

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (Continued).

Private First Class RAY H. SELL, 39 247 988, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Daxmoringen, France, on 4 December 1944. When Company F, * * * Infantry, was subjected to artillery and mortar fire of such intensity that it was forced to withdraw, it left behind nine litter casualties. The company aid men were shaken up and hesitated to return to their former area during the fierce barrage. Private Sell, however, urged his companions on forcefully, and led them to the wounded men. He was knocked down twice and slightly injured by shell blasts during the removal of these men, but he continued his task until all were evacuated. Private Sell's exemplary courage, superb leadership, and profound devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from Long Beach, 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:

Sergeant POWELL B. COMPARE, 38 175 021, Company K, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the town of Fraunberg, France, on 4 January 1945. Sergeant Compare volunteered to accompany a patrol for the purpose of releasing a group of civilians who were believed to be in enemy hands. One of these civilians had furnished us with considerable information which led to the capture of several groups of Germans. Upon approaching the house in which the civilians lived, Sergeant Compare stepped out and shouted in German to the civilians to come out. German troops emerged from the house and the leading one fired at and killed him. The man with Sergeant Compare returned the fire, killed one German and captured ten others. Sergeant Compare's self-sacrifice in attempting to save the lives of civilians who were friendly to our cause is worthy of the highest praise. Next of kin: Mrs. Lucilla Compare (Mother), 722 Battery Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Sergeant JOSEPH A. McCUTCHEON, 32 040 947, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in Eastern France from 18 October 1944 to 2 January 1945. Next of kin: Mr. Joseph McCutcheon (Father) Box 17, East Camp, New York.

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:

Sergeant LOUIS L. BALANT, 20 225 584, Company B, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy on 2 December 1944 in the vicinity of Walhambach, France. From his position at a mortar observation post on the crest of a ridge, Sergeant Balant noticed a severely wounded man lying about 100 yards away on the forward slope of a hill, in the direct line of enemy fire. Crawling from his protected position, Sergeant Balant made his way to the wounded man, while under a hail of automatic-weapons fire, hoisted him on his back and set out to retrace his steps. Twice on the return trip Sergeant Balant had to seek cover for the wounded man and himself as enemy snipers shot at him. Despite these hazards, he brought the casualty safely to the medical aid man. Sergeant Balant's valorous deed, performed without thought of personal safety, inspired all who witnessed it. Entered military service from Bound Brook, New Jersey.

Private First Class JOHN E. BARRY, 36 039 350, Company F, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cron-Roderching, France, on 4 January 1945. Private Barry was a member of a wire party which was assigned the difficult and hazardous mission of laying wire to front line companies while the area was being subjected to constant and heavy artillery fire. At one time enemy concentrations were so intense that the Battalion Commander ordered the withdrawal of this party. These men, however, remained at their task for another two hours until it was accomplished. Private Barry's courage, perseverance, and exemplary devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from Guilford, Indiana.

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Private First Class HERBERT L. BEATY, 34 632 104, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in connection with military operations against the enemy near Gros Roderching, France, on 4 January 1945. Private Beaty was a member of a wire party which was assigned the difficult and hazardous mission of laying wire to front line companies while the area was being subjected to constant and heavy artillery fire. At one time enemy concentrations were so intense that the Battalion Commander ordered the withdrawal of this party. These men, however, remained at their task for another two hours until it was accomplished. Private Beaty's courage, perseverance, and exemplary devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from Moultrie, Georgia.

Private First Class ED H. CARPENTER, 58 454 759, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in connection with military operations against the enemy near Gros Roderching, France, on 4 January 1945. Private Carpenter was a member of a wire party which was assigned the difficult and hazardous mission of laying wire to front line companies while the area was being subjected to constant and heavy artillery fire. At one time enemy concentrations were so intense that the Battalion Commander ordered the withdrawal of this party. These men, however, remained at their task for another two hours until it was accomplished. Private Carpenter's courage, perseverance, and exemplary devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

Corporal LONNIE M. CASH, 33 540 987, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 6 January 1945 to 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Waynesboro, Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade CARL W. DAVES, 35 724 964, (then Private First Class) Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Malarhoff, France, on 12 December 1944. When it was determined at a forward Aid Station that one casualty had been wounded so seriously that immediate evacuation was imperative in order to save his life, Technician Daves, driver of a quarter-ton vehicle, undertook to move the wounded man to the town of Rohrbach. At the very moment that he was about to drive out of Malarhoff, a friendly tank destroyer which was blocking the road received a direct hit from an artillery shell and began to explode. Since this was the only possible route to Rohrbach, Technician Daves drove within two feet of the exploding destroyer, which was still being subjected to mortar and artillery fire, and continued on to the rear. He then returned to Malarhoff and, although all other vehicles had stopped and their occupants had taken shelter in ditches along the road, he continued to evacuate more casualties. Technician Daves' courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Sullivan, Indiana.

Sergeant WILLIAM A. HARRIS, 34 750 048, (then Technician Fifth Grade) Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 10 October 1944 to 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Berlin, Georgia.

First Lieutenant STANLEY E. HARRIS, 31 174 022, Battery E, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 21 December 1944 to 2 January 1945. Entered military service from [illegible].

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Private First Class PETER J. QUINN, 32 002 060, (then Private) Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For meritorious services in action against the enemy in eastern France from 24 October 1944 to 8 January 1945. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Technician Fifth Grade HARRY ROTH, 32 250 787, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in connection with military operations against the enemy near Gros-Rodreching, France, on 4 January 1945. Technician Roth was a member of a wire party which was assigned the difficult and hazardous mission of laying wire to front line companies while the area was being subjected to constant and heavy artillery fire. At one time enemy concentrations were so intense that the Battalion Commander ordered the withdrawal of this party. These men, however, remained at their task for another two hours until it was accomplished. Technician Roth's courage, perseverance, and exemplary devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from Kennebec, South Dakota.

First Sergeant JOSEPH I. VOM SAVAGE, 20 235 591, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 8 October 1944 to 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

First Sergeant PAUL A. WALKER, 20 238 663, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 18 October 1944 to 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Atlantic City, New Jersey.

V. 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:

First Lieutenant MILTON H. NICHOLS, O1 185 109, Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 6 December 1944 to 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Madison, Ohio.

First Lieutenant GEORGE L. THEOBALD, O1 184 741, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 7 January 1945. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

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 WILBUR A. BROWN, O1 183 029, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 21 November 1944 to 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Lancaster, Ohio.

Second Lieutenant WALTER B. KRILLER, O 627 266, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 12 November 1944 to 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Arkport, New York.

Captain WILLIAM H. O'CONNELL, O1 177 557, Headquarters Battery, * * * Division Artillery, from 22 November 1944 to 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Cambridge, Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant HENRY W. SMITH JR, O1 177 187, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 27 November 1944 to 30 December 1944. Entered military service from New Bern, North Carolina.

By command of Brigadier General DEAN,

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Lieutenant Colonel, USA
143rd Artillery

GEORGE A. MARTIN 4533

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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 officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class JOSEPH A. ARMELI, 32 815 812, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 14 December 1944 in the vicinity of Holbach, France. During an attack by our troops, Private Armeli saw an advancing soldier hit by an enemy machine gun. He further observed that a medical aid man on his way to the wounded soldier was hit by the same enemy fire. Realizing that both wounded men were without medical aid, Private Armeli started toward them. After moving about 150 yards, he was fired upon by an enemy machine gun located in a pillbox 200 yards away. Although he was fired on repeatedly with bullets coming as close as 6 inches, Private Armeli continued on toward the injured men. He reached the first soldier and found him to be dead. Proceeding under continuous fire, he reached the second man, rendered first aid and conducted a successful evacuation. Private Armeli's outstanding bravery and his determination to aid his fellow soldiers exemplify the unselfish creed of the Medical Department soldier and are worthy of emulation. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Technical Sergeant MELVIN BRADY, 36 723 101, (then Staff Sergeant) Company B, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Maierhoff, France. While attacking an enemy position along a railroad track, Sergeant Brady's company was pinned down by heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire. Sergeant Brady quickly maneuvered his squad across open terrain in an attempt to flank the enemy position. The enemy, realizing what was happening, increased the already withering hail of fire and now directed this principally against Sergeant Brady and his squad. After one of his men had been killed, Sergeant Brady, who narrowly escaped death himself when a bullet tore his jacket and shirt across the chest, ordered his men to take cover while he crawled through the intense fire to a spot close to the German position. Opening fire, he killed two of the enemy and forced the others to take flight. Sergeant Brady's intrepid action resulted in the elimination of an enemy strongpoint which had held up the advance of a whole battalion. Entered military service from Woodlawn, Illinois.

Corporal LUKE J. HIND JR, 32 795 599, Company A, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Montbronn, France, on 30 November 1944. When he was sweeping mines in front of an enemy road block for a future Division main supply route, Corporal Hind observed a suspicious looking spot in the road which had not registered on mine detectors. After careful probing, he uncovered a plastic mine which was entirely unfamiliar to him. Realizing the tactical importance of learning the composition and operation of the new mine, Corporal Hind courageously removed and deactivated the strange mine for further investigation. After more probing, Corporal Hind and his squad quickly located and removed an entire minefield which had been laid as a barrier across the road. The mines thus located later developed to be the German "Topmine", the use of which had never before been discovered in this war. Corporal Hind's fearless and skillful action in removing intact a new type of mine reflects great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Second Lieutenant JAMES B. MALLOY, 02 000 819, (then Staff Sergeant) Company A, * * * Tank Battalion. For gallantry in action against the enemy. On 4 December 1944, in an attack near Diemeringen, France, Lieutenant Malloy's tank was knocked out and set on fire by a direct hit from a German 88mm anti-

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tank gun. After getting out himself, Lieutenant Malloy, with utter disregard for his own safety, returned later to the burning tank, despite heavy enemy fire and exploding ammunition in the tank itself, and removed one of the crew who was critically wounded. By his courageous action and spirit of self-sacrifice, Lieutenant Malloy saved the life of a fellow soldier. Entered military service from Selma, California.

Private MARVIN L. PAINTER, 37 390 673, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Embermenil, France, on 14 November 1944. While under heavy hostile sniper and machine-gun fire, Private Painter, an aid man, administered aid to the wounded without any thought for his own personal safety. He continued his assistance even after he was wounded slightly himself. Later, when he received another wound which was serious, Private Painter treated himself and summoned litter bearers for the evacuation of the casualties. Only after their removal would he consent to his own evacuation. Private Painter's exemplary courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Centralia, Missouri.

Private First Class ERVIN J. POLEGA, 36 806 830, (then Private) Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 14 December 1944 in the vicinity of Holbach, France. During an attack by our troops, Private Polega saw an advancing soldier hit by an enemy machine gun. He further observed that a medical aid man on his way to the wounded soldier was hit by the same enemy fire. Realizing that both wounded men were without medical aid, Private Polega started toward them. After moving about 150 yards he was fired upon by an enemy machine gun located in a pillbox 200 yards away. Although he was fired on repeatedly with bullets coming as close as 6 inches, Private Polega continued on toward the injured men. He reached the first soldier and found him to be dead. Proceeding under continuous fire, he reached the second man, rendered first aid and conducted a successful evacuation. Private Polega's outstanding bravery and his determination to aid his fellow soldiers exemplify the unselfish creed of the Medical Department soldier and are worthy of emulation. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private RICHARD P. STONE, 20 735 984, Company D, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Waldhambach, France, on 3 December 1944. When the enemy counterattacked with tanks and infantry forcing our rifle elements to withdraw, Private Stone courageously continued to man his machine gun and inflict heavy casualties on enemy infantry until a hostile tank approached to within 15 yards of his position and wounded him. His heroic stand contributed towards repulsing the attack and reflects great credit on Private Stone and the Service. Entered military service from Vale, Arkansas.

Sergeant COSMO J. TESTA, 33 586 392, Company D, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Waldhambach, France, on 3 December 1944. When the enemy counterattacked with tanks and infantry, forcing our rifle elements to withdraw, Sergeant Testa courageously continued to man his machine gun and inflict heavy casualties on enemy infantry until a hostile tank approached to within 15 yards of his position and wounded him. His heroic stand contributed towards repulsing the attack and reflects great credit on Sergeant Testa and the Service. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

First Sergeant NICK A. WILHELM, 32 012 843, (then Technical Sergeant) Company K, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 16 December 1944 near Leintrey, France. When an enemy strongpoint retarded the advancing infantry of his company, Sergeant Wilhelm fearlessly moved forward alone in the face of unknown enemy strength and called upon the Germans to surrender. From their well dug-in trenches in the forest the Germans answered with a hail of machine-gun and automatic-rifle fire. Although he was forced to the ground, Sergeant Wilhelm continued to crawl forward. Approaching the enemy position he opened fire with his sub-machine gun, killing one German and capturing seven others, and putting two machine guns and several automatic rifles out of action. Sergeant Wilhelm's intrepidity, aggressive fighting spirit and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Jamaica, New York.

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Technician Fifth Grade SOLOMAN A. WISEMAN, 6 991 340, Battery C, * * Anti-aircraft Arty Automatic Weapons Battalion. For gallantry in action against the enemy in Eastern France. On the night of 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Petersbach, Battery C was breaking position when enemy artillery fire began to fall in the area, killing one man and wounding five others, including Technician Wiseman. With utter disregard for his own safety, Technician Wiseman immediately assisted in administering aid to the other wounded men as enemy shell fire continued with intensity. Not until the last of the wounded was placed on a litter did Technician Wiseman make known his own serious chest wounds, which nearly proved fatal. Technician Wiseman's heroic and selfless concern for the welfare of his comrades, with his own life in danger, merits the greatest praise and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Big Chimney, West Virginia.

II. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR: 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 to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant DALE D. PARISH, O1 306 681, Company F, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Montbronn, France. As company commander, Lieutenant Parish ordered one platoon to seize the commanding high ground in the town of Montbronn while he supervised the reorganization of the platoons which had assaulted the town and cleared it of the enemy. Hurrying to catch up with the platoon he had dispatched, he arrived on the scene just as three enemy armored vehicles and about 30 men opened fire and threatened to flank his men. Acting quickly and decisively, he crossed the road under heavy fire from the German machine guns and 20mm guns, and personally placed the light machine gun section so that they covered the flank. Then, still under heavy fire, he returned to his initial position. Here he heard the platoon leader calling for a mortar, whereupon he pulled the 60mm mortar squad out of the weapons platoon, led them along a covered route of approach and put them in firing position. The timely arrival of the mortars caused the enemy to withdraw. Lieutenant Parish's courageous actions and brilliant leadership exemplify the finest qualities of our fighting men. Entered military service from Burley, Idaho.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

1. 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 NORMAN B. CHARRON, 31 350 203, Company A, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 December 1944. After days of fierce fighting against enemy installations in the vicinity of Fort Simserhoff, a strong Maginot Line fortification, Technician Charron volunteered to serve as part of a tank crew with the mission of silencing the gun in Unit 5 of the Fort. Under cover of darkness, the crew moved up within range and view of the pillbox, dug in, and waited for dawn. Movement to and from their position was under direct enemy fire. In the morning when the disappearing guns from the Fort came up to fire, the crew waited for their opportunity and blasted away. They fired 26 rounds into their target and silenced the enemy guns, thus permitting the infantry to advance and secure the position. Technician Charron's willingness to undertake a hazardous mission, together with the skill and courage he displayed in its execution, are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from North Adams, Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade FREEMAN H. GARNER JR, 38 453 495, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of Waldhambach, France. When an enemy tank overran our machine-gun positions and inflicted a number of casualties, Technician Garner fearlessly crawled through the intense fire to render aid to one of the wounded. During this action, the order was given for the machine-gun crews to withdraw but the crew nearest the tank did not hear it. From his position near the casualty, who had died before aid could be rendered, Technician Garner had heard the order. Realizing the grave danger to

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the machine-gun crew, he crawled through the continuous hail of enemy fire and informed them of the withdrawal, thereby saving them from annihilation by the enemy tank. Technician Garner's courageous deed, performed without regard for his personal safety, is worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Troy, Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade HAYWOOD G. HOLLINGSWORTH, 20 468 692, (then Technician Fifth Grade) Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Leintrey, France, on 13 November 1944. Technician Hollingsworth went to the aid of wounded men in his unit while an intense enemy barrage was falling in the area. Ignoring the exploding shells, he methodically went from one casualty to another and after treating their wounds, he assisted in their evacuation. Technician Hollingsworth's cool courage and unselfish devotion to duty were an inspiration to all his comrades and reflect great credit on himself and the Service. Entered military service from Wilmington, North Carolina.

