct are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Dorothy Potash (Wife), 32 East 96th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Captain JAMES F REDFORD, O 404 940, Company B, * * * Tank Battalion. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Maierhoff, France, on 11 December 1944. During an attack by German Mark VI's, Captain Redford, a tank commander, realized that his tank would have small chance of judging the distance of the enemy in the smoky atmosphere; whereupon he fearlessly climbed

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS: (Continued)

to the deck of his tank to direct the fire of his gunners. After successfully directing crippling fire on two of the enemy tanks, a third appeared and opened fire. The first shot scored a direct hit on his tank and wounded him fatally. Captain Redford's superb courage and indomitable fighting spirit are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Next of kin: Mrs. June Brooks Redford, Lordsburg, New Mexico.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

Sergeant LOUIS G. BARRY, 16 113 148, Company B, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in eastern France on 26 November 1944. Sergeant Barry was a member of a platoon which was setting up an outpost in the vicinity of Kirrberg, France, in anticipation of an enemy panzer attack, when a hostile patrol was seen attempting to infiltrate on the right flank. Turning the platoon over to Sergeant Barry, the platoon leader set out with a few men to ambush the enemy patrol from a barn close to the German position. Observing this, however, the enemy cut off the platoon leader and opened machine-gun fire on Sergeant Barry's position. When he realized the danger which beset the small force of his comrades in the barn, Sergeant Barry disregarded the machine-gun fire and attempted to rout the patrol by advancing and throwing grenades. Though wounded, he continued to advance and kept the enemy from closing in on the barn. This action lasted about 45 minutes until Sergeant Barry noticed a column of friendly armored troops approaching the area. Disregarding the fire-fight with the patrol, he rose to his feet and signalled the friendly column until he attracted their attention. The armored troops thereupon closed in on the enemy, silenced their machine gun and routed them. Sergeant Barry's aggressive fighting spirit, alertness and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Leona Barry (Mother), 295 South Saginaw Street, Pontiac, Michigan.

First Lieutenant HARRY V. DUNCAN, JR., 01 177 377, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 24 November 1944. When the enemy counterattacked in the vicinity of Rauwiller, France, Lieutenant Duncan, acting as a liaison officer with an infantry battalion, was in the attic of a building in which the battalion command post was located. The building was eventually surrounded and enemy tanks were brought up to bring direct fire on the house. Up to this time, Lieutenant Duncan kept directing artillery fire on the attacking forces and, having the only means of communication at the time, had called upon regimental headquarters to send up tank destroyers. Lieutenant Duncan refused to take advantage of an opportunity to escape but went to the basement of the house to lead the remaining members of his liaison party and the personnel of the command post in a determined effort to fight and hold off the enemy force. As a result of this action, Lieutenant Duncan has been reported missing in action. His aggressiveness and his spirit of willing sacrifice against insurmountable odds are in keeping with the very finest traditions of the Military Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Cora M. Duncan (Wife), 220 Bay Avenue, Highlands, New Jersey.

III. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant HERBERT E. CARLSON, 01 307 193, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 19 December 1944. After the capture of the town of Hottviller, France, Lieutenant Carlson took charge of a patrol which pushed well ahead of the front lines in order to gather information preparatory to another attack. The group came under heavy enemy machine-gun and small-arms fire, one man being killed and four wounded, including Lieutenant Carlson. In spite of his wound, he directed the withdrawal of the patrol and evacuation of the wounded. He was the last to be evacuated, remaining exposed for several hours. Notwithstanding his wound, he brought back accurate information of all enemy positions observed, which aided materially in subsequent operations. Lieutenant Carlson's heroic actions and disregard for personal welfare are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

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Technician Fifth Grade BERT DeRODES, 35 603 234, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in eastern France on 17 November 1944. Throughout the entire day while Company A was engaged in a struggle for the high ground around Avricourt, Technician DeRodes rendered first aid to the wounded under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small-arms fire. When he was picked up the next morning by a medical vehicle, he was suffering from a case of frostbite which was so severe that evacuation to a hospital was necessary. Technician DeRodes' exemplary devotion to duty, remarkable courage and fortitude are worthy of the highest praise and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Wooster, Ohio.

Sergeant WILLIAM J. ERICKSON, 16 115 864, (then Private First Class) Company F, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Freudenberg Farm, France, on 13 December 1944. When one of his comrades was hit by automatic fire, Sergeant Erickson voluntarily left his covered position in a pillbox and exposed himself to observed hostile fire in order to aid the injured man. Working on his knees under fire, he succeeded in getting the casualty to a position where medical aid could be administered. Sergeant Erickson's heroic and unselfish action reflects great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from Superior, Wisconsin.

Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM H. FOWLER, O 270 339, (then Major) Sq, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in eastern France from 19 November 1944 to 22 November 1944. As Commanding Officer, First Battalion, * * * Infantry, Colc H Fowler personally led his organization in a series of attacks from east of Le Remabois Woods all the way to Sarrebourg. His intrepid and active personal participation in every action under heavy fire inspired his men to carry on in the face of all obstacles and to successfully take each objective. In one instance, on the outskirts of Sarrebourg, Colonel Fowler was moving with the lead company when they were halted by the intensity of the enemy fire. Such was the extent of this fire that the packs and rations were being shot off the backs of the men. Continuing to control the battalion by radio, Colonel Fowler worked his way back to the company immediately behind and led a flanking action which broke up the resistance and permitted the battalion to take its objective. The dauntless leadership, fighting spirit and personal bravery displayed by Colonel Fowler are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Tiernan, Oregon.