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* Corporal JOHN E. JONES, 35 597 889, Company A, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 December 1944. After days of fierce fighting against enemy installations in the vicinity of Fort Simserhoff, a strong Maginot Line fortification, Corporal Jones volunteered to serve as part of a tank crew with the mission of silencing the gun in Unit 5 of the Fort. Under cover of darkness, the crew moved up within range and view of the pillbox, dug in, and waited for dawn. Movement to and from their position was under direct enemy fire. In the morning when the disappearing guns from the Fort came up to fire, the crew waited for their opportunity and blasted away. They fired 26 rounds into their target and silenced the enemy guns, thus permitting the infantry to advance and secure the position. Corporal Jones' willingness to undertake a hazardous mission, together with the skill and courage he displayed in its execution, are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Private First Class ALBERT S. MAC DOWELL, 32 713 231, Company A, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 December 1944. After days of fierce fighting against enemy installations in the vicinity of Fort Simserhoff, a strong Maginot Line fortification, Private Mac Dowell volunteered to serve as part of a tank crew with the mission of silencing the gun in Unit 5 of the Fort. Under cover of darkness, the crew moved up within range and view of the pillbox, dug in, and waited for dawn. Movement to and from their position was under direct enemy fire. In the morning when the disappearing guns from the Fort came up to fire, the crew waited for their opportunity and blasted away. They fired 26 rounds into their target and silenced the enemy guns, thus permitting the infantry to advance and secure the position. Private Mac Dowell's willingness to undertake a hazardous mission, together with the skill and courage he displayed in its execution, are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Newburgh, New York.

Sergeant JOHN A. MERNIN, 32 714 993, Company A, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 December 1944. After days of fierce fighting against enemy installations in the vicinity of Fort Simserhoff, a strong Maginot Line fortification, Sergeant Mernin volunteered to serve as part of a tank crew with the mission of silencing the gun in Unit 5 of the Fort. Under cover of darkness, the crew moved up within range and view of the pillbox, dug in, and waited for dawn. Movement to and from their position was under direct enemy fire. In the morning when the disappearing guns from the Fort came up to fire, the crew waited for their opportunity and blasted away. They fired 26 rounds into their target and silenced the enemy guns, thus permitting the infantry to advance and secure the position. Sergeant Mernin's willingness to undertake a hazardous mission, together with the skill and courage he displayed in its execution, are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Glen Head, Brookville, New York.

Private First Class HAROLD G. MEHRING, 37 310 964, Company A, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 December 1944. After days of fierce fighting against enemy installations in the vicinity of Fort Simserhoff, a strong Maginot Line fortification, Private Mehring volunteered to serve as part of a tank crew with the mission of silencing the gun in Unit 5 of the Fort. Under cover of darkness, the crew moved up

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within range and view of the pillbox, dug in, and waited for dawn. Movement to and from their position was under direct enemy fire. In the morning when the disappearing guns from the Fort came up to fire, the crew waited for their opportunity and blasted away. They fired 26 rounds into their target and silenced the enemy guns, thus permitting the infantry to advance and secure the position. Private Nehring's willingness to undertake a hazardous mission, together with the skill and courage he displayed in its execution, are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Hibbing, Minnesota.

Private MARVIN L. PAINTER, 37 390 673, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Embermenil, France, on 9 November 1944. In effecting the removal of a casualty from an exposed area, Private Painter led his squad to a position about 200 yards from the wounded man and proceeded alone to administer first aid. After having determined the extent of the enemy fire, he returned for his squad and removed the casualty. Private Painter's bravery and spirit of self-sacrifice are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Centralia, Missouri.

First Lieutenant DALE D. PARISH, 01 306 681, Company F, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Enchenberg, France, on 9 December 1944. When a soldier in his company was severely wounded as a result of a mortar barrage and lay helpless in an exposed position, Lieutenant Parish fearlessly rushed to the injured man and treated him. Lieutenant Parish's prompt, unselfish and courageous action, while shells were still falling in the area, materially contributed to saving the soldier's life. Entered military service from Burley, Idaho.

Captain DONALD G. RIEBEN, 01 786 023, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy on 16 November 1944 in the vicinity of Avricourt, France. While his battalion attacked over difficult, wooded terrain and sustained heavy casualties, Captain Rieben, Dental Surgeon, maintained constant contact with the attacking unit and supervised the prompt treatment and evacuation of 23 casualties. When the litter bearers became exhausted as a result of several 1500 yard hauls over hilly, wooded, roadless and mud-soaked terrain, Captain Rieben undertook the role of litter bearer himself and, urging the others on, proceeded to evacuate 9 casualties directly from the battlefield to the forward aid station. Captain Rieben's determination, initiative and selfless devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Tulelake, California.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal (for meritorious service) is awarded the following-named officers and enlisted men:

* Captain PETER BARLINI, 01 302 553, (then First Lieutenant) Company A, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 22 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from East Wareham, Massachusetts.

* First Lieutenant JACK M. CHARLES, 01 109 191, Company A, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion, on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mackwiller, France. Entered military service from Ridgeway, Colorado.

* Captain SHEARWOOD G. COGHILL, 0 452 034, Company C, * * * Infantry, from 27 October 1944 to 19 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Mc Alester, Oklahoma.

* Staff Sergeant WILLIAM R. DEWNEY, 36 447 627, Company A, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion, on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mackwiller, France. Entered military service from Morton, Illinois.

* Sergeant GEORGE P. DITTMAN, 36 447 414, Company A, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion, on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of Mackwiller, France. Entered military service from Collinsville, Illinois.

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* * * First Lieutenant JAMES M. HOLSTON, O1 014 453, Headquarters Company, * * * Tank Battalion, from 3 July 1944 to 31 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from New York, New York.

* * * Second Lieutenant EUGENE M. HUHTALA, O2 000 740, (then Technical Sergeant) Company B, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 22 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Fairport Harbor, Ohio.

* * * Captain ROBERT A. SWENSON, O1 010 502, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, * * * Tank Battalion, from 3 July 1944 to 31 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

IV. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL:

1. 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 LOUIS J. FRIER, O1 173 612, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 24 October 1944 to 1 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Ohio.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight is awarded to the following-named officer:

Second Lieutenant THOMAS M. RAUCH, O 528 829, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 9 December 1944 to 22 December 1944, in Eastern France. Entered military service from Villanova, Pennsylvania.

V. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS:

ok ✓ 1. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 6, this Headquarters, 21 January 1945, awarding a Silver Star to First Lieutenant HARRY V. DUNCAN JR, O1 177 377, * * * Field Artillery Battalion (Missing in Action), as reads, "For gallantry in action against the enemy on 21 November 1944." is amended to read, "For gallantry in action against the enemy on 23 November 1944."

ok ✓ 2. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 4, this Headquarters, 16 January 1945, awarding a Bronze Star Medal to Major RAYMOND L. SHOEMAKER JR, O22 978, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, is amended to award him the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal.

By command of Brigadier General DEAN:

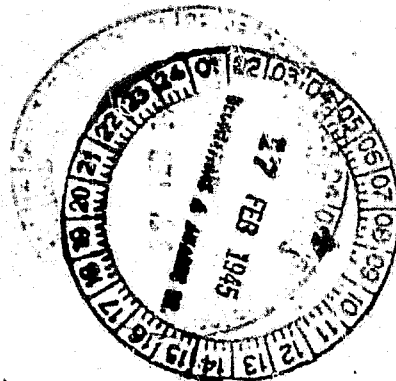
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MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Headquarters 44th Infantry Division

General Orders No 10, 29 January 1945

Second Lieutenant Eugene M. Huhtala - Through his leadership and knowledge during this period Lieutenant Huhtala has displayed qualities in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. On many occasions his personal bravery in the face of withering enemy fire inspired his men to go forward and take their objective.

Captain Robert A. Swenson, - During the period indicated Capt Swenson, serving as Tank-Infantry liaison officer, has discharged his duties in a thoroughly efficient and exemplary manner. Through six months of service he has never missed a day of combat. On one occasion when wounded, his devotion to duty would not permit him to return to the rear for treatment. On various occasions he has assumed line company responsibilities and duties to permit other officers to take much needed rest and treatment. In some cases when infantry units have been hampered by lack of communication, Captain Swenson has provided this necessary contact with his own equipment. At all times, he has conducted himself in conformity with the traditions of the services and reflected great credit on the armed forces of the United States.

Captain Peter Bardini - As Executive Officer of Company A, his supervision in the defensive at Embermenil, France, was exemplary in that he personally checked gun positions, each man's position, and spent time with the men to see about their welfare, both physical and mental. These inspections were conducted at times when the area was being harrassed by enemy artillery and mortar fire. These actions were beyond the normal call of duty and spirited the men in his company to a state of morale that was superior. On 15th November 1944, Lt Bardini assumed Command of Company A. His actions from that time until this date have been of the highest caliber. In the numerous offensive operations in which his unit participated, Lt Bardini displayed exceptional qualities of leadership in that he could always be found in the vicinity of the assault echelon or in an area that needed his supervision.

First Lieutenant Jack M. Charles - When Lieutenant Charles and two enlisted men were reconnoitering an area, they came across a mine field containing mines of a type not yet encountered by our forces. Realizing the value of the technical information that would be obtained by an examination of the complete mine without any of the parts destroyed, Lt Charles and his two assistants carefully and painstakingly extracted several of these mines intact in spite of the tremendous risk involved. The mines were found to have been improvised from 170 mm artillery shells.

Captain Searwood G. Coghill - Through outstanding leadership and knowledge of his work Capt Coghill enabled his unit to complete successfully the missions assigned to it from 24 October 1944 to 4 December 1944. While in defensive positions at Embermenil, France, he personally led his men into positions that at the time seemed untenable. He displayed an utter disregard for his personal safety in the manner he supervised both the tactical situation and the welfare of his men. He personally inspected each gun position, each man's position, and spent time with each man to look after his welfare, both physically and mentally.

Meritorious Service Awards of the Bronze Star Medal - Continued.

Staff Sergeant William R. Denny - When Sgt Denny, an officer and another enlisted man were reconnoitering an area, they came across a mine field containing mines of a type not yet encountered by our forces. Realizing the value of the technical information that would be obtained by an examination of the complete mine without any of the parts destroyed, Sgt Denny and his two companions carefully and painstakingly extracted several of these mines intact in spite of the tremendous risk involved. The mines were found to have been improvised from 170 mm artillery shells.

Sergeant George P. Dittman - When Sgt Dittman, an officer and another enlisted man were reconnoitering an area, they came across a mine field containing mines of a type not yet encountered by our forces. Realizing the value of the technical information that would be obtained by an examination of the complete mine without any of the parts destroyed, Sgt Dittman and his two companions carefully and painstakingly extracted several of these mines intact in spite of the tremendous risk involved. The mines were found to have been improvised from 170 mm artillery shells.

First Lieutenant James M. Holston - During this period Lt Holston served in the capacity of Tank-Infantry Regiment liaison officer. His initiative, skillful planning and efficiency effected a coordination of tanks and infantry, which provided for the greatest possible teamwork between these two elements. From Normandy, across France, into Belgium, to the present vicinity, Lt Holston has served in this capacity. Through these six months he has never missed a day of combat. On one occasion he was wounded, but his devotion to his work would not allow him to return to the rear for treatment. At all times, Lt Holston has conducted himself in a manner in conformity with the traditions of the services and reflects great credit on the armed forces of the United States.

AGRS-DA 201 DeWalt, Wayne L.
19 OLL 997

27 January 1950

AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS

So much of General Orders 11, Headquarters 44th Infantry Division, dated 30 January 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart which reads "Staff Sergeant Wayne E. DeWalt, 19 OLL 997, France, 17 December 1944" is amended to read "Staff Sergeant Wayne E. DeWalt, 19 OLL 997, France, 13 January 1945".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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APC #44, U.S. Army
30 January 1945

- 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:

Staff Sergeant JOAN BALKONIS, 36 321 369, Company M, 324th Infantry, France, 11 January 1945. Next of kin: Mrs. Jean Balkonis (Wife), 1534 N. Fairfield Ave, Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant H. G. SMITH, 34 683 420, Company G, 114th Infantry, France, 3 January 1945. Next of kin: Mrs. Greenstine Smith (Wife) Adairsville, Georgia.

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:

First Lieutenant ARTHUR S. CHANTRY, O 508 151, Company A, 114th Infantry, France, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM C. KOYLE, O1 307 380, Company G, 114th Infantry, France, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Burlington, New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant SIMON GERBUSH, 32 019 103, Company G, 324th Infantry, France, 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant LEO F. RUSH, 33 437 780, Company G, 114th Infantry, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Minersville, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant ALBERT J. WITTLER, 35 345 235, Company I, 114th Infantry, France, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Fort Jennings, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade THOMAS A. JENNINGS, 35 788 438, Medical Detachment, 324th Infantry, France, 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade FRED DOROSKI, 32 099 770, Company G, 324th Infantry, France, 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Hobart, New York.

Private First Class ROBERT L. CHURCH, 34 895 483, Company K, 114th Infantry, France, 14 January 1945. Entered military service from Idlewild, North Carolina. (Second Oak-Leaf Cluster)

Private First Class LAVAUGHN HAMILTON, 38 483 570, Company I, 114th Infantry, France, 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

Private First Class LYLE E. HULBERT, 36 237 014, Company F, 71st Infantry, France, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Barron, Wisconsin.

Private MARVIN A. BECKS, 38 661 947, Company G, 71st Infantry, France, 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Prairie Grove, Arkansas.

Private MAC M. SCHARF, 42 064 014, Company D, 71st Infantry, France, 27 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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

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III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (71st Infantry)

Lieutenant Colonel EDGAR S. MC KEE, O21 182, Headquarters Second Battalion, France, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Darlington, South Carolina.

Captain HANS P. BRUNNER, O 394 830, Company G, France, 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Jackson Heights, New York.

First Lieutenant ARTHUR J. BALDAUF JR, O1 289 857, Company G, France, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Highland Park, Illinois.

First Lieutenant ARCHIBALD MC LEOD, O1 306 620, Company C, France, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Vancouver, Washington.

First Lieutenant MICHAEL H. NESTOR, O1 287 570, Company G, France, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Meadowlands, Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant FRANCIS J. MERRILL, O2 005 005, Company I, France, 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Lake Placid, New York.

Technical Sergeant HERMAN ERDMAN, 32 019 220, Company E, France, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM J. FITZGERALD, 16 082 513, Company C, France, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant FRANK C. COCHINOS, 14 101 357, Company C, France, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant WAYNE E. DEWAIT, 19 014 997, Company D, France, 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Horseshoe Bend, Idaho.

Staff Sergeant CLAIR W. HEIDLEBAUGH, 33 501 763, Company A, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from York, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant JIMMIE G. FEARSON, 35 092 006, Company I, France, 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Bloomington, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant PRESTON L. WALKER II, 14 116 995, Company H, France, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

Sergeant JAMES E. CRIBBS, 34 505 809, Company E, France, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Tracy City, Tennessee.

Technician Fourth Grade ANTHONY TANGHARE, 32 243 010, Company F, France, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Cape May, New Jersey.

Corporal ROSCOE J. HUEER, 17 143 166, Company D, France, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Ellsworth, Wisconsin.

Corporal CLIFFORD O'NEAL, 33 574 351, Company H, France, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Bedford, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade ARNOLD G. HOEGL, 37 662 250, Medical Detachment, France, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Paullina, Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM E. HIGHERS, 34 710 445, Headquarters Third Battalion, France, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Somerset, Kentucky.

Private First Class ROBERT P. CONNER, 33 933 831, Company L, France, 28 December 1944. Entered military service from Glenolden, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class BUSTER CRAFB, 38 683 118, Company A, France, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Paris, Texas.

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III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (cont'd)

71st Infantry

Private First Class TOM CROWSON, 34 675 260, Company C, France, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Jonesboro, North Carolina.

Private First Class SAM HOSPODAR, 6 982 822, Company A, France, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Little Falls, New Jersey.

Private First Class JAY L. KENDALL, 42 018 893, Medical Detachment, France, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class EDWARD G. LINK, 35 085 211, Company K, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Troy, Ohio.

Private First Class STEPHAN LORUSSO, 20 277 288, Company C, France, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class JESSE M. MARTIN, 35 763 573, Company H, France, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Orvan Cave, West Virginia.

Private First Class EDWARD L. MC CLARTY, 39 127 256, Company D, France, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

Private First Class DEAN I. MC CLINTOCK, 19 146 964, Company C, France, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

Private First Class BERNARD P. OTT, 35 603 077, Company M, France, 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Massillon, Ohio.

Private First Class ERVIN V. OWSIANNY, 36 296 199, Company F, France, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class JAMES H. PARKER, 34 683 427, Company H, France, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Adairville, Georgia.

Private First Class DONALD R. STANDISH, 36 612 303, Company G, France, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Marengo, Illinois.

Private First Class LOUIS J. STUBE, 36 982 159, Company C, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Whittington, Illinois.

Private First Class CLARK O. TRIEB, 36 321 748, Company I, France, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private ROBERT J. BISSELL, 32 844 996, Company H, France, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Kendall, New York.

Private JOSEPH D. BOWMAN, 33 890 079, Company D, France, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Private CLYDE P. JONES, 34 985 915, Company F, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Alexandria, Tennessee.

Private CECIL A. PHELPS, 35 902 689, Company H, France, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Monticello, Indiana.

114th Infantry

Captain IRVIN M. ROTH, 01 294 198, Company I, France, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

First Lieutenant CHARLES J. KOENIGER, 01 308 967, Anti-tank Company, France, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant SAMUEL W. EEDY, 02 006 043, Company K, France, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (cont'd)

114th Infantry

Staff Sergeant JACKSON W. ELLIS, 38 432 454, Company I, France, 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Blomington, Texas.

Staff Sergeant NATHAN HATEZ, 20 225 418, Cannon Company, France, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH P. HOOD, 20 225 193, Company D, France, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant HARRY L. KREBS JR., 39 901 466, Company G, France, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Moroni, Utah.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM A. MC MURTRY, 36 056 020, Anti-tank Company, France, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Junction, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant HAROLD WORDEI, 36 87 847, Company E, France, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Appleton, Wisconsin.

Sergeant WALLACE J. SZADDE, 36 734 721, Company M, France, 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant WILLIAM J. TURNER, 32 025 306, Company K, France, 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Sherrill, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN P. WHANG, 39 165 236, Headquarters Company Third Battalion, France, 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Corporal KENT A. ALLEMBIER, 35 553 851, Company G, France, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

Corporal PASCIAL R. YACOOTS, 32 251 643, Company D, France, 7 January 1945. Entered military service from Niagara Falls, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade REUBEN H. GARNEY, 34 710 192, Cannon Company, France, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Nashville, Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade ODELL HIBBITT, 38 134 399, Headquarters First Battalion, France, 7 January 1945. Entered military service from Avoca, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN P. JACKSON, 35 092 490, Headquarters Company Third Battalion, France, 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Elwood, Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD J. KUSCH, 36 237 174, Headquarters Third Battalion, France, 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade WESLEY E. TEEL, 36 056 054, Headquarters Company Second Battalion, France, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from East St. Louis, Illinois.

Private First Class DALE S. CARLSON, 39 588 167, Company B, France, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Pasadena, California.

Private First Class ABBIE H. CARY, 6 944 062, Headquarters First Battalion, France, 7 January 1945. Entered military service from Inman, Virginia.

Private First Class DONALD A. BRINKERHOFF, 19 118 224, Company I, France, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Columbia Falls, Montana.

Private First Class HARRY H. BRUBAKER, 35 546 658, Headquarters Third Battalion, France, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Mishawaka, Indiana.

III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (cont'd)

114th Infantry

Private First Class DOMINICK A. COPPOLA, 32 065 050, Headquarters Company Third Battalion, France, 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Port Reading, New Jersey.

Private First Class MARVIN A. FOOR, 33 086 106, Company H, France, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Everett, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class J. C. HEDGECOTH, 34 722 749, Company D, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Pulaski, Tennessee.

Private First Class CLAUDE W. HENDERSHOT, 33 573 502, Cannon Company, France, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Amaranth, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class EDWARD JONES, 35 041 674, Cannon Company, France, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Burket, Indiana.

Private First Class CLAIR W. LINDNER, 36 454 301, Medical Detachment, France, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Lansing, Michigan.

Private First Class LESTER O. MEINEKE, 35 628 231, Company G, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

Private First Class ALVARO V. MORENO, 39 584 889, Company B, France, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class THEODORE P. NICHOLS, 35 048 857, Headquarters First Battalion, France, 10 January 1945. Entered military service from East Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class PETER OSIFCHAK, 33 073 631, Company D, France, 7 January 1945. Entered military service from Hokendauqua, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class SAM H. PATE, 38 474 813, Headquarters Third Battalion, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Cookville, Texas.

Private First Class CLETUS E. PELFREE, 35 091 984, Headquarters Second Battalion, France, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Bloomington, Indiana.

Private First Class JOHN RASKULINECZ JR., 32 065 086, Company I, France, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Carteret, New Jersey.

Private First Class CLAUDE C. RIDDLE, 38 126 952, Headquarters First Battalion, France, 28 December 1944. Entered military service from Stigler, Oklahoma.

Private First Class ANDREW R. ROMA, 36 634 336, Company K, France, 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class HARRY TOMALA, 36 644 259, Company K, France, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class THOMAS L. WALKER, 19 182 821, Company F, France, 28 December 1944. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class JOSEPH E. WILLIAMS, 31 463 119, Company I, France, 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Waltham, Massachusetts.

Private First Class CHARLES R. WILLIAMSON, 36 056 067, Company H, France, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Edwardsville, Illinois.

Private EARL R. NELSON, 37 555 204, Company A, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

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III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (cont'd)

324th Infantry

Second Lieutenant MILBUR P. REMS, 02 000 789, Company H, France, 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Macungie, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant ROBERT F. WILGER, 20 906 081, Company L, France, 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Staff Sergeant LESTER H. BLAKE, 32 065 138, Company L, France, 10 January 1945. Entered military service from DeLanco, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM W. GANN, 35 675 347, Headquarters Second Battalion, France, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Mentor, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant BERNARD J. DI MIO, 36 644 367, Company C, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant WILLARD I. ROLLINS, 35 628 974, Company F, France, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Rushsylvania, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES O. WADE, 33 559 080, Company L, France, 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Cumberland, Maryland.

Staff Sergeant VINCENT P. MEER, 33 617 141, Company L, France, 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Easton, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant JOSEPH J. CALDARERA, 38 474 778, Company C, France, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Smithville, Texas.

Sergeant FLOYD J. GAMBY, 36 454 348, Company M, France, 13 January 1945. Entered military service from New Richmond, Michigan.

Sergeant ARLIN G. GOCKE, 37 469 728, Company M, France, 26 December 1944. Entered military service from Waco, Nebraska.

Sergeant HERBERT O. HARRIS, 38 048 315, Company B, France, 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Denison, Texas.

Sergeant EARL R. PETTY, 36 587 260, Company E, France, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade THOMAS A. JENNINGS, 35 788 438, Medical Detachment, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN W. SMITH, 32 013 055, Headquarters Third Battalion, France, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Corporal EDWARD W. STANGLER, 37 660 278, Company D, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Mason City, Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH H. GEHO, 33 081 350, Medical Detachment, France, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Fimmers, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT J. PIKE, 36 461 208, Company M, France, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Battle Creek, Michigan.

Private First Class WILLIAM M. AFMAN, 36 462 167, Company E, France, 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Plainwell, Michigan.

Private First Class RALPH M. BLICKENDERFER, 33 936 143, Company L, France, 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Verona, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class MARION J. CRUDGE, 36 576 609, Company K, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

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III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (cont'd)

324th Infantry

✓ Private First Class WALTER H. HINKLE, 35 748 817, Medical Detachment, France, 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Clarksburg, West Virginia.

✓ Private First Class SIGFRED J. JOHNSON, 36 740 245, Anti-tank Company, France, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

✓ Private First Class BENEDICT J. KIZELEWICZ, 31 297 544, Anti-tank Company, France, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

✓ Private First Class FLOYD J. KUEHNAU, 17 025 567, Company E, France, 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Chisholm, Minnesota.

✓ Private First Class ALAN W. METZELFELD, 36 835 951, Company C, France, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Brookfield, Wisconsin.

Private First Class WILLIAM R. PIERSON, 36 407 240, Company B, France, 7 January 1945. Entered military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Private First Class STEVE RADO, 33 573 527, Company F, France, 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Waterman, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOSEPH M. SHIELDS, 35 092 397, Company F, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Monrovia, Indiana.

Private First Class MARION E. SIMMONS, 36 117 302, Company M, France, 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Monroe, Michigan.

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Private First Class MARTIN J. STACK, 55 287 206, Company G, France, ~~11 January 1945~~. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.
~~10 Dec 1944~~

Private First Class GLEN R. STEVENS, 35 091 824, Company E, France, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Marion, Indiana.

Private CLYDE AMERSON, 34 792 526, Company M, France, 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Jasper, Florida.

✓ Private ROBERT L. BROWER, 33 131 448, Company M, France, 26 December 1944. Entered military service from Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

Private NICHOLAS J. COSTELLO, 20 226 205, Headquarters Third Battalion, France, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Pennsgrove, New Jersey.

Private CHARLES W. CUMBEE, 35 813 750, Company M, France, 26 December 1944. Entered military service from Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Private ROBERT J. GOUIN, 36 984 865, Company M, France, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Private DONALD J. HARRINGTON, 36 457 484, Medical Detachment, France, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Augusta, Michigan.

Private A. H. KINSEY, 19 172 405, Medical Detachment, France, 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Shoshone, Idaho.

Private GEORGE E. LOGELIN, 35 837 635, Company I, France, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Gary, Indiana.

Private FRANK J. NOVONY, 33 891 053, Company F, France, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Private WILSON SMITH, 35 099 398, Company M, France, 29 December 1944. Entered military service from Crawfordsville, Kentucky.

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III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (cont'd)

324th Infantry

Private ALBERT Q. SWONGER, 33 501 936, Company H, France, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Dallastown, Pennsylvania.

Private TOBIAS TABANA, 38 003 962, Medical Detachment, France, 7 December 1944. Entered military service from St. Michaels, Arizona.

Private FRANK D. MONTAGUE, 20 226 852, Headquarters Third Battalion, France, 28 December 1944. Entered military service from Riverside, New York.

Private First Class ~~ROBERT H. CASSETT, 33 936 802, Company B, France,~~ 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class MORRIS LIEBERMAN, 36 721 036, Medical Detachment, France, 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

217th Field Artillery Battalion

Private First Class ROBERT C. YATES, 37 604 742, Battery A, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Ironton, Missouri.

220th Field Artillery Battalion

Private First Class VERNON W. STONE, 37 343 563, Headquarters Battery, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

63rd Engineer Combat Battalion

Technician Fourth Grade JAMES D. FRYBERGER, 35 787 147, Headquarters Service Company, France, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Hamilton, Ohio.

Corporal JOHN R. LOJCKE, 32 763 644, Company C, France, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

Private First Class VIRGIL M. ERICKSON, 36 447 484, Headquarters and Service Company, France, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Cambridge, Illinois.

44th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop

Technician Fourth Grade THOMAS R. SPIVEY, 20 221 116, France, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

Private First Class RUSSELL G. SCHNEIDER, 36 573 967, France, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

IV. 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 MARVIN A. BECKS, 38 661 947, Company G, 71st Infantry, is rescinded.

2. 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 GEORGE T. BUHE, 34 723 509, Company G, 114th Infantry, is rescinded.

3. So much of General Orders Number 29, this Headquarters, 2 November 1944, awarding Purple Heart to officers and enlisted men, as pertains to Private JAMES E. RAINS, 35 788 152, Medical Detachment, 114th Infantry, is rescinded.

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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.

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:

Technician Fifth Grade CONRAD H. DEERHAKE, 36 447 370, Company A, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in eastern France on 17 December 1944. When a road block was reported on the main regimental supply route, volunteers were called for to remove the mines while the road was under constant mortar and artillery fire. Technician Deerhake and another man volunteered to undertake this hazardous mission. After crawling under the shelling to reach the mined road, they were delayed by enemy machine-gun fire for 20 minutes. Then, in order to save valuable time so that supplies might be rushed to front line troops, Technician Deerhake and his comrade, totally disregarding important safety measures, crawled to each of 12 mines, removed them to the side of the road and deactivated them. The successful completion of this hazardous undertaking, skillfully executed in the face of constant enemy fire, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Combat Engineers. Entered military service from Carlyle, Indiana.

Sergeant EZRA C. DEMSEY, 35 725 047, Company C, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in eastern France on 29 December 1944. Sergeant Demsey and five men of his squad departed on a night patrol into enemy territory to determine the location, strength, and disposition of the hostile forces. Having succeeded in obtaining valuable information, the patrol was fired upon by enemy machine guns with the result that Sergeant Demsey was wounded in the shoulders, legs and eyes. Realizing that it was hopeless for him to go any farther, and desiring to get his information back to the company without delay as well as to safeguard the lives of the other members of the patrol, he ordered his men to return at once to their command post and make their report. Although blinded in both eyes as a result of his wound, Sergeant Demsey then attempted to crawl back to his lines. When rescued he refused to be evacuated until he was assured that his patrol had returned and reported their information. Sergeant Demsey's disregard for his own welfare and his supreme devotion to duty exemplify the finest qualities of our fighting men. Entered military service from Petersburg, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant HARVEY F. FLETCHER, 37 602 946, then Private First Class Company * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 13 November 1944 near Clermont, France. In an attack on a heavily manned concrete and steel pillbox which was holding up the advance of an infantry battalion, Sergeant Fletcher assumed command of his squad and deployed his men skillfully in the face of fire from hostile machine guns. He then instructed his men to cover him with rapid fire as he crawled to a point about 30 yards from the enemy emplacement. Displaying magnificent courage and coolness under fire, he rose to his feet and fired three rounds from his bazooka, scoring a direct hit each time and wiping out the formidable enemy fortification. Sergeant Fletcher's intrepidity, resourcefulness, and initiative are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Kirkwood, Missouri.

Sergeant CLARENCE W. MORGAN, 6 970 111, Company I, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, on 1 January 1945. When he saw that one of his gunners was killed and the assistant gunner seriously wounded during the enemy attack on New Year's Day, Sergeant Morgan, leader of a light machine gun section, manned the machine gun himself, firing from a hip position until hit by enemy fire in both legs. Although he was knocked off balance by the impact of the

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bullets which struck him, Sergeant Morgan lunged for his machine gun, caught it, fell into a prone position and continued to fire until wounded again. Sergeant Morgan's indomitable fighting spirit and gallant self-sacrifice and his company to withhold a superior enemy force and exemplify the finest qualities of our fighting men. Entered military service from Decatur, Alabama.

Lieutenant Colonel CHARLES R. MURRAY, O18 792, Headquarters, * * * Division Arty. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Leintrey and Embermenil, France, on 16 November 1944. When the leading rifle battalions had advanced so far during an attack that communications with regimental headquarters became difficult, Colonel Murray set out with the regimental commander and a small group of officers and men to contact their leading elements. Part way through woods which were known to be uncleared of the enemy, the group was fired upon by an enemy machine gun. While other members of the party covered them, Colonel Murray and another officer worked their way around the flank to within 20 feet of the machine-gun nest and demanded the surrender of the two gunners. The Germans left their gun and moved out to surrender; but upon seeing that the officers were armed only with pistols, they attempted to hit the ground and fire. Colonel Murray and his fellow officer, however, killed one and wounded the other, putting the gun out of action. Colonel Murray's intrepidity and aggressive fighting spirit are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Arlington, Virginia.

Major JOSEPH J. NOVELLINO, O 339 890, Headquarters Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Leintrey and Embermenil, France, on 16 November 1944. When the leading rifle battalions had advanced so far during an attack that communications with regimental headquarters became difficult, Major Novellino set out with the regimental commander and a small group of officers and men to contact their leading element. Part way through woods which were known to be uncleared of the enemy, the group was fired upon by an enemy machine gun. While other members of the party covered them, Major Novellino and another officer worked their way around the flank to within 20 feet of the machine-gun nest and demanded the surrender of the two gunners. The Germans left their gun and moved out to surrender; but upon seeing that the officers were armed only with pistols, they attempted to hit the ground and fire. Major Novellino and his fellow officer, however, killed one and wounded the other, putting the gun out of action. Major Novellino's intrepidity and aggressive fighting spirit are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Patterson, New Jersey.

Corporal GEORGE ORME, 32 750 282, Company A, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy in eastern France on 17 December 1944. When a road block was reported on the main regimental supply route, volunteers were called for to remove the mines while the road was under constant mortar and artillery fire. Corporal Orme and another man volunteered to undertake this hazardous mission. After crawling under the shelling to reach the mined road, they were delayed by enemy machine-gun fire for 20 minutes. Then, in order to save valuable time so that supplies might be rushed to front line troops, Corporal Orme and his comrade, totally disregarding important safety measures, crawled to each of 12 mines, removed them to the side of the road and deactivated them. The successful completion of this hazardous undertaking, skillfully executed in the face of constant enemy fire, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Combat Engineers. Entered military service from Merchantville, New Jersey.