Private First Class GUILLERMO S. FRIAS, 38 439 362, Company D, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in eastern France on 8 December 1944. During the furious attack on Enchenberg, Private Frias was moving forward with the tripod of a heavy machine gun under a heavy artillery barrage when he was hit in the knee by shrapnel about two hundred yards from the edge of the village where the machine gun was to be set up. Realizing his squad would be unable to mount the machine gun without the tripod, Private Frias, disregarding his own injury, painfully dragged himself two hundred yards to the new position where he was relieved and given first aid. Private Frias' courage in the face of extreme pain and heavy artillery fire reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade HAROLD G. FRIDDELL, 35 446 627, (then Corporal) Battery A, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 18 November 1944. During an attack on enemy positions at Fort Legeret, Maginot Line, Technician Friddell was forward with an artillery observer in a pillbox 150 yards from the German lines. On several occasions, when the heavy enemy mortar barrage had cut the telephone wires, Technician Friddell voluntarily left his protected position and repaired the line. Although enemy mortar and small-arms fire struck close by, he maintained communications throughout the day, enabling the observer to adjust artillery fire in close support of the attack. During the same attack, Technician Friddell located an enemy machine-gun nest which was directing flanking fire on our troops. Borrowing an infantryman's rifle, he fired on the machine gun and successfully silenced it by his accurate fire. He then fired on enemy riflemen in fox holes forcing them to keep down, thus affording cover for our advancing infantry. Technician Friddell's personal bravery, aggressive fighting spirit and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of our fighting men. Entered military service from Findlay, Ohio.

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III. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: (Continued)

First Lieutenant WILLIAM S. HENDERSON, O 460 781, Company L, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in eastern France on 6 December 1944. After reaching high ground north of Montbronn, Lieutenant Henderson's platoon was subjected to 20 mm cannon and machine-gun fire from three armored vehicles and approximately thirty men. Ignoring the danger to himself at the head of his platoon, Lieutenant Henderson skillfully moved his men into firing positions and directed mortar and artillery fire upon the enemy armored vehicles and personnel. During the time he was adjusting this fire, enemy shells and bullets aimed at him were landing so close that he was showered with mud and fragments. His actions caused the enemy to suffer many casualties and forced their withdrawal, securing the high ground overlooking the town for our forces. Lieutenant Henderson's fearlessness and outstanding leadership under fire reflect great credit on himself and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Marshfield, Oregon.

Private First Class HAROLD D. MCGRAW, 17 143 530, Company M, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in eastern France on 5 December 1944. During the attack on Volksberg, the Third Battalion came under an intense artillery barrage, as a result of which Private McGraw was wounded in the back by a piece of shrapnel. After being hit, he discovered that a sergeant of his company lay wounded and unattended within the enemy artillery concentration area. With no thought for his own safety, and disregarding his own injury, Private McGraw crawled forward under artillery fire, a distance of over 100 yards, administered first aid and removed the sergeant to a place of safety. Private McGraw's courage and spirit of self-sacrifice exemplify the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Cogswell, North Dakota.

Technician Fourth Grade STEVEN G. MAYOSKI, 32 168 407, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bermenil, France, on 14 November 1944. Without waiting for a heavy enemy mortar barrage to lift, Technician Mayoski rendered first aid to casualties in the full face of the hostile concentration. On another occasion when his company was forced to withdraw because of intense enemy crossfire, he remained in the open with the wounded until darkness fell. He then crawled back to our lines and supervised their evacuation. Technician Mayoski's valor and unselfish devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Clifton, New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade WILFRID H. PARADIS, 11 040 627, (then Private First Class) Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 19 November 1944 in eastern France. When an officer was hit in the leg, Technician Paradis, a medical man, went to his aid while in plain view of a sniper. While he was administering treatment, mortar fire fell so close that both men were covered with dirt. Disregarding the advice of the wounded officer that he seek cover, and unperturbed by the imminent danger from bursting mortars and the presence of a deadly sniper, Technician Paradis continued calmly with his treatment of the wound. This heroic and unselfish action reflects great credit on Technician Paradis and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Manchester, New Hampshire.

First Lieutenant DALE D. PARISH, OI 305 631, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 November 1944 in the vicinity of Veho, France. Lieutenant Parish organized and led a litter team to the aid of two noncommissioned officers of his company who were injured by antipersonnel mines. With utter disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant Parish guided the litter team during darkness over a half-mile route which led to within 100 yards of known enemy positions, passing directly through a belt of antitank and antipersonnel mines which ended in the midst of a field of "S" mines. Lieutenant Parish's extreme bravery in leading the litter group and his unflinching consideration for his men in allowing no obstacle to stand in the way of getting to their aid, resulted in the successful evacuation of the casualties and the saving of one man's life. Entered military service from Burley, Idaho.