Private First Class MILTON J. PARSONS, 38 417 190, (then Private) Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rohrbach, France, on 9 December 1944. When it was reported that a ton vehicle had been destroyed by a mine and that two of the resulting casualties required immediate medical attention, Private Parsons was ordered to follow the pioneer platoon, which was clearing the road in question, and to render aid to the wounded. Realizing, however, that it would take several hours for the road to be cleared of mines, and that the casualties were known to be in a very serious condition, Private Parsons disregarded the order to

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follow the mine sweeping party, and fearlessly proceeded past the pioneer platoon down the mined road. Despite the additional hazards of harassing artillery fire on this road, Private Parsons reached the wounded men, and again disregarding warnings that the road would be unsafe until the next morning, he carried the casualties safely to the aid station. Private Parsons' gallantry and profound devotion to duty were responsible for saving the life of one of these soldiers and reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from Galveston, Texas.

Private First Class ANTONIO RENTERIA, 37 473 824, Company K, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 10 January 1945. After advancing with the attacking platoons, Private Renteria remained at the wire line to direct friendly fire. From this advantageous position, he effectively corrected mortar and artillery fire, destroying two machine guns which were impeding the advance of the company. Later, when two other machine guns held up one of the platoons, Private Renteria crawled farther forward with his phone in an attempt to locate the well camouflaged emplacements. Unable to detect the exact positions, he deliberately exposed himself twice in order to direct their fire. Then he phoned back to the mortars and directed the destruction of both guns. Private Renteria's intrepidity, initiative, and spirit of self-sacrifice exemplify the finest qualities of our fighting men. Entered military service from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Captain IRVIN M. ROTH, 01 294 198, Company I, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Bliesbruck, France, on 9 January 1945. While leading his company through the woods under heavy artillery, mortar, and machine-gun fire, Captain Roth received a shrapnel wound in the face. Realizing that his presence in the company was vital since all officers but one had been wounded and evacuated, he refused medical attention and led his company to the objective. Before consenting to treatment, he so organized his company zone that his men were able to repel a strong counterattack which immediately followed the taking of the ground. Captain Roth's exemplary leadership and profound devotion to duty merit the praise of his comrades and exemplify the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

Technician Fourth Grade LEIGH WHITFORD, 32 354 965, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Woelfling, France, on 6 January 1945. While the platoon to which he was attached was engaged in a fire-fight with the enemy only 100 yards away, Technician Whitford fearlessly crawled out under heavy small-arms and machine-gun fire to treat a wounded soldier and drag him back to safety. When he returned, he discovered that another man was badly wounded and again, at great personal risk, he crawled out under enemy fire to render first aid. When he reached the vicinity of the wounded man, the enemy directed automatic fire towards him, but despite the great danger, he continued to give first aid until he was hit. Technician Whitford's courageous actions and devotion to duty are a great credit to himself and the Service. Entered military service from Yonkers, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM G. YOAKUM, 38 342 005, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Bliesbruck, France, on 4 January 1945. When a member of a patrol was wounded, Technician Yoakum immediately left his foxhole and worked his way through intense enemy fire for a distance of 150 yards to reach the wounded man. After administering first aid, Technician Yoakum decided that the injured soldier required immediate evacuation and he proceeded, under continuous fire, to carry his patient back to our lines. Technician Yoakum's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of the highest praise and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Spur, Texas.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

1. 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:

Technician Fifth Grade FLOYD T. DROEGE, 35 722 262, Company A, * * *

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II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (cont'd)

Tank Battalion. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy near Freudenberg, France, on 18 December 1944. When it became essential to remove three mired and abandoned tanks to prevent their capture by the enemy, Technician Droege volunteered to undertake this task in spite of the intense enemy mortar and artillery fire which was falling on the position. He was dismounted and exposed to this hostile fire for approximately one hour while he accomplished his mission. Technician Droege's willingness to perform a dangerous assignment which was not a part of his regular duties and his devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from Wadesville, Indiana.

Sergeant RICHARD B. JACKSON, 35 682 407, Company A, * * * Tank Battalion. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 18 December 1944. When it became essential to remove three mired and abandoned tanks to prevent their capture by the enemy, Sergeant Jackson volunteered to undertake this task in spite of the intense enemy mortar and artillery fire which was falling on the position. He was dismounted and exposed to this hostile fire for approximately one hour while he accomplished his mission. Sergeant Jackson's willingness to perform a dangerous assignment which was not a part of his regular duties reflects great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from Terre Haute, Indiana.

Corporal ANTHONY OSSO, 32 715 016, Company A, * * * Tank Battalion. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 18 December 1944. When it became essential to remove three mired and abandoned tanks to prevent their capture by the enemy, Corporal Osso volunteered to undertake this task in spite of the intense enemy mortar and artillery fire which was falling on the position. He was dismounted and exposed to this hostile fire for approximately one hour while he accomplished his mission. Corporal Osso's willingness to perform a dangerous assignment which was not a part of his regular duties reflects great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from Huntington Station, New York.

Technical Sergeant FRED F. PALOMBI, 20 226 446, Company K, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, on 12 January 1945. When his company attacked north of this town, Sergeant Palombi, a weapons platoon leader, moved to a hazardous position under heavy enemy shelling in order to direct mortar and artillery fire against enemy positions which had been holding up his company's progress. Later, when he saw that his machine guns had run out of ammunition, he raced back to a rear ammunition dump, under continuous shell fire, loaded a nearby vehicle with machine-gun belts and drove it directly to the front line. With the enemy shells falling all around him, he returned to the dump and brought back a second load of ammunition. Then, with several others, he made repeated trips on foot to secure a sufficient supply of rifle bandoliers and machine-gun belts for his company to stave off an imminent enemy counterattack. By his courageous efforts in replenishing his company with vital ammunition, and by his example of coolness and bravery under intense fire, Sergeant Palombi reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Beverly, New Jersey.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service is awarded the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade CLIFTON G. CHAMPAGNE, 36 806 750, * * * Signal Company, from 15 September 1944 to 11 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Major AMEROSE P. CLUNAN, O 405 809, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 12 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant JACK R. DODD, 17 004 002, * * * Signal Company, from 15 September 1944 to 11 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska.

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II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (cont'd)

Technician Fifth Grade FRANCIS C. DOOLEY, 11 131 378, * * * Signal Company, from 15 September 1944 to 11 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Grafton, Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade ALBERT C. FERRITTO, 35 535 377, * * * Signal Company, from 15 September 1944 to 11 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Sergeant ARTHUR N. LUSTER, 36 736 087, * * * Signal Company, from 15 September 1944 to 11 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Ramsey, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant NORMAN S. MASON, 34 162 895, * * * Signal Company, from 15 September 1944 to 11 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Isney, Alabama.

Chief Warrant Officer ROBERT W. MASTERSON, W-2 112 050, * * * Signal Company, from 15 September 1944 to 11 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Lambertville, New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant JACK MORRIS, 35 622 332, (then Technician Fifth Grade) Headquarters and Headquarters Company, * * * Tank Battalion, from 3 July 1944 to 31 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT A. MORRISON, 35 603 295, * * * Signal Company, from 15 September 1944 to 11 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from New Philadelphia, Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant ROBERT J. PRINGLE, 32 082 299, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, * * * Tank Battalion, from 3 July 1944 to 31 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from New York, New York.

First Lieutenant GERALD L. RICHEY, 01 641 727, * * * Signal Company, from 15 September 1944 to 11 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Panora, Iowa.

Sergeant THOMAS F. ROBERTS, 37 497 385, * * * Signal Company, from 15 September 1944 to 11 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Tarkio, Missouri.

Sergeant THOMAS B. STONE, 33 559 147, * * * Signal Company, from 15 September 1944 to 11 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Sykesville, Maryland.

Master Sergeant HARVEY J. VAUGHAN JR, 39 301 618, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, * * * Tank Battalion, from 3 July 1944 to 31 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Marshfield, Oregon.

III. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL:

1. 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 HAROLD R. MARTIN, O 405 436, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in eastern France. Entered military service from Maryville, Missouri.

Second Lieutenant HUGH W. ZEANAH, O1 179 693, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 5 November 1944 to 7 January 1945, in eastern France. Entered military service from Berry, Alabama.

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III. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL: (cont'd)

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a second 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 ROLAND E. MALICOAT, O 516 627, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 24 October 1944 to 25 November 1944, in eastern France. Entered military service from Kokomo, Indiana.

First Lieutenant HAROLD R. MARTIN, O 405 436, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 December 1944 to 26 December 1944, in eastern France. Entered military service from Maryville, Missouri.

By command of Brigadier General DEAN:

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General Orders Number 13, 2 February 1945 - Hq, 42th Infantry Division

Major Ambrose P. Clunan - During sustained operations against the enemy in France, from 23 October 1944 to 12 January 1945, Major Clunan, as Surgeon of 71st Infantry, distinguished himself by his outstanding devotion to duty. Major Clunan, with disregard for his personal safety, was almost constantly in dangerous forward positions directing and advising the first aid treatment and evacuation of battle casualties. On numerous occasions, he had exposed himself to enemy artillery and small arms fire in order to keep abreast of the tactical situation so that the evacuation of the wounded could be better planned and executed. His deeds expedited the evacuation of the wounded, resulting in saving of an undetermined number of lives.

Technical Sergeant Jack Morris - During the period indicated Technical Sergeant Morris, serving as Intelligence noncommissioned officer has discharged his responsibilities in a thoroughly efficient and exemplary manner. His tireless devotion and unceasing devotion to duty have been at all times in conformity with the finest tradition of the Service and reflect great credit on the Armed Forces of the United States.

Technical Sergeant Robert J. Pringle - During the period indicated Sergeant Pringle, serving as Operations Sergeant has discharged his responsibilities in a thoroughly efficient and exemplary manner. His tireless devotion to duty have been at all times in conformity with the finest traditions of the Service and reflect great credit on the Armed Forces of the United States.

Master Sergeant Harvey J. Vaughan Jr - During the period indicated Sergeant Vaughan, serving as Battalion Sergeant Major has discharged his responsibilities in a thoroughly efficient and exemplary manner. His tireless devotion and unceasing devotion to duty have been at all times in conformity with the finest tradition of the service and reflect great credit on the Armed Forces of the United States.

First Lieutenant Gerald L. Richey - During period indicated Lieutenant Richey, acting as the Telephone and Telegraph Field Construction Officer of the 44th Signal Company, organized and supervised the Field Construction work of the Signal Company construction teams in an exceptionally outstanding manner making possible the uninterrupted flow of signal communications vital to the entire command. He demonstrated initiative and aggressiveness in following through on the performance of his duty. Lt Richey has performed much of his duty under observed enemy artillery and small arms fire, by day and night on strange terrain in all types of weather often involving 48 hours continuous work without rest. His leadership has inspired the confidence and respect of all under his control as well as that of superior officers.

Chief Warrant Officer Robert W. Masterson - While acting as motor transportation officer of the 44th Signal Company, Mr Masterson performed his duty in a very meritorious manner in sustained operational activities in the European Theater of Operations. He organized and supervised motor maintenance operations in an exceptionally outstanding manner making possible the uninterrupted performance of all company vehicles throughout the entire division zone. His initiative and aggressiveness in following through on the performance of his duty has materially contributed to the successful signal operations and communication systems of the entire division and attached organizations.

Technical Sergeant Jack R. Dodd - While acting as assistant chief radio operator of the 44th Signal Company Sergeant Dodd performed his duties in a very meritorious manner in preparation for and during sustained operational activities in the European Theater of Operations. His aggressiveness and attention to duty has materially contributed to the successful signal operations of the entire division. He assisted in maintaining continuous radio contact when desired under difficult field conditions of operation often under observed enemy artillery and small arms fire.

T Sgt Norman S. Mason (Same Citation)
Sgt Thomas B. Stone

These men acted as assistant chief linemen during period indicated and performed their duties in a very meritorious manner. They organized and supervised the field construction work of a Signal Company Construction team in an exceptionally outstanding manner, making possible the uninterrupted flow of signal communications which were vital to the entire command. They demonstrated initiative and aggressiveness in following through on the performance of their duties. They have performed much of their duties under observed enemy artillery and small arms fire, by day and night, on strange terrain, and in all types of weather, often requiring 48 hours of continuous work without rest.

Sgt Arthur N. Luster (Same Citation)
Sgt Thomas F. Roberts

These men acted as assistant chiefs of trouble teams in the construction platoon of the 44th Signal Company and performed their duties in a very meritorious manner. They organized and supervised the trouble shooting team of the construction platoon in an exceptionally outstanding manner, making possible the uninterrupted flow of signal communications vital to the entire command. They demonstrated initiative and aggressiveness in following through on the performance of their duties. Their leadership has inspired the confidence and respect of all men under their control as well as that of superior officers.

Tec 5 Albert Ferrito
Tec 5 Robert A. Morrison (Same Citation)
Tec 5 Francis G. Doolay
Tec 4 Clifton G. Champagne

These men are members of the 44th Signal Company Radio Team assigned to operations and duty with the 324th Infantry Regiment. During the period indicated they have performed their duties in a very meritorious manner in preparation for and during sustained operational activities in the European Theater of Operations. Their aggressiveness and attention to duty have materially contributed to the successful signal operations of the entire division. They assisted in maintaining continuous radio contact when desired under difficult field conditions of operation, often under observed enemy artillery and small arms fire. By employing their initiative, personal knowledge and mechanical skill, damaged equipment was rapidly repaired and returned to service without evacuation. They have inspired the confidence and respect of all officers and enlisted men in their sphere of work.

ARMY REGULATION
PART 11

AGO 45, U. S. Army
3 February 1945

- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
- II. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. ~~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 RUSSEL AAS, 35 034 972 (then Private), Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 31 December 1944. While being subjected to a heavy infantry attack, Technician AAS maintained his post as radio operator and at the same time took part in the fight against the enemy forces. Technician AAS's fighting spirit and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from Sidney, Ohio.

Private EDWARD J AHERN, 11 007 063, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Gelbach, France. Private AHERN, one of four litter bearers, although warned that he would have to pass through open terrain under enemy observation and probably enemy fire, unhesitatingly ventured to the aid of a wounded soldier awaiting evacuation. En route he was fired upon by the enemy who were only 250 yards away, but he continued on his mission. Reaching the vicinity of the wounded man he found there were four casualties instead of only one. Private AHERN and his comrades proceeded to administer and evacuate all four. During the process of evacuation the litter bearers were again fired upon by the enemy, but still continued with their task. Private AHERN's personal bravery, determination, and fidelity to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

Captain LLOYD W WALLEY, 61 267 143, (then First Lieutenant), Company I, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy from 13 December to 17 December 1944, in eastern France. During the capture and defense of Freudenberg Farm, part of the Reduct Line, a bitterly fought battle against the Germans, Captain WALLEY continued to perform his duties as a First Lieutenant in order to conduct the operations and reorganization of his company. His courage and optimism did much to support the morale of his men and his skillful leadership insured the success of the mission. His actions reflect great credit upon the Military Service. Entered military service from Wilmington, North Carolina.

First Lieutenant HENRY F BALBONI, 61 02 19, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the town of Encenbourg, France, on 7 December 1944. During the assault on this town by the * * * Infantry Regiment, Lieutenant BALBONI led the Second Battalion Observation Post while under continuous artillery fire. He continually changed positions, exposing himself to fire in order to support the assaulting action. When his view became obstructed, he moved his Observation Post to a position which became untenable throughout the attack because of constant hostile artillery fire. While at his post he was wounded by a shell fragment which broke his leg. Lieutenant BALBONI's courage and determination to duty in the face of danger reflect great credit upon the Service and the traditions of the highest profession. Entered military service from Springfield, Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade ARNOLD S BOBOLD, 47 02 200, (then Private), Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 3 November 1944. When artillery fire completely blocked a narrow area which was being subjected to intense mortar and artillery fire, Technician BOBOLD and three comrades volunteered to go to the aid of the enemy. Despite noxious night and very difficult terrain, the aid was obtained and carried to him approximately 2200 yards to the aid station. The evacuation and surgery were made possible by the courage of Technician BOBOLD and his three companions.

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was responsible for saving the wounded soldier's life and exemplifies the splendid achievements of the United States Department of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Davenport, Iowa.

First Lieutenant **EVERETT A. COOKE**, 01 292 133, Company K, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France. On the night of 4-5 January 1945, Lieutenant Cooke was given the mission of driving the enemy out of Fraumberg through a hostile enemy force was known to have infiltrated. The skillful and efficient manner in which Lieutenant Cooke planned and executed this mission with very few casualties reflects great credit on himself and the Service. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

Second Lieutenant **RAMON B. COLSON**, 0 527 229, Battery A, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France, on 1 December 1944. Lieutenant Colson, an artillery forward observer, left his position with Company B, * * * Infantry and moved forward to a new position within view of the enemy. He maintained his new post all afternoon and directed devastating fire on enemy positions, inflicting considerable damage on men and material. Lieutenant Colson's initiative and resourcefulness in accomplishing his mission reflect great credit upon himself and our Armed Forces. Entered military service from Schenectady, New York.

Private First Class **HENRY A. DE FRANCO**, 35 356 629, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 11 January 1945. Leaving his position, Private First Class DeFranco moved through an enemy artillery concentration to repair the only communication line from front to rear. Shortly thereafter he again exposed himself to enemy fire to aid in the evacuation of casualties. Private First Class DeFranco's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade **HILLER C. FOSTER JR.**, 14 230 491, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy at Rauviller France, on 24 November 1944. When casualties occurred during the attack on Rauviller, Technician Foster unhesitatingly ventured to aid the wounded in the face of heavy enemy fire. Later, when there was no ambulance available for the evacuation of the wounded, Technician Foster tirelessly searched for a vehicle and finally succeeded in obtaining the necessary transportation. Technician Foster's initiative and devotion to duty were undoubtedly instrumental in saving the lives of several men. Entered the military service from Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Second Lieutenant **JOHN F. FRAZIER**, 02 000 220 (then Sergeant), * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France during the period from midnight 31 December 1944 to 2 January 1945. During the large scale enemy offensive against the positions of * * * Infantry beginning at midnight on 31 December 1944, Lieutenant Frazier, as an artillery forward observer, was with a front line company where the attack was strongest. When the infantry were forced to withdraw to prepared positions, Lieutenant Frazier remained behind and directed effective artillery fire against the attacking Germans, aiding substantially in the delay and destruction of the enemy and making possible the orderly withdrawal of the infantry. He continued to direct fire missions until he was driven back by automatic and small-arms fire. Lieutenant Frazier's courageous actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Owosso, Michigan.

Sergeant **BERNARD GOLDSMITH**, 31 223 595, Company H, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 1 January to 7 January 1945. Several times during this period, Sergeant Goldsmith exposed himself to heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire in order to repair telephone wires severed by the enemy. Sergeant Goldsmith's courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the United States. Entered military service from

Corporal **WILLIAM W. MADDA**, 35 574 290, Company G, * * * Engineer General Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Sarrrebourg, France, on 5 January 1945. Corporal Maddad, a member of a combat team crew, proceeded to a bridge well ahead of the Division's next forward position to demolish it. The far side of the bridge was held by the enemy and it was impossible to secure it because of the lack of men. Visibility was poor because of darkness and snow, and the bank leading to the bridge was treacherous and steep. But these obstacles did not deter Corporal Maddad. He unhesitatingly exposed himself to place the necessary charges. For 25 minutes he continued his work despite the fact that he had to make a great deal of noise which made his position precarious. Corporal Maddad's devotion to duty, skill, and coolness in a tense situation resulted in the destruction of a bridge important to the enemy. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class **MASON S HALL**, 36 576 272, (then Private) Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sarrrebourg, France, on 20 November 1944. Upon learning that two wounded men had been left behind by a patrol, Private First Class Hall and one other aid man went to search for them. They worked their way forward for fifty yards ahead of our front line troops under machine-gun and mortar fire, found one of the men and evacuated him. Later Private First Class Hall and his companion returned to search for the other man and found him dead. Private First Class Hall's coolness, courage, and devotion to duty, despite great danger to himself, are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant **MAX R HUNDLEY**, 39 855 246, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Solbach, France, on 21 December 1944. When it became necessary to remove wire obstacles in front of Fort Sinnerhoff, Sergeant Hundley volunteered to go forward with Bangalore torpedoes and blow a lane through the wire. Despite darkness and fog, unknown minefields, and hostile enemy small-arms fire, he coolly left his position, carefully placed two torpedoes, and blew a lane through the wire wide enough to permit the passage of troops. By his courageous action and devotion to duty Sergeant Hundley made possible the advance of his unit. Entered military service from Safford, Arizona.

Technician Fourth Grade **WILLIAM JOHNSON**, 33 586 540, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bliesbruck, France, from 4th to 6th January 1945. During this period Technician Johnson repeatedly left his position and exposed himself to heavy artillery and mortar shelling in order to repair severed telephone lines. On 5 January 1945 he repaired the lines on ten separate occasions. Technician Johnson's remarkable courage and coolness under fire reflect great credit on himself and the Service. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class **JAY L KENDALL**, 42 018 893 (then Private), Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 18 December 1944. When Private First Class Kendall saw that a lead scout was wounded as a result of heavy enemy fire, he unhesitatingly crawled 50 yards under the heavy fire, administered first aid, and helped the wounded man to safety. Shortly thereafter, during an enemy mortar concentration, Private First Class Kendall moved out to render treatment to another wounded soldier and shielded his patient with his own body for the duration of the shelling. Later he again crawled under enemy fire and removed to safety a third casualty. In performing these duties, Private First Class Kendall demonstrated his fearlessness and devotion to duty. Entered military service from Rahway, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant **CHARLES J KOEHLER**, 01 308 967, Antitank Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy north of Sarrrebourg, France, on 31 December 1944. During a heavy counterattack against the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, Lieutenant Koehler supported the defense with his antitank platoon. When the attack broke, the heaviest enemy action centered in the vicinity of his right gun position, but Lieutenant Koehler was on the left side of his platoon. Quickly running to the right gun, a distance of 150 yards, he was forced to expose himself to mortar and automatic fire and was seriously

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... in the leg. He nevertheless remained with his platoon, directing the
... and refusing evacuation until the attack had been beaten off. Lieutenant
... devotion to duty and inspiring leadership contributed immeasurably to
... the enemy. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

... Lieutenant JOHN W. KOLB, OI 324 424 (then Second Lieutenant), Company
... Infantry. For heroic and meritorious achievement in action against
... in eastern France, from 24 October 1944 to 10 January 1945. During
... Lieutenant Kolb had performed his duties as a forward observer in a
... manner. He directed effective fire on numerous enemy targets
... exposed to enemy fire. Many times he moved well in the advance of friendly
... troops, placing himself in hazardous positions in order to direct effective fire.
... Lieutenant Kolb's initiative and devotion to duty in the face of extremely heavy
... fire reflect credit upon the Service. Entered military service from Little
... Rock, Arkansas.

... Staff Sergeant MIKE KUBACKO, JUNIOR, 35 286 105, Company D, * * * Infantry.
... achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bliesbruck
... France, on 31 December 1944. When the riflemen whom his machine-gun section was
... had withdrawn, the section was left exposed and in danger of being
... . One gunner, moreover, had been killed, the assistant gunner critically
... and the gun itself knocked out of action. In this tense situation,
... Sergeant Kubacko secured an automatic rifle and ordered his men to start with-
... while he moved ahead to hold off the advancing enemy and inflicted heavy
... upon them. By his intrepid action and cool courage, Sergeant Kubacko
... the capture of his machine-gun section and made possible an orderly
... . Entered military service from Warren, Ohio.

... Private First Class HENRY O. LEICHTER, 32 968 159, Medical Detachment, * * *
... service in action in connection with military operations
... on 20 December 1944 in the vicinity of Holbach, France. Private
... , one of four litter bearers, although warned that he would
... to pass through open terrain under enemy observation and probable enemy fire
... to the aid of a wounded soldier awaiting evacuation. He
... by the enemy who were only 250 yards away, but he
... . Upon reaching the vicinity of the wounded man he
... instead of only one. Private First Class Leichter
... to administer aid and evacuate all four. During the
... litter bearers were again fired upon by the enemy,
... . Private First Class Leichter's personal bravery
... and fidelity to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions
... military service from Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

... SERGEANT LARRY L. LAYCO, 33 064 503, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery
... in action against the enemy in the vicinity of
... 6 January 1945. During this period Sergeant
... and contributed to heavy artillery and
... . On 7 January 1945
... .

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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 enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant THOMAS F. JORDAN, 20 228 790, Company L, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Batzwiller, France, on 5 December 1944. When his platoon suffered heavy casualties, Sergeant Jordan, platoon guide, although painfully wounded in the leg, remained with his unit and assisted in its reorganization. He moved about among his men while under fire, encouraging them in pushing the attack. Inspired by his example, the platoon moved ahead and seized its objective. Sergeant Jordan's courage and determination reflect credit on the Armed Forces and merit high praise. Entered military service from Astoria, New York.

II. 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:

Staff Sergeant ALVIN BENSON, 32 056 817, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Enchenberg, France, on 8 December 1944. When he learned that many casualties were sustained during the attack on this town, Sergeant Benson, together with two others, hurried to their aid over a road that was being subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. Moving forward of the positions held by bur-riflemen, Sergeant Benson and his comrades went from house to house searching for the casualties and succeeded in removing several truck loads of the wounded. Sergeant Benson and his companions continued their work in the face of heavy enemy fire from a tank and small arms only 300 yards away. Sergeant Benson's intrepid actions in evacuating the wounded are worthy of the highest praise. Next of kin: Mrs. Minnie Benson (Mother), 112 Palmer Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

Private First Class LOUIS J. GRIEWISCH, 32 252 282, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in Eastern France on 6 January 1945. When it was reported that the telephone wire between Regimental Headquarters and First Battalion Headquarters had been damaged by enemy artillery fire, Private Griewisch and two companions set out to repair the damage and accomplished this task in the face of an intense hostile shelling. Private Griewisch's initiative and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Christine Griewisch (Mother), 95 Buffalo Street, Silver Creek, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade EDSSEL M. STUCKMAN, 37 347 407, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Enchenberg, France, on 8 December 1944. When he learned that many casualties were sustained during the attack on this town, Technician Stuckman, together with two others, hurried to their aid over a road that was being subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. Moving forward of the positions held by our riflemen, Technician Stuckman and his comrades went from house to house searching for the casualties and succeeded in removing several truck loads of the wounded. Technician Stuckman and his companions continued their work in the face of heavy enemy fire from a tank and small arms only 300 yards away. Technician Stuckman's intrepid actions in evacuating the wounded are worthy of the highest praise. Next of kin: Mr. Hugh W. Stuckman (Father), General Delivery, Kirwin, Kansas.

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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 officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class DONALD L. ANDERSON, 36 806 346, Antitank Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Saureguemines, France, on the night of 31 December 1944. During a heavy enemy counterattack against the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, Private Anderson crawled to investigate a figure in a nearby bush only to find that it was a friendly soldier who had taken cover from the heavy hostile fire. From this comrade he learned that a soldier lay helpless about fifty yards away. Despite the enemy automatic fire, Private Anderson crawled to the aid of the wounded man but found him to be dead. Private Anderson's unselfish concern for the welfare of a fellow soldier in the face of grave danger to himself reflects the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Private First Class EDISON C. BOWMAN, 35 625 006, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in Eastern France on 7 January 1945. When it was reported that the telephone lines between the Battalion observation post and Companies A and C were damaged by enemy artillery fire, Private Bowman and two fellow soldiers set out to repair the wires. They succeeded in mending numerous breaks and restored communications in spite of having to work in an exposed area under constant shelling. Private Bowman's initiative and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from New Lebanon, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT M. BRINDLE, 37 662 662, Company A, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in Eastern France on 10 January 1945. Sergeant Brindle was a member of a patrol well ahead of our lines when unidentified persons were heard traveling across the front. Moving close to the unknown group, the patrol discovered it to consist of an enemy Colonel, Lieutenant, and Sergeant. Holding their fire, the patrol deployed and attempted to capture all three without killing any. They first captured the Lieutenant, then disposed of the Sergeant with an effective butt stroke, and finally seized the Colonel before he could fire or escape. Sergeant Brindle's coolness and skill in aiding the capture of three such valuable prisoners are deserving of the highest praise. Entered military service from Marshalltown, Iowa.

Private First Class RODERIC J. CAMPBELL, 36 820 349, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the town of Hinsbourg, France, on 2 December 1944. When two soldiers of Company G had been badly injured by sniper fire while advancing on this town, Private Campbell, an Aid man, rushed out in plain view of the enemy and covered a distance of 300 yards to aid the wounded men. The hostile fire was so heavy that a platoon of Company G was unable to advance, but this did not deter Private Campbell from evacuating the men to safety. As the attack continued, Private Campbell was wounded. His courageous action and devotion to duty reflect the unselfish creed of the Medical Department soldier. Entered military service from Superior, Wisconsin.

Sergeant GEORGE CHOBAN, 20 204 759, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in Eastern France on 7 January 1945. When it was reported that the telephone lines between the Battalion observation post and Companies A and C were damaged by enemy artillery fire, Sergeant Choban and two fellow soldiers set out to repair the wires. They succeeded in mending numerous breaks and restored communications in spite of having to work in an exposed area under constant shelling. Sergeant Choban's initiative and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Carteret, New Jersey.

Private First Class HARRY L. DAFFIN JR., 33 559 156, Company A, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in Eastern France on 10 January 1945. Private Daffin was a member of a patrol well

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ahead of our lines when unidentified persons were heard traveling across the front. Moving close to the unknown group, the patrol discovered it to consist of an enemy Colonel, Lieutenant, and Sergeant. Holding their fire, the patrol deployed and attempted to capture all three without killing any. They first captured the Lieutenant, then disposed of the Sergeant with an effective butt stroke, and finally seized the Colonel before he could fire or escape. Private Daffin's sobriety and skill in aiding the capture of three such valuable prisoners are deserving of the highest praise. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Sergeant JOSEPH DUNN, 34 539 400, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Eastern France on 16 November 1944. Sergeant Dunn accompanied his Regimental Commander and a small party of officers and enlisted men through a portion of a wooded area known to be held by the enemy. Part way through the woods, the group was halted by a dug-in enemy machine gun. While the Regimental Commander moved to flank the gun, Sergeant Dunn contained the enemy with frontal fire. After a short time, worried for the safety of his Colonel, Sergeant Dunn moved forward close to the flank of the enemy gun, opened fire with his sub-machine gun, and enabled two officers to knock out the position. Sergeant Dunn's fearlessness and disregard for personal safety while seeking to protect his commanding officer are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from West Palm Beach, Florida.

Technical Sergeant EARL DUNNUCK, 6 802 026, Company A, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in Eastern France on 10 January 1945. Sergeant Dunnuck was a member of a patrol well ahead of our lines when unidentified persons were heard traveling across the front. Moving close to the unknown group, the patrol discovered it to consist of an enemy Colonel, Lieutenant, and Sergeant. Holding their fire, the patrol deployed and attempted to capture all three without killing any. They first captured the Lieutenant, then disposed of the Sergeant with an effective butt stroke, and finally seized the Colonel before he could fire or escape. Sergeant Dunnuck's coolness and skill in aiding the capture of three such valuable prisoners are deserving of the highest praise. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

First Lieutenant MILAN GROZDANICH, 02 048 322, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Enchenberg, France, on 8 December 1944. When he learned that many casualties were sustained during the attack on this town, Lieutenant Grozdanich, together with two others, hurried to their aid over a road that was being subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. Moving forward of the positions held by our riflemen, Lieutenant Grozdanich and his comrades went from house to house searching for the casualties and succeeded in removing several truck loads of the wounded. Lieutenant Grozdanich and his companions continued their work in the face of heavy enemy fire from a tank and small arms only 300 yards away. Lieutenant Grozdanich's intrepid actions in evacuating the wounded are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

Private First Class HENRY J. KOSTRZYCKI, 32 252 250, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in Eastern France on 7 January 1945. When Private Kostrzycki learned that the telephone line between First Battalion Headquarters and Company B was damaged in numerous places, he and two companions set out immediately to repair the line in an area which was being shelled heavily by the enemy. Private Kostrzycki's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Cheektowaga, New York.