AWARD OF MILITARY MERIT (Continued)

Lieutenant Colonel CHARLES P. RAIN, O 255 263, Infantry. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 7 December 1944. In the attack on the strongly fortified town of Euchenberg, Colonel Rain, Executive Officer, * * * Infantry Regiment, displayed outstanding leadership and exemplary courage when he accompanied the leading platoon of one of the assault companies through a continuous barrage of heavy artillery and mortar fire in its advance upon the town. His sound tactical advice and designation of targets contributed greatly toward its capture. Colonel Rain's alertness under fire and his profound devotion to duty merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Salem, New Jersey.

Captain DONALD G. RIEBEN, OI 736 023, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 12 December 1944. During an enemy panzer attack in the vicinity of Malahoff, Captain Rieben made three trips on foot past a burning and exploding tank to render aid to five seriously wounded men and to supervise their evacuation. The emergency treatment and rapid evacuation made possible only by Captain Rieben's courageous and selfless action under constant mortar and artillery fire, were undoubtedly responsible for saving the lives of at least two of the casualties. Entered military service from Tulare, California.

First Sergeant LEON M. SCHIENDELMAN, 20 226 670, Company L, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 6 December 1944. After two platoons of Company L had secured a foothold in the town of Montbronn, Sergeant Schiendelman, having lost his platoon leader, voluntarily led his platoon through the uncleared portion of the town to meet a counterattack which he had observed approaching from the exposed flank. Upon reaching the high ground, the platoon was subjected to intense 20 mm automatic and small-arms fire. Without hesitation, Sergeant Schiendelman moved to an exposed position and directed antitank grenades and BAR fire on three enemy armored vehicles and approximately thirty personnel 300 yards to his front. Although the enemy fire was falling within inches of him, he remained in an exposed position and relayed mortar and artillery adjustments which caused the enemy to suffer heavy casualties and withdraw. Sergeant Schiendelman's daring, initiative, and skillful leadership reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Private First Class HOWARD P. TORP, 36 644 330, Company L, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 1 December 1944 during the attack on Weislingen, France. When his company's advance was halted by the fire of a 37 mm gun and a machine gun which were mounted on an enemy scout car, Private Torp undertook, entirely on his own initiative and at great personal risk, to eliminate this obstacle. He crawled around the left of his company through the heavy enemy fire to a position that would enable him to fire on the flank of the hostile vehicle. In the meantime, two more enemy scout cars moved up to support the first. Undeterred by this additional hazard, Private Torp succeeded in knocking out two of the vehicles with antitank grenades. Private Torp's initiative, intrepidity and fighting spirit reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES M. WELCH, 36 447 930, (then Private) Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 November 1944 in the vicinity of Embermenil, France. Technician Welch accompanied a night patrol with the mission of blowing up a German pillbox. When the patrol was discovered and subjected to machine-gun fire which wounded one man, Technician Welch remained with him while the remainder of the patrol withdrew. When the wounded man regained consciousness several hours later, Technician Welch managed to carry and drag him back to our own lines, a distance of over 500 yards. This daring and unselfish action reflects great credit on Technician Welch and the Service. Entered military service from Bureau, Illinois.

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- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS.
- II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION.
- III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- IV. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- V. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL AND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted man:

* Private ARVIN J. RISTOW, 36 807 850, Military Police Platoon, * * * Infantry Division. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 24 October 1944 to 20 November 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruth F. Ristow, (Wife) 510 West College Avenue, Appleton, Wisconsin.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Private First Class MARION STUCKEY, 14 200 551, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 13 December 1944. After capturing a fortified position with the rest of his platoon, Private Stuckey voluntarily left his covered position on three different occasions in order to assist medical aid men in carrying wounded men to safety. Private Stuckey's heroic and unselfish actions contributed largely to the saving of the lives of three men and are worthy of the highest praise. Next of kin: Mrs. Gussie Stuckey, (Mother) Route 2, Bishopville, South Carolina.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

* Private First Class HERMAN A. BINDER, 39 573 301, Battery A, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 24 October 1944 to 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Captain HOWARD A. BLAZAR, O 438 860, (then First Lieutenant) Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Embermenil, France, on 23 October 1944. When his battalion suffered many casualties in its first day of combat, Captain Blazar promptly and efficiently organized the treatment and evacuation of the wounded. At a time when so many individuals were unduly excited, he not only supervised calmly the evacuation of the wounded of his own battalion, but those of another battalion as well. Captain Blazar's sound decisions, coolness, and stability won the complete confidence and admiration of his medical personnel and of his Battalion and Regimental staff officers. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

Private First Class JOHN C. BRADFORD, 16 120 682, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 1 December 1944. Just prior to our assault on the town of Weislingen, our forward elements were subjected to an artillery barrage which wounded the artillery radio operator. Private Bradford was operating a SCR 300 radio nearby. As the barrage continued, two of Private Bradford's comrades were knocked out by concussion and the rifle which was held in Private Bradford's hands was wrecked beyond repair. In spite of the deadliness of this barrage which was directed right on his position, Private Bradford remained steadfastly by his radio and continued sending messages to the Battalion Liaison Officer. Private Bradford's courage and unflinching devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Dixon, Illinois.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Second Lieutenant HERMAN L. ERAKS, 01 320 095, Military Police Platoon, * * * Infantry Division. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 24 October 1944 to 28 December 1944. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM C. CRANE, 38 399 701, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry Division. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 12 December 1944. During an attack supported by armor in the vicinity of Maierhoff, enemy artillery scored a direct hit on one of our tank destroyers, severely wounding one of the crew. Although the heavy enemy shelling continued unabated, Sergeant Crane, without regard for his own safety, immediately made his way to the tank, over a distance of about 75 yards, and with the assistance of another soldier pulled the wounded man from the tank, carried him to a nearby building and rendered first aid. By his prompt and courageous action Sergeant Crane reflects great credit upon himself and the Medical Department of our Armed Forces. Entered military service from Fairview, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH CRYSTAL, 36 036 061, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 24 October 1944 to 21 December 1944. Sergeant Crystal's conspicuous heroism and coolness under fire have been a constant source of inspiration to his men. His steadying influence and skillful deployment helped his men immeasurably in withstanding their first enemy attack east of Ambermenil. In the battle for Avricourt, his accurate fire directions, which were given calmly and coolly at the most critical times and under intense fire, caused many casualties to be inflicted upon the enemy. In the battle northeast of Waldhambach, he manned a heavy machine gun and wiped out an enemy machine-gun nest, killing six of its crew. Sergeant Crystal's intrepidity and fighting spirit reflect great credit upon himself and the Service. Entered military service from East St. Louis, Illinois.

Sergeant GUIDO J. DALESANDRO, 32 067 179, Battery A, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 24 October 1944 to 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant ROY H. DE MARS, 37 550 543, (then Sergeant) Company I, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 19 December 1944. During a patrol action against the enemy in the vicinity of Hottviller, Sergeant DeMars and his patrol were pinned down under intense machine-gun and small-arms fire. Three men were wounded so badly they could not withdraw. Sergeant DeMars, concerned only for the welfare of his men, directed the withdrawal of the remainder of the squad while he remained in the exposed position and directed mortar fire on the enemy emplacements. This completed, he voluntarily remained behind and guarded the three wounded men until darkness when letters could be brought to them. Sergeant DeMars's courageous actions resulted in the destruction of enemy machine-gun positions and greatly facilitated the treatment and evacuation of his wounded comrades. Entered military service from Columbia Heights, Minnesota.

Technician-Fifth Grade RICHARD C. DRAKE, 16 114 672, (then Private First Class) Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 2 December 1944. While approaching the town of Waldhambach, Company F, * * * Infantry, was subjected to machine-gun cross fire and a mortar barrage of such intensity that the entire company with the exception of four men were forced to withdraw about 400 yards. In the face of this withering fire, Technician Drake, a company aid man, crawled to within 75 yards of the enemy positions and gave aid to a wounded comrade and helped him crawl about 50 yards to a nearby trench. Technician Drake's remarkable courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Technician Fifth Grade HOWARD P. GOODMAN, 12 156 695, (then Private) Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 5 December 1944. When Company L, * * * Infantry was engaged in a prolonged fire-fight with an enemy force which was supported by a tank, Technician Goodman, the company aid man, treated numerous casualties with complete indifference toward the hostile fire to which he was constantly subjected. In addition to his valorous service, Technician Goodman helped organize litter teams from a neighboring battalion for the evacuation of the wounded in his unit. Technician Goodman's exemplary courage and profound devotion to duty reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Technical Sergeant CHARLES H. HARRAN, 32 013 238, (then Sergeant) Cannon Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Holbach, France, on 14 December 1944, while acting as a forward observer for the Cannon Company, Sergeant Harran selected and occupied an observation post located 300 yards in front of our own lines. He held his position though subjected to heavy artillery and mortar fire, and effectively directed our own 105 mm cannon and 8 inch guns against enemy personnel. His steadfastness and courage, without regard for the danger involved, is worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Middle Village, New York.

Staff Sergeant DONALD B. HARRIS, 35 749 530, (then Sergeant) Company A, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy at Holbach, France, on 14 December 1944. When his unit was subjected to a heavy concentration of artillery fire causing it to dig in, Sergeant Harris reconnoitered the area on his own initiative in the full face of the enemy fire and selected an observation post location. This post was used by the Battalion Commander for two days until it was discovered by the enemy and bracketed with mortar fire. Instead of abandoning the equipment and destroying the radio as planned, Sergeant Harris again demonstrated his resourceful and exemplary devotion to duty by removing his personal equipment and rifle, and picking up and carrying the radio to a safe location. Entered military service from Alderson, West Virginia.

* Technician Fourth Grade HARRY F. HAYWOOD, 38 342 522, (then Private) Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For meritorious service in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in eastern France from 23 October 1944 to 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Plains, Texas.

First Lieutenant HUGH E. HOUSTON, 01 293 956, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 22 November 1944. When his company's advance was brought to a halt by an intense concentration of enemy tank and automatic weapons fire, Lieutenant Houston personally led a three man patrol across open ground through a hail of bullets to buildings located within 25 yards of the enemy positions. He then directed the fire of a BAR upon the enemy which killed three Germans and caused the others to withdraw. This decisive action severed a road junction and bridge, and enabled our forces to capture Eschbourg. Lieutenant Houston's initiative, intrepidity and prowess reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kalispell, Montana.