Private First Class FRANK M. KUBANCIK, 33 535 362, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in Eastern France on 31 December 1944. When the Battalion observation post, which he was manning, was surrounded by a hostile patrol during an

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enemy attack, Private Kubancik remained at his post, firing his carbine while phoning the situation to the Battalion Commander. The information which he furnished made it possible for proper defensive concentrations to be fired and contributed materially toward repelling the enemy attack. Private Kubancik's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Sergeant WILLIAM A. Mc LEMORE, 35 722 311, Company A, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy north of Woelfling, France, on 1 January 1945. Sergeant McLemore was attempting to withdraw his tank because of a heavy enemy counterattack only to find that it would not start because of motor trouble. Although orders were to abandon and destroy any disabled tanks, Sergeant McLemore dismounted in the face of heavy hostile artillery and small-arms fire to work on the motor. He shot a hole into each of 2 lower cylinders which released a lock and enabled him to start the tank. Sergeant McLemore's technical skill, devotion to duty and heroic action are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Washington, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant CALOGERO MARINO, 32 934 356, (then Sergeant) Company A, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in Eastern France on 10 January 1945. Sergeant Marino was a member of a patrol well ahead of our lines when unidentified persons were heard traveling across the front. Moving close to the unknown group, the patrol discovered it to consist of an enemy Colonel, Lieutenant, and Sergeant. Holding their fire, the patrol deployed and attempted to capture all three without killing any. They first captured the Lieutenant, then disposed of the Sergeant with an effective butt stroke, and finally seized the Colonel before he could fire or escape. Sergeant Marino's coolness and skill in aiding the capture of three such valuable prisoners are deserving of the highest praise. Entered military service from De Pew, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade FORREST G. MURPHY, 36 055 816, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in Eastern France on 7 January 1945. When Technician Murphy learned that the telephone line between First Battalion Headquarters and Company B was damaged in numerous places, he and two companions set out immediately to repair the line in an area which was being shelled heavily by the enemy. Technician Murphy's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Virden, Illinois.

Private First Class JAMES R. MURRAY, 38 107 178, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in Eastern France on 7 January 1945. When Private Murray learned that the telephone line between First Battalion Headquarters and Company B was damaged in numerous places, he and two companions set out immediately to repair the line in an area which was being shelled heavily by the enemy. Private Murray's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Spur, Texas.

Staff Sergeant ANGELO A. ROMANO, 32 006 589, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy on 29 November 1944. When the antitank platoon of his company was subjected to heavy artillery and mortar fire while occupying positions in Struth, France, a fellow soldier was struck by a shell fragment and lay bleeding profusely. Sergeant Romano, thoroughly realizing the danger, crawled to the wounded man and administered first aid during the shell fire. He remained with the wounded man until the shelling ceased and then directed his evacuation. Sergeant Romano's courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Sergeant DAVID R. SHEA, 36 447 611, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 December 1944. When

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a reconnaissance patrol approached one of the units of Fort Simserhoff, France, it came under enemy machine-gun fire and one of the patrol members was wounded and an aid man was killed in attempting to render assistance. The wounded man crawled to the cover of a nearby woodpile, but enemy fire raking the vicinity prevented evacuation. Sergeant Shea, patrol member, moved from cover to cover away from the woodpile in order to draw the fire while another patrol member fired a sub-machine gun at the hostile position. Together they succeeded in diverting the enemy fire and the casualty was successfully evacuated. Sergeant Shea's courage and initiative merit high praise. Entered military service from Lincoln, Illinois.

Sergeant PAUL J. STARK, 39 616 622, Company A, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in Eastern France on 10 January 1945. Sergeant Stark was a member of a patrol well ahead of our lines when unidentified persons were heard traveling across the front. Moving close to the unknown group, the patrol discovered it to consist of an enemy Colonel, Lieutenant, and Sergeant. Holding their fire, the patrol deployed and attempted to capture all three without killing any. They first captured the Lieutenant, then disposed of the Sergeant with an effective butt stroke, and finally seized the Colonel before he could fire or escape. Sergeant Stark's coolness and skill in aiding the capture of three such valuable prisoners are deserving of the highest praise. Entered military service from Fromberg, Montana.

Staff Sergeant JACKSON A. STEVENS, 19 067 303, Company A, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 December 1944. When a reconnaissance patrol approached one of the units of Fort Simserhoff, France, it came under enemy machine-gun fire and one of the patrol members was wounded and an aid man was killed in attempting to render assistance. The wounded man crawled to the cover of a nearby woodpile, but enemy fire raking the vicinity prevented evacuation. Staff Sergeant Stevens, patrol member, fired his sub-machine gun at the hostile position while another member ran from cover to cover away from the woodpile. Together they succeeded in diverting the enemy fire and the casualty was successfully evacuated. Staff Sergeant Stevens' courage and initiative merit high praise. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class ROFF D. STRICKLER, 33 128 359, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in Eastern France on 7 January 1945. When it was reported that the telephone lines between the Battalion observation post and Companies A and C were damaged by enemy artillery fire, Private Strickler and two fellow soldiers set out to repair the wires. They succeeded in mending numerous breaks and restored communications in spite of having to work in an exposed area under constant shelling. Private Strickler's initiative and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Rocky Mount, Virginia.

Private First Class RUSSELL E. WEBB, 35 628 366, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Hottviller, France, on 19 December 1944. Private Webb crawled to the aid of a wounded comrade under a heavy concentration of machine-gun and small-arms fire. He then pulled the injured man to cover, administered first aid and remained with him until he was evacuated. Private Webb's courageous action is deserving of the highest praise. Entered military service from London, Ohio.

AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direct order of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 1-1, 1-2, and 1-3, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following-named enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade CARL E. LONG, 34 381 608, Medical Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, on 9 January 1945. When an officer of

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had been seriously wounded by an enemy machine gun, Technician Long posed himself to the enemy fire while going to aid the injured soldier. He administered treatment and remained with the officer until he was evacuated. Technician Long's courage and spirit of self-sacrifice are the finest traditions of the Medical Department soldier. Entered service from Newberry, South Carolina.

By command of Brigadier General DEAN:

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- II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
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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 man:

Private First Class EUGENE R KITTREDGE, 36 807 775, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Bliesbersingen, France, on 4 January 1945. When the enemy laid down a heavy artillery concentration in the vicinity of his 57mm Antitank gun, wounding his squad leader and setting a wooden case of high explosive ammunition on fire, Private Kittredge left his foxhole and fearlessly proceeded to extinguish the fire by covering it with dirt. While doing this he was killed by an artillery shell which landed nearby. Private Kittredge's courageous action prevented the explosion of the ammunition which would have seriously endangered the lives of his comrades. Next of kin: Mrs Virginia Kittredge (Wife), 4963 N. Teutonia Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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:

Private First Class GLEN H ADKINS, 39 922 870, Company H, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Moronville Farm, France. At midnight on 31 December 1944 the enemy launched a strong attack on a defensive position held by the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. Although the Germans pressed to within fifty yards of their machine gun, and friendly troops to their right and left had withdrawn, Private Adkins and the other members of his squad remained at their gun and inflicted heavy casualties on the advancing enemy. Through his courage and devotion to duty Private Adkins was instrumental in halting this attack, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Emmett, Idaho.

Private First Class GEORGE J BENESH, 35 535 407, Company H, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Moronville Farm, France. At midnight on 31 December 1944 the enemy launched a strong attack on a defensive position held by the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. Although the Germans pressed to within fifty yards of their machine gun, and friendly troops to their right and left had withdrawn, Private Benesh and the other members of his squad remained at the gun and inflicted heavy casualties on the advancing enemy. Through his courage and devotion to duty, Private Benesh was instrumental in halting this attack, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Sergeant LYLE GREENDEER, 36 297 755, (then Private First Class), Company D, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Bliesbruck, France, on 31 December 1944. During the enemy offensive on New Year's Eve, Sergeant Greendeer remained at his heavy machine gun and withheld fire until the enemy came within 100 yards of his position. Then he opened fire and inflicted many casualties. Shortly thereafter a mortar fragment hit his gun and destroyed his flash hider, exposing his position, but he still continued to fire on the advancing Germans. Even when his gun was hit a second time Sergeant Greendeer stuck to his post and fired on until his position was hit once more. This time he was himself wounded and his gun was rendered unserviceable. Sergeant Greendeer's exemplary devotion to duty and courage aided tremendously in repulsing the enemy attack. Entered military service from Weyville, Wisconsin.

Private First Class LEONARD J HARE, 35 546 810, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Enchenberg,

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France. Private Hare was a member of a Cannon Company observer team which accompanied Company C on the important mission of approaching the city from the flank and silencing an enemy strong point which had been holding up an entire battalion. Because of the wind and sleet on their open position on high ground, commands over the radio were indistinct; whereupon Private Hare crawled to another position, forward of our front lines, in order that his fire commands could be heard more clearly. Although the radio aerial brought machine-gun fire to bear on him, he continued to direct extremely effective cannon fire which wiped out the enemy's forward position and enabled Company C to continue on its mission. Private Hare's intrepidity, coolness under fire, and devotion to duty are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Upper Sandusky, Ohio

Sergeant REX M. JACKSON, 38 43: 681, Company H, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Moronville Farm, France. At midnight on 31 December 1944 the enemy launched a strong attack on a defensive position held by the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. Although the Germans pressed to within fifty yards of their machine gun, and friendly troops to their right and left had withdrawn, Sergeant Jackson and the other members of his squad remained at that gun and inflicted heavy casualties on the advancing enemy. Through his courage and devotion to duty Sergeant Jackson was instrumental in halting this attack, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Telephone, Texas.

Private First Class LOUIS MATASSINI, 14 118 327, (then Private) Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 15 December 1944, at Holbach, France. Private Matassini was a member of an artillery observer's party attached to an infantry battalion which was held up by intense fire coming from Fort Simserhoff. Immediately upon arriving at their observation post, which was set up in a demolished pillbox about 300 yards ahead of our lines, the party was subjected to fire from the fort. Nine direct hits were scored on the position and the telephone line was blown out. Private Matassini, knowing that communications with the observer's artillery battalion were essential to neutralize the enemy fire, and acting without orders, proceeded to lay another line despite the hail of shells and of bullets from automatic weapons. This line was also blown out, whereupon Private Matassini decided to lay the wire along another route and proceeded, still under fire, to reestablish communications. His heroic actions enabled our artillery to partially neutralize the enemy fire and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Gainesville, Florida.

First Sergeant A. J. NICHOLS, 38 432 251, (then Technical Sergeant), Cannon Company, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Enchenberg, France. Sergeant Nichols was a member of a Cannon Company observer team which accompanied Company C on the important mission of approaching the city from the flank and silencing an enemy strong point which had been holding up an entire battalion. Because of the wind and sleet on their open position on high ground, commands over the radio were indistinct; whereupon Sergeant Nichols crawled to another position, forward of our front lines, in order that his fire commands could be heard more clearly. Although the radio aerial brought machine-gun fire to bear on him, he continued to direct extremely effective cannon fire which wiped out the enemy's forward position and enabled Company C to continue on its mission. Sergeant Nichols' intrepidity, coolness under fire, and devotion to duty are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Battle Creek, Michigan.

Corporal ROBERT T. O'DONNELL, 36 291 711, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 17 December 1944 at Holbach, France. Corporal O'Donnell was a member of an artillery observer party attached to an infantry battalion which was held up by intense enemy fire coming from Fort Simserhoff. The observer established a position in a pile of rocks about 300 yards ahead of our lines. The Germans immediately shelled the position, scoring seven direct hits on the rock pile, blowing up the wire and damaging the radio beyond use. Corporal O'Donnell and another man, knowing that communications were

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essential to neutralize the enemy fire, and acting without orders, proceeded under direct fire from the fort's assault guns to lay another line back to the liaison officer. This line was serviceable for about an hour when it was again severed. Notwithstanding the fact that both men sustained wounds the first time they repaired the line, they again went out under the artillery fire and reestablished the telephone line. They continued to maintain the line until the German fire was neutralized by our own artillery. Corporal O'Donnell's personal bravery and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Captain GEORGE W READE, JR, OI 715 100 (then First Lieutenant), Company F, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action at Rauwiler, France, on 24 November 1944. Captain Reade was commanding Company F in the attack on Rauwiler. When our troops reached the southeastern part of the town, they were held up by heavy enemy small-arms fire and three "Tiger" tanks. After retaining their positions throughout the night, they were subjected to a fierce tank-infantry counterattack in the morning which forced the withdrawal of the companies on both flanks of Company F. Although seriously threatened and surrounded by the enemy, Captain Reade maintained his positions throughout the day. Reinforcements did not arrive until late in the afternoon. Upon their arrival, Captain Reade furnished them extremely valuable information which assisted in furthering the attack. Captain Reade's cool courage, intrepid leadership, and confident manner so inspired his men that they continued fighting and maintained their positions in the face of overwhelming odds. Entered military service from Riverside, California.

Private WILLIAM E SLATTERY, 33 340 956, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 11 January 1945 near Bliesbruck, France. Private Slattery was the accompanying aid man on a small patrol whose mission was the seizure of an enemy outpost. One member of the patrol inadvertently entered an enemy minefield, stepped on a mine and sustained a severe injury. Despite the blackness of the night, which concealed all evidence of additional mines, and the fact that the explosion of the mine brought a heavy concentration of mortar fire in that area, Private Slattery entered the minefield to aid the wounded man. In so doing he stepped on a mine and was seriously wounded. Private Slattery's self-sacrifice exemplifies the finest traditions of the Medical Department soldier. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Corporal HIRAM J STILLINGS, 39 238 946, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 14 December 1944, at Holbach, France. With the mission of neutralizing the fire from heavy weapons within Fort Simserhoff, Corporal Stillings, accompanying a forward observer, crawled 300 yards ahead of our front lines to set up an observation post. The position soon came under fire from the machine guns and heavier weapons of the fort, which severed the telephone line installed by Corporal Stillings. He repaired the line but it was blown out again, this time beyond repair. Realizing that communications with our own artillery were absolutely essential, Corporal Stillings proceeded to lay a new line along another route, through a maze of barbed wire entanglements, not knowing whether they were mined or booby-trapped. He worked fearlessly under constant machine-gun and 75mm fire, and succeeded in reestablishing communications. Corporal Stillings' intrepidity, determination and unswerving devotion to duty, at great risk to his life, are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class HARRY J VOGEL, 39 239 926, Company H, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Moronville Farm, France. At midnight on 31 December 1944 the enemy launched a strong attack on a defensive position held by the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. Although the Germans pressed to within fifty yards of their machine gun, and friendly troops to their right and left had withdrawn, Private Vogel and the other members of his squad remained at their gun and inflicted heavy casualties on the advancing enemy. Through his courage and devotion to duty Private Vogel was instrumental in halting this attack, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Baldwin Park, California.

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: (Continued)

Second Lieutenant COOPER S WHITE, OI 324 689, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 8 December 1944 in Enchenberg, France. While directing the fire of his cannon company during the furious fighting for Enchenberg, Lieutenant White was seriously wounded in the thigh by shell fragments. Despite his wound, he continued to direct his company's fire in support of the attacking troops and refused medical aid so that other wounded might be treated first. Only after our troops had secured a firm hold in the town did Lieutenant White consent to treatment for himself. His unswerving devotion to duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Godfrey, Illinois.

III. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations AR 600-45, as amended, the Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Private First Class WILLIAM E COBB, 34 525 641, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 17 December 1944 at Holbach, France. Private Cobb was a member of an artillery observer party attached to an infantry battalion which was held up by intense enemy fire from Fort Simserhoff. The observer established a position in a pile of rocks about 300 yards ahead of our lines. The Germans immediately shelled the position, scoring seven direct hits on the rock pile, blowing up the wire and damaging the radio beyond use. Private Cobb and another man, knowing that communications were essential to neutralize the enemy fire, and acting without orders, proceeded under direct fire from the fort's assault guns to lay another line back to the liaison officer. This line was serviceable for about an hour when it was again severed. Notwithstanding the fact that both men sustained wounds the first time they repaired the line, they again went out under the artillery fire, and reestablished the telephone line. (They continued to maintain the line until the German fire was neutralized by our own artillery. Private Cobb's personal bravery and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service.) Entered military service from Nashville, Tennessee.

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- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
 - II. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
 - III. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS.

I. 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 for meritorious service in Eastern France is awarded the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant MALCOLM W. AALHOLM, O1 062 110, Company G, * * * Infantry, from 2 December 1944 to 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Flemington, New Jersey.

Corporal KENT A. ALTMAYER, 35 553 851, (then Private First Class) Company I, * * * Infantry, on 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

Private First Class ROBERT B. BALMES, 36 643 058, Company D, * * * Infantry, on 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Wilmette, Illinois.

First Lieutenant DONALD A. BOURNE, O 460 769, Company E, * * * Infantry, from 14 December 1944 to 19 December 1944. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Corporal MEREDITH E. DRAPER, 34 884 495, (then Private First Class) Company G, * * * Infantry, on 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Mount Juliet, Tennessee.

Captain ALAN J. FOWLER, O 355 445, Headquarters, * * * Infantry Division, from 27 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Houghton, Michigan.

Amend to read "One OLC to BSM by Lt # 71 - Apr. 17, 1945"
*Staff Sergeant GEORGE E. FRANKLIN, 33 439 483, Company G, * * * Infantry, on 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class JAMES W. HEWITT, 20 226 426, Company K, * * * Infantry, on 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Burlington, New Jersey.