Sergeant PAUL V. McBRIDE, 36 663 541, (then Private First Class) Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Waldhambach, France, on 2 December 1944. When the officer in charge of the forward observer party was wounded, Sergeant McBride took over the party and carried on in a superior manner. Although he had little previous training in conduct of fire, he did an outstanding job in finding and marking adjustments on artillery targets. Sergeant McBride's technical ability, initiative and leadership are a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

* First Lieutenant JOSEPH L. MATSON, 01 174 639, Battery A, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 24 October 1944 to 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Mount Pleasant, Utah.

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III AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

First Lieutenant DONALD L. MOON, O1 307 056, Company A, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in South Xanges, France, on 20 November 1944. Under cover of darkness, Lieutenant Moon led a small force of men on a mission to secure a vital bridge over the Merne Canal. After getting his men into position, he became engaged in a fire-fight with the enemy, in the course of which he encountered a German officer, sergeant, and private, and killed all three. Then, leading his men to defeat the enemy force, he secured the bridge, thus enabling large forces of our troops to cross and hasten the capture of Sarrebourg. Lieutenant Moon's personal bravery and skillful leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mason City, Iowa.

Sergeant EDWARD W. MOSS; 36 576 325, Company D, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France. During darkness on 3 December 1944, Sergeant Moss discovered a seriously wounded soldier and carried him approximately 100 yards until he was too exhausted to continue farther. Placing the injured man under cover, he went in search of aid men and returned with medical personnel who evacuated the casualty. Sergeant Moss' unselfish concern for the welfare of a fellow soldier is deserving of the greatest praise. Entered military service from Wyandotte, Michigan.

Private First Class IRVEN D. MYERS, 36 574-354, Btry C, * * * Field Artillery Bn. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Embarmenil, France, from 2 November 1944 to 4 November 1944. As a member of an artillery forward observer party, Private Myers fearlessly moved under heavy artillery and mortar fire both night and day, at a time when the infantry were unable to advance, to establish and maintain lines of communication to the artillery. By his courageous actions, Private Myers helped make possible the effective support of the infantry, enabling them to proceed to their objective. Entered military service from South Bend, Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade THOMAS F. PHILBEN, 37 564 968, Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy near Embarmenil, France, from 2 November 1944 to 4 November 1944. As a member of an artillery forward observer party, Technician Philben fearlessly moved under heavy artillery and mortar fire, at a time when the infantry were unable to advance, and maintained constant radio communications with the artillery. Technician Philben's courageous actions helped make possible the effective support of the infantry, enabling them to proceed to their objective. Entered military service from St Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class LEO H. SHEETZ, 35 092 065, Military Police Platoon, * * * Infantry Division. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 24 October 1944 to 28 December 1944. Entered military service from Logansport, Indiana.

Major JAMES H. THOMPSON, O 355 015, Military Police Platoon, * * * Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in eastern France from 17 October 1944 to 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Brookings, South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES O. WADE, 33 559 080, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Waldhambach, France, on 5 December 1944. When enemy troops attacked his company's position, Sergeant Wade led his depleted squad in a flanking movement against the numerically superior enemy force in the face of hostile artillery fire. Although slightly wounded in this action, he continued with his mission and succeeded in driving the enemy toward the body of his company, resulting in the rout of the enemy force and the capture of twenty prisoners. Sergeant Wade's superior leadership and aggressiveness are worthy of the greatest praise. Entered military service from Cumberland, Maryland.

IV. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

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

Staff Sergeant DONALD B. HARRIS, 35 749 530, (then Sergeant) Company A, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy at Holbach, France, on 15 December 1944. Sergeant Harris volunteered to lead a night patrol with the mission of determining the extent of wire obstacles which protected a fortified area. The information which he secured was so accurate and so thorough that all obstacles were removed by the engineers without difficulty and the advance of our battalion the next morning was expedited considerably. Sergeant Harris' initiative and willingness to perform services which are not a part of his duties reflect great credit upon himself and merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Alderson, West Virginia.

V. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL AND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER:

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight is awarded to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant GEORGE R. TEAGUE, O1 168 944, Headquarters Battery, * * * Division Artillery, from 22 October 1944 to 30 December 1944, in eastern France. Entered military service from Montgomery, Alabama.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight is awarded to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant HAROLD R. MARTIN, O 405 436, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 November 1944 to 15 December 1944, in eastern France. Entered military service from Maryville, Missouri.

By command of Brigadier General DEAN:

GEORGE E. MARTIN
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief of Staff

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Private Arvin J. Ristow, 36807850, 44th Military Police Platoon. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in ^{eastern} France from 24 October to 20 November 1944. During this period, Private Ristow, as a driver in the MP platoon, worked willingly and without thought for his own comfort and safety. His duties not only required him to drive officers and men of the platoon, but also took him on independent missions over unmarked roads which were frequently unswept for enemy mines and were often subjected to enemy artillery and small-arms fire. On 20 November 1944, while engaged in a road reconnaissance, Private Ristow was caught in a crossfire of enemy machine guns and was mortally wounded. His cheerful, willing and intelligent performance of difficult and dangerous tasks and his devotion to duty have been an inspiration to his comrades. Next of Kin: (see orders)

Bronze Star Medals:

Private First Class Herman A. Binder Jr., 39579301, Battery A, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 24 October to 22 December 1944. As a forward observer radio operator during this period, Private Binder, by his devotion to duty, coolness under fire, and technical skill rendered valuable communications facilities available to the forward observer, enabling him to direct effective fire against the enemy.

Second Lieutenant Herman L. Brake, 01320095, Military Police Platoon, 44th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 24 October to 28 December 1944. During this period, Lieutenant Brake, as Traffic Section Officer, worked willingly and without thought for his own comfort or safety over long periods of time. Lieutenant Brake's duties took him on independent missions over unmarked roads which were frequently unswept for enemy mines and were often subjected to enemy artillery and small-arms fire. Lieutenant Brake's cheerful, willing and intelligent performance of difficult and dangerous tasks and his devotion to duty have been an inspiration to his comrades.

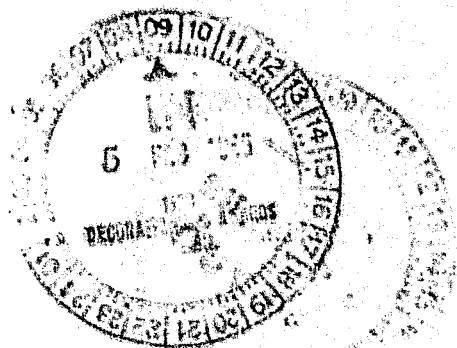
Sergeant Guido J. Dalesandro, 32067179, Battery A * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 24 October to 22 December 1944. During this period Sergeant Dalesandro acted as Forward Observer sergeant. Through his devotion to duty, efficient management of the enlisted men of the party, and technical knowledge of his duties, he rendered invaluable assistance to the Forward Observer in the delivery of artillery fire.

Technician Fourth Grade Harry F. Haywood, 38 342 522, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For meritorious service in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in eastern France from 23 October ¹⁹⁴⁴ to 6 January 1945. As litter squad leader of Company C, ***Infantry, Technician Haywood on many different occasions supervised and participated in the evacuation of casualties from the battlefield while under shell fire and automatic-weapons fire. His performance of his duties, without regard for his personal safety, has been superior. His courage and leadership have won him the respect and admiration of his Medical Section as well as of the company to which he has been attached.

First Lieutenant Joseph L. Matson, 01174639, Battery A, ***Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 24 October 1944 to 22 December 1944. During this period Lieutenant Matson was acting as Forward Observer for his battalion. Through his meritorious conduct under direct and indirect enemy fire, this officer has, by his rapid and accurate adjustment of artillery fires, rendered prompt, accurate and timely artillery fire to the Infantry whom his battalion was supporting. His coolness under fire, devotion to duty and technical ability are a credit to himself and the Military Service.

Private First Class Leo H. Sheetz, 35092065, Military Police Platoon, 44th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 24 October to 28 December 1944. During this period, Private Sheetz, as a driver, worked willingly and without thought for his own comfort or safety over long periods of time. His duties not only required him to drive officers and others of the MP platoon, but also took him on independent missions over unmarked roads which were frequently unswept for enemy mines and were often subjected to enemy artillery and small-arms fire. Private Sheetz' cheerful, willing and intelligent performance of difficult and dangerous tasks, and his devotion to duty, have been an inspiration to his comrades.

Major James H. Thompson, 0355015, Military Police Platoon, 44th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in France from 17 October 1944 to 5 January 1945. During this period, Major Thompson, as Provost Marshal of the 44th Infantry Division, has worked willingly and without thought for his own comfort and safety. Major Thompson's duties took him on independent missions over unmarked roads frequently unswept for enemy mines, and often subjected to enemy artillery and small-arms fire. Major Thompson's cheerful, willing and intelligent performance of difficult and dangerous tasks, and his devotion to duty, have been an inspiration to the men of his command.



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- I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.
- II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

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

Major JOHN C. LINN, O1 166 543, Headquarters, * * * Division Artillery. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 25 November 1944. When the Division's left flank was exposed to the enemy and vulnerable to an armored attack, it became imperative that the Division Commander obtain immediate information concerning enemy dispositions and types of weapons in certain areas. Realizing the extreme importance of this information, Major Linn voluntarily undertook a night reconnaissance in his plane even though he did not have any previous night flying experience. He took off from an air strip which was wet, unlighted, and generally inadequate. In spite of these adverse conditions, Major Linn completed his reconnaissance, and the report he submitted was of inestimable value to our forces. Major Linn's daring, initiative, and profound devotion to duty reflect the greatest credit on himself and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Jamestown, North Dakota.

Major DANIEL T. MURPHY, O 390 068, (then Captain) Headquarters, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in eastern France from 24 October 1944 to 5 December 1944. As S-3 of his Battalion when it occupied defensive positions around Embermenil. Major Murphy distinguished himself repeatedly by his fearlessness in personally coordinating the defenses of the Battalion. His daily visits to inspect positions and his obvious contempt for all signs of enemy fire were a constant inspiration to his troops. During the attack beginning 13 November 1944, when the Battalion Commander was ill, Major Murphy led and maneuvered the Battalion to a successful accomplishment of its mission. In this action Major Murphy was under continuous enemy fire from weapons of all calibers as he went from unit to unit encouraging his men forward. In the vicinity of Neuwiller he personally led a patrol into enemy territory and captured 23 prisoners. Major Murphy's superior leadership and courageous action on these and other occasions are well worthy of emulation and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade VERNON L. ANDERSON, 37 169 913, Company B, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rohrbach, France, on 7 December 1944. During an attack, one of the destroyers supporting the infantry was hit on the back engine compartment, setting it afire. Upon seeing the smoke, Technician Anderson seized a fire extinguisher and, while exposed to an intense enemy artillery barrage, proceeded to put out the blaze. Technician Anderson's heroic action and unselfish devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Minot, North Dakota.