Corporal ALBERT R. HOFFMAN, 33 559 184, (then Private First Class) Company M, * * * Infantry, on 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Corporal WILLIAM L. JOHNSON, 36 644 610, (then Private First Class) Company G, * * * Infantry, on 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Eldorado, Illinois.

Private First Class HERMAN KAUFMAN, 20 229 843, Company M, * * * Infantry, on 5 December 1944. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade REYNOLDS KEMP, 20 226 433, Company K, * * * Infantry, on 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Burlington, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant ROBERT B. MACKEY, O1 308 841, Service Company, * * * Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Mishawaka, Indiana.

Private FELIX L. MC DONALD, SENIOR, 34 978 413, Company K, * * * Infantry, on 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Grove Hill, Alabama.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH J. MC FADEN, O1 302 498, Service Company, * * * Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Hailey, Idaho.

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (cont'd)

Lieutenant Colonel ALBERT J. METENY, O 266 150, Headquarters Third Battalion, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

Corporal SAMUEL B. NEWMAN, 33 739 553, Company M, * * * Infantry, on 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Knoxville, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM B. NISEWONDER, 35 033 526, (then Sergeant) Company L, Infantry, on 7 January 1945. Entered military service from West Middletown, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade OLA R. RATLEDGE, 36 577 526, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry, on 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Rockwood, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade CHLOETA D. RUPPER, 38 277 482, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, on 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Healdton, Oklahoma.

Private First Class MARCOS SANCHEZ, 38 256 008, Company B, * * * Infantry, on 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Edcouch, Texas.

First Lieutenant SIDNEY O. STONE, O1 307 584, Service Company, * * * Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Cedaredge, Colorado.

Private First Class LAWRENCE F. TELATKO, 35 535 414, Company K, * * * Infantry, on 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Corporal MARVIN VORPAHL, 38 416 932, Company M, * * * Infantry, on 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Beasley, Texas.

Private First Class ALFRED J. VOELKER, 37 557 433, Company G, * * * Infantry, on 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Winona, Minnesota.

Corporal SAM WAGONER, 35 133 201, (then Private First Class) Company D, * * * Infantry, on 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Goddard, Kentucky.

Lieutenant Colonel COLLIN P. WILLIAMS, O 305 510, Headquarters Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Syracuse, New York.

II. 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 officer:

First Lieutenant JACK M. CHARLES, O4 109 191, Company A, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion, from 14 December 1944 to 19 December 1944.

OK } III. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS: So much of Section III, General Orders Number 10, this Headquarters, 29 January 1945, awarding a Bronze Star Medal to Corporal JOHN E. JONES, 35 597 889, Company A, * * * Tank Battalion, is amended to award him the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal.

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

I. 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 ELDON Y. ARMSTRONG, 38 691 126, (then Private) Company C, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Sarreguemines, France on 1 January 1945. Corporal Armstrong was working on his tank when a sudden artillery concentration fell in the area wounding three of his comrades. Despite the artillery shelling, Corporal Armstrong fearlessly went to the aid of his wounded comrades and removed each of them to the shelter of a house. After administering aid he made his way to an aid station a quarter of a mile away, secured litter bearers and helped them evacuate the wounded. Corporal Armstrong's determined efforts to aid his comrades contributed materially to saving their lives. Entered military service from Hobart, Oklahoma.

Private First Class ANTHONY BANDYCH, 35 278 560, (then Private) Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action during an attack near Embermenil, France, on 15 November 1944. Private Bandyach volunteered to eliminate an enemy machine-gun emplacement and accompanied a patrol through heavy mortar and rifle fire to within twenty yards of the enemy position. The patrol succeeded in wiping out the nest with hand grenades and in killing its entire personnel. Private Bandyach's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Glen Robbins, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade LLOYD E. BERRY JR, 36 423 470, (then Private) Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action on 3 November 1944 near Embermenil, France. When Technician Berry learned of a casualty in the Company L area, he volunteered to go to the aid of the wounded man despite heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. Technician Berry treated the casualty and remained with him until evacuation was possible. Technician Berry's devotion to duty and personal bravery saved the life of a fellow soldier. Entered military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Private First Class WILLIAM H. BOOTH, 34 975 575, Company F, * * * Infantry. For merit rious achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 6 January 1945. Although suffering from a broken leg and having seen the enemy overrun the position taking many prisoners and driving his company back, Private Booth remained concealed in the midst of the enemy until after dark. Then, applying a splint to his own leg, he crawled 800 yards to our lines. Private Booth's refusal to surrender exemplifies the fighting spirit of the Armed Forces and merits much praise. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

Sergeant NELSON P. BROCK, 33 884 988, (then Private First Class) Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action near Frauenberg, France, on 22 December 1944. When five men of his platoon were seriously wounded by shell fragments, Sergeant Brock left his position to aid them. Despite artillery and mortar fire, he proceeded 400 yards to a tank and led it to the wounded men, using the tank to evacuate them. Sergeant Brock's resourcefulness and courage are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Knots Island, North Carolina.

Sergeant JULIUS C. BROEG, 36 747 978, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in eastern France from 26 December 1944 to 9 January 1945. During this period Sergeant Broeg installed, repaired and maintained telephone lines between his battalion headquarters and distant outposts, making repeated trips under small-arms as well as artillery and mortar fire. Sergeant Broeg's devotion to duty and courageous actions are worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Flora, Illinois.

Private WILLIAM F. CARLSON, 37 550 326, (then Sergeant) Company F, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Brandelfingerhoff Farm, France, on 6 January 1945. When several men of his company had been wounded during an attack, Private Carlson and another soldier voluntarily assumed the role of litter bearers and safely evacuated three of the wounded. This heroic act was accomplished under heavy mortar and artillery fire during an enemy counterattack which threatened to envelop our troops. Private Carlson's courageous action is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Oak Park, Minnesota.

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Private First Class ADDISON D. CROPPER, 36 642 629, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in eastern France from 26 December 1944 to 9 January 1945. During this period Private Cropper installed, repaired and maintained telephone lines between his battalion headquarters and distant outposts, making repeated trips under small-arms as well as artillery and mortar fire. Private Cropper's devotion to duty and courageous actions are worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Rossville, Illinois.

Private First Class EUGENE DOLATA, 36 807 611, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 8 January 1945. Private Dolata with three comrades, planned the ambush of an enemy force, waited until they were within point-blank range, and opened fire. Catching the enemy completely by surprise, they killed seven, wounded one, captured another, and routed the remainder. Private Dolata's initiative and sound judgment are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Caledonia, Wisconsin.

Corporal ROY C. DUNN JR, 38 416 858, (then Private First Class) Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 8 January 1945. Corporal Dunn, with three comrades, planned the ambush of an enemy force, waited until they were within point-blank range, and opened fire. Catching the enemy completely by surprise, they killed seven, wounded one, captured another, and routed the remainder. Corporal Dunn's initiative and sound judgment are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Spring, Texas.

Captain ROY L. DYE JR, O 380 609, (then First Lieutenant) Headquarters, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 18 November 1944. While seizing a hill in the vicinity of Saint George, France, the Commanding Officer of Company G was wounded and his radio operator was killed. Captain Dye, then Executive Officer of Company G, assumed command and led the company to take the hill. Later, needing a radio to reestablish communication, Captain Dye crawled while under fire to the deceased radio operator and retrieved the radio. Captain Dye's courageous action and leadership are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Claude, Texas.

Private First Class GRANT W. ELLIS, 37 574 308, Company F, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in eastern France on 6 January 1945. In the face of enemy fire and hostile tanks only 200 yards away, Private Ellis moved out and assisted in removing two wounded comrades to a covered position. His courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

First Lieutenant EDWIN R. FORD JR, O1 318 531, (then Second Lieutenant) Company K, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy on 30 December 1944 in the vicinity of Woelfling, France. Lieutenant Ford led a raiding party that took the enemy completely by surprise, captured six prisoners, destroyed an observation post, and withdrew without a casualty. Lieutenant Ford's leadership and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant MICHAEL J. GRENCIK, 36 736 409, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in the vicinity of Bliesbruck, France, on the night of 2-3 January 1945. At a critical time during an enemy counterattack, Sergeant Grecnik ordered men from his machine-gun section to go forward with him across 100 yards of open terrain to man two abandoned mortars. With information he received from an observer, Sergeant Grecnik directed the fire of these mortars all night, inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy and aiding materially in repulsing the attack. Sergeant Grecnik's aggressive fighting spirit and resourcefulness reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT W. IHRIG, 36 236 990, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 8 January 1945. Sergeant Ihrig with three comrades, planned the ambush of an enemy force, waited until they were within point-blank range, and opened fire. Catching the enemy completely by surprise, they killed seven, wounded one, captured another, and routed the remainder. Sergeant Ihrig's initiative and sound judgment are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Denturia, Wisconsin.

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I. AWARD OF THE IRON CROSS MEDAL: (cont'd)

Staff Sergeant THOMAS F. JORDAN, 20 228 790, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action during an attack near Embermenil, France, on 15 November 1944. Sergeant Jordan volunteered to eliminate an enemy machine-gun emplacement and accompanied a patrol through heavy mortar and rifle fire to within twenty yards of the enemy position. The patrol succeeded in wiping out the nest with hand grenades and in killing its entire personnel. Sergeant Jordan's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Astoria, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade LAWRENCE G. KNITTEL, 38 453 873, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in eastern France from 26 December 1944 to 9 January 1945. During this period Technician Knittel installed, repaired and maintained telephone lines between his battalion headquarters and distant outposts, making repeated trips under small-arms as well as artillery and mortar fire. Technician Knittel's devotion to duty and courageous actions are worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Groesbeek, Texas.

First Lieutenant HARRISON R. LANGLEY, 01 296 714, (then Second Lieutenant) Company M, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy near Woelfling, France, on 11 January 1945. During an attack by his battalion north of this town, Lieutenant Langley fearlessly moved forward to observe the enemy and direct the fire of his company. On one occasion, he deliberately exposed himself to draw fire and thereby locate a well-concealed enemy automatic weapon, which his company then destroyed. Lieutenant Langley's courageous and forceful leadership was an inspiration to his men and reflects great credit on the Military Service. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin.

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~~Private First Class GURT P. LEYSER, 35 063 129, Company A, 1st Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action against the enemy on 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of Leintrey, France. After performing exhausting service under fire all day, Private Leyser volunteered to go into Leintrey to give medical aid to, and evacuate, nine casualties. He proceeded under enemy artillery, mortar, and rifle fire for a distance of 1200 yards to where the casualties lay, treated them, and helped to evacuate them all. As a result of Private Leyser's devotion to duty and his courageous actions, the lives of at least two men were saved. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.~~

Second Lieutenant HAROLD M. LODER, 01 998 124, (then Technical Sergeant) Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action during an attack near Embermenil, France, on 15 November 1944. Lieutenant Loder volunteered to eliminate an enemy machine-gun emplacement and accompanied a patrol through heavy mortar and rifle fire to within twenty yards of the enemy position. The patrol succeeded in wiping out the nest with hand grenades and in killing its entire personnel. Lieutenant Loder's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Private JESSE A. LONG, 33 891 090, Company F, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 6 January 1945. After Company F had attacked and taken Brandelfingerhoff Farm, the enemy immediately counterattacked with a superior force of infantry and tanks, and surrounded the buildings. Private Long had not reached the building with his platoon but was halted by fire outside them. While in this hazardous position he observed the positions of enemy forces, their heavy weapons and overheard conversations which provided him with additional information. Remaining in a culvert until darkness, he took off his white heavy underwear, put it over his outer garments to blend with snow-covered terrain and, passing through the German lines, returned to his own lines with his valuable information. Private Long's ingenuity and courage exemplify the finest qualities of our fighting men. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Private First Class LESTER O. MEINEKE, 35 628 231, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 8 January 1945. Private Meineke, with three comrades, planned the ambush of an enemy force, waited until they were within point-blank range, and opened fire. Catching the enemy completely by surprise, they killed seven, wounded one, captured another, and routed the remainder. Private Meineke's initiative and sound judgment are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant BRAXTON E. NEWMAN, 38 454 808, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action near Waldhambe, France, on 2 December 1944. In spite of being knocked down twice by the concussion of mortar shells falling in the area, Sergeant Newman continued to lay and main-

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tain important communication wires. Sergeant Newman's perseverance and devotion to duty merit high praise. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

Private First Class CHESTER PERKOWSKI, 32 244 641, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action during an attack near Embermenil, France, on 15 November 1944. Private Perkowski volunteered to eliminate an enemy machine gun emplacement and accompanied a patrol through heavy mortar and rifle fire to within twenty yards of the enemy position. The patrol succeeded in wiping out the nest with hand grenades and in killing its entire personnel. Private Perkowski's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Bloomfield, New Jersey.

Private First Class WILLIAM R. PIERSON, 36 407 240, Company B, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in eastern France on 3 January 1945. During the night the communications of Company B were knocked out several times by shell fire. Despite the shelling, Private Pierson, a company runner, went out each time and repaired the breaks. On one occasion he retrieved a radio and, while returning, was knocked down by concussion from mortar fire. Private Pierson's unhesitating and courageous actions are deserving of high praise. Entered military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Private First Class GEORGE A. REED, 33 617 169, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in eastern France on 6 January 1945. When it was reported that the telephone wire to the Regimental Headquarters had been severed by enemy artillery fire, Private Reed and two companions voluntarily set out to repair the damage and accomplished their task in the face of intense artillery fire. Private Reed's initiative and devotion to duty are deserving of great praise. Entered military service from Easton, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH D. ROBEL, 33 617 043, (then Private First Class) Company K, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in eastern France on 18 December 1944. Technician Robel moved forward under artillery and automatic fire to render aid to a wounded comrade. Protecting the injured soldier with his own body, Technician Robel applied first aid and dragged the unconscious man back to cover while being fired upon by enemy riflemen. Upon reaching safety, however, discovered that his patient had been struck again and killed. Technician Robel's willingness to risk his life to save a wounded comrade was an inspiration to the soldiers who witnessed his courageous action. Entered military service from Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class DONALD J. SCHMITT, 35 806 005, Company F, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Brandelfingerhoff Farm, France, on 6 January 1945. When several men of his company had been wounded during an attack, Private Schmitt and another soldier voluntarily assumed the role of litter bearers and safely evacuated three of the wounded. This heroic act was accomplished under heavy mortar and artillery fire during an enemy counterattack which threatened to flank our troops. Private Schmitt's courageous action is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Hamilton, Ohio.

Private First Class JOSEPH R. SCHNEIDER, 36 734 675, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in eastern France on 6 January 1945. When it was reported that the telephone wire between Regiment 1 Headquarters and First Battalion Headquarters had been damaged by enemy artillery fire, Private Schneider and two companions voluntarily set out to repair the damage and accomplished their task in the face of intense artillery fire. Private Schneider's initiative and devotion to duty are deserving of great praise. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class ALBERT SHINDO, 38 439 352, Company E, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France, on 7 January 1945. While on the defensive, Company E came under a heavy enemy artillery concentration which severed wire communications. Private Shindo, realizing the importance of these communications since an armored attack was imminent, left his foxhole while the shells were still falling and proceeded to repair the lines. He repaired two breaks between his platoon and the mortar platoon, and five breaks between the Company and the Battalion Command Post. Private Shindo's intrepidity and devotion to duty are deserving of the highest praise. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas.

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (cont'd)

First Sergeant ALBERT J. VOLPE, 20 226 384, Company K, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Wœlfeling, France, on 12 January 1945. When his company's ammunition supply became critical, Sergeant Volpe immediately organized a crew of men from his headquarters and led them through the woods under constant fire, time and again, until the ammunition supply was replenished. In addition to bringing up ammunition, Sergeant Volpe, during a trip to the company supply point, picked up a wounded man and carried him back to the aid station. Sergeant Volpe's bravery, initiative and devotion to duty materially aided his company in repulsing a heavy counterattack and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Beverly, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant VINCENT P. WEBER, 33 617 141, (then Sergeant) Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action during an attack near Embermenil, France, on 15 November 1944. Sergeant Weber volunteered to eliminate an enemy machine-gun emplacement and accompanied a patrol through heavy mortar and rifle fire to within twenty yards of the enemy position. The patrol succeeded in wiping out the nest with hand grenades and in killing its entire personnel. Sergeant Weber's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Easton, Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant ROBERT F. WILGER, 02 000 804, (then First Sergeant) Company * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action during an attack near Embermenil, France, on 15 November 1944. Lieutenant Wilger volunteered to eliminate an enemy machine-gun emplacement and accompanied a patrol through heavy mortar and rifle fire to within twenty yards of the enemy position. The patrol succeeded in wiping out the nest with hand grenades and in killing its entire personnel. Lieutenant Wilger's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 20

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APO #44, U S Army
12 February 1945.