Corporal NELVIN D. DAVENPORT, 38 138 050, Company A, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 24 November 1944. During a German counter-offensive which succeeded in rolling through seven previously occupied villages before being stopped outside Schalbach, the enemy attacked in strength with Mark V tanks and infantry in the vicinity where Corporal Davenport and other members of two tank destroyer crews were waiting in position. As the enemy attack continued to develop, the two destroyers were forced to yield a little ground, but took up new positions from where they could still protect the infantry. Then, allowing the enemy tanks to come extremely close, they skillfully maneuvered and succeeded in destroying three of the tanks and helped to destroy four others. Corporal Davenport's determination to stop enemy armor in the face of overwhelming odds aided materially in breaking up the counterattack and reflects great credit on himself and the Service. Entered military service from Alto, Texas.

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

Private First Class LEE ZDAKIE, 38 04 863, (then Private) Company A, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 24 November 1944. During a German counter-offensive which succeeded in rolling through seven previously occupied villages before being stopped outside Schalbach, the enemy attacked in strength with Mark V tanks and infantry in the vicinity where Private Zdakié and other members of two tank destroyer crews were waiting in position. As the enemy attack continued to develop, the two destroyers were forced to yield a little ground, but took up new positions from where they could still protect the infantry. Then, allowing the enemy tanks to come extremely close, they skillfully maneuvered and succeeded in destroying three of the tanks and helped to destroy four others. Private Zdakié's determination to stop enemy armor in the face of overwhelming odds aided materially in breaking up the counterattack and reflects great credit on himself and the Service. Entered military service from Zuni, New Mexico.

Sergeant JOSEPH H. GILBERT, 37 169 960, Company B, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Schalbach, France, on 23 November 1944. In the absence of the platoon leader, Sergeant Gilbert was left in command of one of two destroyers which were supporting the infantry in an effort to halt a German counter-offensive which had already recaptured seven towns. Sergeant Gilbert and the commander of the other destroyer withstood an enemy onslaught spearheaded by Mark V tanks and supported by artillery and infantry. They destroyed three enemy tanks and aided in neutralizing four others. The highly efficient manner in which Sergeant Gilbert performed this important defensive assignment reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered military service from Williston, North Dakota.

Sergeant CARL G. GUNNARSON, 37 023 111, Company B, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Schalbach, France, on 23 November 1944. In the absence of the platoon leader, Sergeant Gunnarson was left in command of one of two destroyers which were supporting the infantry in an effort to halt a German counter-offensive which had already recaptured seven towns. Sergeant Gunnarson and the commander of the other destroyer withstood an enemy onslaught spearheaded by Mark V tanks and supported by artillery and infantry. They destroyed three enemy tanks and aided in neutralizing four others. The highly efficient manner in which Sergeant Gunnarson performed this important defensive assignment reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered military service from Lake Bronson, Minnesota.

Private First Class IRVING B. HENSON, 38 132 919, (then Private) Company A, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 24 November 1944. During a German counter-offensive which succeeded in rolling through seven previously occupied villages before being stopped outside Schalbach, the enemy attacked in strength with Mark V tanks and infantry in the vicinity where Private Henson and other members of two tank destroyer crews were waiting in position. As the enemy attack continued to develop, the two destroyers were forced to yield a little ground, but took up new positions from where they could still protect the infantry. Then, allowing the enemy tanks to come extremely close, they skillfully maneuvered and succeeded in destroying three of the tanks and helped to destroy four others. Private Henson's determination to stop enemy armor in the face of overwhelming odds aided materially in breaking up the counterattack and reflects great credit on himself and the Service. Entered military service from Seymour, Texas.

First Lieutenant CLIFFORD M. HOLMES, 01 824 319, Company B, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rohrbaeh, France, on 7 December 1944. While engaging the enemy in support of an infantry battalion, one of the two tank destroyers which Lieutenant Holmes was commanding was hit by a tree burst which wounded a crew member. With intense artillery fire falling all about him, Lieutenant Holmes left the comparative safety of his tank destroyer and walked down a road for about 300 yards in order to secure medical aid for the wounded man. Lieutenant Holmes' courage and unselfish devotion to his men reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

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

Technician Fifth Grade WADE J. IDOL, 14 105 369, Company A, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 24 November 1944. During a German counter-offensive which succeeded in rolling through seven previously occupied villages before being stopped outside Schalbach, the enemy attacked in strength with Mark V tanks and infantry in the vicinity where Technician Idol and other members of two tank destroyer crews were waiting in position. As the enemy attack continued to develop, the two destroyers were forced to yield a little ground, but took up new positions from where they could still protect the infantry. Then, allowing the enemy tanks to come extremely close, they skillfully maneuvered and succeeded in destroying three of the tanks and helped to destroy four others. Technician Idol's determination to stop enemy armor in the face of overwhelming odds aided materially in breaking up the counterattack and reflects great credit on himself and the Service. Entered military service from Kernerville, North Carolina.

Private First Class BURNETT A. IVES, 37 169 941, Company A, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 24 November 1944. During a German counter-offensive which succeeded in rolling through seven previously occupied villages before being stopped outside Schalbach, the enemy attacked in strength with Mark V tanks and infantry in the vicinity where Private Ives and other members of two tank destroyer crews were waiting in position. As the enemy attack continued to develop, the two destroyers were forced to yield a little ground, but took up new positions from where they could still protect the infantry. Then, allowing the enemy tanks to come extremely close, they skillfully maneuvered and succeeded in destroying three of the tanks and helped to destroy four others. Private Ives' determination to stop enemy armor in the face of overwhelming odds aided materially in breaking up the counterattack and reflects great credit on himself and the Service. Entered military service from Tioga, North Dakota.

Private First Class MAURICE G. LACOURSE, 31 152 226, (then Pvt) Co B, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rohrbach, France, on 7 November 1944. Private Lacourse was driving a tank destroyer which was supporting the infantry during an attack when an enemy shell struck a tree to his rear and wounded him in the back of the head. Despite his injury, Private Lacourse carried out the orders of his commander and succeeded in maneuvering the destroyer on to a road, thus preventing its destruction by enemy fire. Private Lacourse's fortitude and courageous devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Service. Entered military service from Lewiston, Maine.

Corporal OREN A. McLEAN, 37 169 881, Company A, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 24 November 1944. During a German counter-offensive which succeeded in rolling through seven previously occupied villages before being stopped outside Schalbach, the enemy attacked in strength with Mark V tanks and infantry in the vicinity where Corporal McLean and other members of two destroyer crews were waiting in position. As the enemy attack continued to develop, the two destroyers were forced to yield a little ground, but took up new positions from where they could still protect the infantry. Then, allowing the enemy tanks to come extremely close, they skillfully maneuvered and succeeded in destroying three of the tanks and helped to destroy four others. Corporal McLean's determination to stop enemy armor in the face of overwhelming odds aided materially in breaking up the counterattack and reflects great credit on himself and the Service. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant BURNELL F. PETER, 01 030 403, Company A, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Holbach, France, on 17 December 1944. When the company commander was taken ill, Lieutenant Peter, executive officer, took over command of the tank destroyers in their mission of supporting the infantry in neutralizing Fort Simserhoff. Despite the fact that he was under enemy observation and that he was being subjected to large caliber mortar fire from Fort Simserhoff, Lieutenant Peter placed his destroyers and directed their fire so skillfully that direct hits were scored on the fort's apertures and its guns silenced. The superior manner in which Lieutenant Peter accomplished this difficult assignment reflects great credit on himself and the Service. Entered military service from Kansas, Mo.

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

Private First Class NOBLE L. ROBERTS, 39 827 122, (then Private) Company A, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 24 November 1944. During a German counter-offensive which succeeded in rolling through seven previously occupied villages before being stopped outside Schalbach, the enemy attacked in strength with Mark V tanks and infantry in the vicinity where Private Roberts and other members of two tank destroyer crews were waiting in position. As the enemy attack continued to develop, the two destroyers were forced to yield a little ground, but took up new positions from where they could still protect the infantry. Then, allowing the enemy tanks to come extremely close, they skillfully maneuvered and succeeded in destroying three of the tanks and helped to destroy four others. Private Roberts' determination to stop enemy armor in the face of overwhelming odds aided materially in breaking up the counterattack and reflects great credit on himself and the Service. Entered military service from Meridian, Idaho.

Private First Class JAMES E. SWINNY, 34 731 685, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944. Private Swinny was a member of a forward observation group in the attack on Inchmurg, France. While proceeding on foot and carrying a radio to establish an observation post, he came within 300 feet of a hostile tank which opened fire on him. Instead of seeking cover, Private Swinny continued on to the new observation post where he quickly set up his radio and directed fire on the enemy tank, causing it to withdraw. Then, for the remainder of the day, he remained at his post relaying fire missions which provided effective support to the riflemen. Private Swinny's courage and determination in getting his radio forward and operating it under extreme danger reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from Greenfield, Tennessee.

Sergeant ELMER F. THOMASON, 20 745 794, Company B, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rohrbaach, France, on 7 December 1944. When one of the tank destroyers which was supporting the infantry during an attack was hit and set on fire, Sergeant Thomason left his own tank in the midst of an intense enemy artillery barrage, ran over to the burning destroyer and helped extinguish the flames. This courageous and unselfish action reflects great credit on Sergeant Thomason and the Military Service. Entered military service from Liston, North Dakota.

Technician Fourth Grade WALTER W. WILHELMI, 20 745 060, Company A, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 24 November 1944. During a German counter-offensive which succeeded in rolling through seven previously occupied villages before being stopped outside Schalbach, the enemy attacked in strength with Mark V tanks and infantry in the vicinity where Technician Wilhelmi and other members of two tank destroyer crews were waiting in position. As the enemy attack continued to develop, the two destroyers were forced to yield a little ground, but took up new positions from where they could still protect the infantry. Then, allowing the enemy tanks to come extremely close, they skillfully maneuvered and succeeded in destroying three of the tanks and helped to destroy four others. Technician Wilhelmi's determination to stop enemy armor in the face of overwhelming odds aided materially in breaking up the counterattack and reflects great credit on himself and the Service. Entered military service from Nakoma, North Dakota.

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