- I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART, MISSING IN ACTION
- 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, 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:

Staff Sergeant HOWARD J CAUFIELD, 32 817 436, Company L, 324th Infantry, France, 5 December 1944. Next of Kin: Mrs Edna Caufield (Mother) 66-79 60 Place, Brooklyn, 27, 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:

First Lieutenant WILLARD C CRAIK, 01 184 537, Headquarters Division Artillery, France, 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Lynn, Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant STEPHEN J QUINN, 32 619 123, Company I, 71st Infantry, France, 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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

Second Lieutenant HENRY W WERONICK, 02 005 998, Company K, France, 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Jamaica, New York.

Corporal SAM WAGONER, 35 133 201, Company D, France, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Goddard, Kentucky.

Private First Class CARL A BARTZ, 36 837 867, Company L, France, 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class JONE H LILLEMOM, 37 549 867, Company B, France, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Harvey, North Dakota.

Private First Class MARION J COUNTRYMAN, 18 130 218, Company D, France, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Ada, Oklahoma.

114th Infantry

Captain JOHN W BARBER, 01 294 415, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, France, 30 January 1945. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

First Lieutenant HERBERT FERREIRA, 01 302 521, Company D, France, 19 January 1945. Entered military service from Sanford, North Carolina.

Second Lieutenant WALTER KOSEWSKY, 02 006 035, Company F, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Somerville, New Jersey.

Sergeant ROCCO C MANZI, 33 586 723, Headquarters Third Battalion, France, 23 January 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (Continued)

Technician Fifth Grade RUSSELL B TETZNER, 20 226 041, Company H, France, 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

Private First Class LEONARD E BROWN, 33 390 679, Company D, France, 19 January 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Private First Class KENNETH E BUTTERBAUGH, 35 603 115, Company L, France, 2 February 1945. Entered military service from Butler, Ohio.

Private First Class BOSS H FANTZELL, 33 433 410, Company A, France, 19 January 1945. Entered military service from Knox, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOHN O LANTRIP, 39 053 115, Company B, France, 14 January 1945. Entered military service from Cassel, California.

Private First Class WILLIAM R PALLAS, 35 787 029, Company M, France, 18 January 1945. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Private WALTER P MC NEAL, 31 237 546, Company L, France, 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

324th Infantry

Captain ROBERT J POJAN, 0 470 531, Medical Detachment, France, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Riverside, Illinois.

First Lieutenant LESTER M BONES, 01 303 296, Company F, France, 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Turner, Oregon.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM H FRY, 01 312 535, Company G, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Wichita, Kansas.

First Lieutenant LOUIS HOROWITZ, 01 298 233, Company B, France, 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

First Lieutenant RICHARD H SEATTUCK, 01 320 866, Company F, France, 19 January 1945. Entered military service from Beverly Hills, California.

~~Second Lieutenant AUGUST A W HERRER, 02 090 781, Company K, France, 22 January 1945. Entered military service from Piscataway, New Jersey.~~

Second Lieutenant RUPERT A MEYERS, 02 006 340, Company H, France, 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Corona, Long Island, New York.

Second Lieutenant ROLAND J MONELLI, 02 000 660, Company A, France, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from North Plainfield, New Jersey.

First Sergeant THOMAS W CARBY, 20 227 972, Company E, France, 8 January 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Technical Sergeant SIMON GEBBUSH, 32 019 103, Company G, France, 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH J DEMEKOWSKI, 20 225 695, Company K, France, 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Manville, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant RALPH A KRYSINGER, 36 643 156, Company K, France, 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant TED S TITUS, 35 546 475, Company G, France, 19 January 1945. Entered military service from Warsaw, Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade OLA R RATLEDGE, 36 577 526, Headquarters Third Battalion, France, 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Rockwood, Michigan.

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III AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (Continued)

Private First Class VIRGIL P BOYER, 37 071 490, Company E, France, 3 November 1944. Entered military service from Brokenbow, Nebraska.

Private First Class HAROLD R CLAYTON, 39 929 414, Company E, France, 15 January 1945. Entered military service from Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Private First Class LEO G DAVIS, 16 152 805, Company M, France, 17 January 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class ROBERT G JOHNSON, 42 024 432, Company C, France, 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

Private First Class RUSSELL J KEELER, 35 048 854, Headquarters, France, 15 January 1945. Entered military service from East Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class WESLEY H KING, 39 053 790, Company K, France, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

Private First Class HAROLD J KUHLMAN, 35 836 646, Company C, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Ottawa, Ohio.

Private First Class DEMOSTHENES MARTINIS, 42 063 741, Headquarters Third Battalion, France, 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class LESLIE D MC DOUGAL, 35 866 736, Headquarters, France, 15 January 1945. Entered military service from Clarington, Ohio.

Private First Class LEONARD J MURIN, 33 948 717, Company I, France, 17 January 1945. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Private First Class DELMER B ROARK, 38 439 229, Company I, France, 13 November 1944. Entered military service from Kermit, Texas.

Private First Class EDWARD C SKILLING, 37 652 708, Headquarters Third Battalion France, 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Algona, Iowa.

Private First Class MATTHEW R SZARWINSKI, 37 603 148, Company I, France, 17 January 1945. Entered military service from St Louis, Missouri.

Private JOHN R COOPER, 38 580 309, Company E, France, 15 January 1945. Entered military service from Sentinel, Oklahoma.

Private EDWARD S BRACISZEWSKI, 36 679 763, Company F, France, 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private STANLEY LEVENTHAL, 32 114 046, Company M, France, 17 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private CHARLES J LOGICERO, 32 243 838, Company F, France, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Private BERNARD E TAYLOR, 37 550 232, Company C, France, 23 October 1944. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

63d Engineer Combat Battalion

Technician Fifth Grade DALE COHOON, 35 722 530, Company B, France, 19 January 1945. Entered military service from Terre Haute, Indiana.

44th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop

Corporal THEODORE H FREYTAG, 20 227 008, France, 24 January 1945. Entered military service from East Aurora, New York.

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OK } IV. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS: 1. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 2, this Headquarters, 5 January 1945, awarding Purple Heart to officers and enlisted men, as pertains to Captain SAMUEL LAVERNA, OI 101 537, Company C, 63d Engineer Combat Battalion, as reads, "26 December 1944", is amended to read, "1 December 1944."

OK } 2. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 11, this Headquarters, 30 January 1945, awarding Purple Hearts to officers and enlisted men, as pertains to Private First Class MARTIN J STACK, 35 287 206, Company G, 324th Infantry, as reads "11 January 1945", is amended to read, "10 December 1944."

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 21

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APO 44, U. S. Arm
13 February, 1945

- supplied 23 May 1945*
- I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION.
 - II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.
 - III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
 - IV. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

I. 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 enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant LEONARD A. DOMINKO, 32 767 676, Company G, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 6 January 1945. When a comrade was wounded by rifle fire, Sergeant Dominko and another soldier voluntarily moved from their position to aid the wounded man. They reached him under a hail of bullets; but before they could carry him to safety, Sergeant Dominko was critically wounded by this fire. The courage and self-sacrifice displayed by Sergeant Dominko in attempting to rescue a fellow soldier are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Lottie Dominko (Mother), 691 Chestnut Street, Kearny, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant CALVIN R. STOUT, 37 459 117, Company G, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 6 January 1945. When two comrades were wounded by rifle fire, Sergeant Stout volunteered to accompany another soldier in attempting to evacuate them. Upon reaching the wounded men they were met by a stream of fire which struck both Sergeant Stout and his companion. While crawling to safety, Sergeant Stout was again hit, this time critically. The courage and self-sacrifice displayed by this soldier in attempting to rescue his comrades are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Bertha V. Stout (Mother), Wapiti, Wyoming.

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:

Staff Sergeant ABE BLOOM, 20 225 990, (then Corporal), Company H, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mittelsbron, France, on 22 November 1944. When the advance of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, was held up by heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Bloom's platoon moved to engage the enemy while the remainder of the battalion by-passed the position. Seeing an abandoned 20 mm gun in an exposed position, Sergeant Bloom ran to it, removed a demolition charge, made minor repairs and began firing it at the enemy. His courageous action and quick thinking were instrumental in allowing his platoon to rejoin the battalion with a minimum of casualties and reflect great credit on himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

Second Lieutenant JACK C. HABERSTICK, 01 998 080, Company G, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Woelfling, France, on 6 January 1945. When an enemy machine-gun nest opened fire on his platoon which was leading an attack on Bellevue Farm, Lieutenant Haberstick crept to within fifteen yards of the flank of the enemy gun and wiped out the position and crew with hand grenades. This daring action permitted his platoon to continue its advance and reflects great credit on Lieutenant Haberstick and the Military Service. Entered military service from Belmar, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant JAMES W. MacDONALD JR, 01 314 511, Company K, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 January 1945 in eastern France. While advancing his platoon through a woods during the attack, his first squad was halted by mortar fire. Lieutenant Macdonald, on seeing his men attempting to take cover, rose from his position and directed them forward to their objective. He then returned to guide his second squad and, while leading them forward, he was seriously wounded in the stomach by a shell fragment. Although needing immediate evacuation, he refused being carried to safety until he turned his platoon over to the platoon sergeant, giving him complete instructions in securing the objective. Lieutenant Macdonald's outstanding courage and devotion

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: (Continued)

to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Service. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Staff Sergeant DOMINGO G. RUELAS, 38 439 387, Company G, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 6 January 1945. When a comrade was wounded by enemy rifle fire, Sergeant Ruelas and another soldier moved from their positions to aid the wounded man. They reached him under a hail of small-arms fire; but while carrying him to safety, the wounded man was struck again and the soldier who had accompanied Sergeant Ruelas was critically wounded. Sergeant Ruelas, who succeeded in reaching cover, called for the assistance of another man and moved out again, this time to evacuate two wounded comrades. The enemy fire had increased, and when Sergeant Ruelas and his companion reached the wounded men, they were met by rifle fire which struck them both. The courage and self-sacrifice displayed by Sergeant Ruelas exemplify the finest qualities of our fighting men. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas.

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:

First Lieutenant JACK L. ABBE, O1 323 080, Headquarters, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 9 December 1944. During the attack on the strongly defended town of Enchenberg, Lieutenant Abbe, as liaison officer, accompanied the attacking forces and, while assisting his regimental commander, he was informed that several wounded men lay in a building and required immediate medical attention. Securing a quarter-ton vehicle, he loaded the casualties and dispatched them to the aid station. He then returned to the building, which was still being shelled, and arranged for the evacuation of the remainder of the wounded. Lieutenant Abbe's courage and initiative are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Lafayette, Louisiana.

Captain DELBERT O. BARRY, O1 302 563, Company E, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 16 November 1944. While preparing to attack the town of Avricourt, France, Company E was forced to take cover from an intense shelling. Captain Barry quickly reorganized his company and personally led them on to the town which was heavily defended. Captain Barry's courage was an inspiration to his men and merits great praise. Entered military service from Aberdeen, Washington.

Captain HANS P. BRUNNER, O 394 830, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in the vicinity of Rimling, France, from 31 December 1944 to 2 January 1945. On 1 January 1945, when the enemy had encircled and overrun the right flank of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, Captain Brunner led his company in a counterattack and succeeded in regaining the lost positions. The next morning, when the enemy attacked again, Captain Brunner was ordered to withdraw. He accomplished the withdrawal without a casualty. Captain Brunner's leadership and personal bravery reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Jackson Heights, Long Island, New York.

Private First Class ALTON E. BRUNO, 32 742 149, (then Private) Company C, 749th Tank Battalion. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Rechicourt, France, on 19 November 1945. When an enemy artillery shell set an ammunition truck on fire, Private Bruno ran from his covered position and drove to safety a loaded gasoline truck parked nearby. He then returned and attempted to extinguish the fire on the ammunition truck, but was forced to abandon this task because of the exploding ammunition. Private Bruno's courage and alertness reflect great credit on himself and the Service. Entered military service from Warrensburg, New York.

Private First Class MELVIN R. BUCK, 33 904 089, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945 in eastern France. When his squad position was suddenly attacked during darkness by a hostile force, Private Buck joined his comrades in the prompt and skillful use of their infantry weapons. The aggressive spirit displayed in this close-in fighting effectively repulsed the enemy and is worthy of the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Bowie, Maryland.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Sergeant THOMAS L. BURDETT JR, 74 760 264, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945 in eastern France. When his squad position was suddenly attacked during darkness by a hostile force, Sergeant Burdett led his comrades in the prompt and skillful use of their infantry weapons. The aggressive spirit displayed in this close-in fighting effectively repulsed the enemy and is worthy of the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

Sergeant JAMES J. CARLISLE, 35 603 281, (then Private First Class) Company K, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action near Bliesbruck, France, on 1 January 1945. When his company was halted by enemy automatic fire and its supply of ammunition was almost exhausted, Sergeant Carlisle ran approximately 800 yards to the battalion dump and brought back ammunition which he distributed by crawling to his comrades. He repeated this performance until the entire company was supplied. Later the same day, when there was no means of evacuating casualties, he returned under fire to the supply point and guided litter teams to the wounded. Sergeant Carlisle's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Corporal WILLIAM J. CHOMA, 20 225 178, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944. During the attack on Enchenberg, France, by the * * * Infantry Regiment, Corporal Choma and an officer worked their way to one of four houses held in the town by friendly troops in order to establish an observation post. The town was heavily defended and observation was difficult. However, time and again, Corporal Choma and his companion moved from house to house, directing effective fire on the enemy. They continued their efforts throughout the day, aiding materially in securing the town. Corporal Choma's courage and initiative are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant JOHN C. COOL, 38 127 578, Company I, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 13 December 1944 in eastern France. Immediately upon capture of Freudenberg Farm, Sergeant Cool fearlessly displaced his machine gun forward and, in addition to effectively eliminating remaining enemy resistance, he moved over open ground to the various gun positions, giving sector fire, pointing out new targets, checking fields of fire, and providing for resupply of ammunition. His courage and leadership were an inspiration to his men. Entered military service from Bluejacket, Oklahoma.

Second Lieutenant ERVIN H. CREMERS, 02 006 346, (then Staff Sergeant) Reconnaissance Company, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Feunkirch, France, on 31 December 1944. Lieutenant Cremers went to the aid of a wounded man during a mortar shelling and loaded him into a quarter-ton vehicle. While driving to the aid station, he successfully made his way through an enemy road block which was covered by hostile small-arms fire. Lieutenant Cremers' courageous action is worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Brainerd, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant SPENCER M. DEAN, 0 528 668, * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. For heroic achievement in action in the vicinity of Gros Rederching, France, on 4 January 1945. Lieutenant Dean was commanding the Second Platoon, * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, which was supporting the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, in securing the town of Gros Rederching. When the infantry was forced to withdraw because of the extremely heavy enemy fire, Lieutenant Dean, moving under fire, placed his armored vehicles in position, effectively covering the withdrawal. He later directed and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded. Lieutenant Dean's aggressive and intelligent leadership merits the highest praise. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

First Sergeant MILTON E. DILKS, 20 226 582, (then Technical Sergeant) Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, on 4 January 1945. When their company commander had been seriously wounded by a shell fragment and lay in a position under enemy automatic fire, Sergeant Dilks and an officer crawled to his aid. After reaching him, they placed him on a litter and dragged him back to safety. Sergeant Dilks' courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the Service. Entered military service from Bridgeton, New Jersey.

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Rec. by Co # 50 - Mar. 18, 1945
* Staff Sergeant CHARLES S. DOELL, 32 019 161, Company F, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in the vicinity of Rimpling, France, on 1 January 1945. When the enemy attacked his company's positions and forced the withdrawal of two rifle platoons, Sergeant Doell, leader of a 60 mm mortar section, dispersed his men into a skirmish line to hold the ground. This action stopped the enemy and paved the way for a successful counterattack on the part of the platoons which had withdrawn. Sergeant Doell's determination to hold his ground in a dangerous situation, and his leadership, are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class RUDOLPH W. FIORELLI, 31 470 083, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945 in eastern France. When his squad position was suddenly attacked during darkness by a hostile force, Private Fiorelli joined his comrades in the prompt and skillful use of their infantry weapons. The aggressive spirit displayed in this close-in fighting effectively repulsed the enemy and is worthy of the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Waltham, Massachusetts.

Corporal GUILLERMO S. FRIAS, 38 439 362. (then Private First Class) Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945 in eastern France. When his squad position was suddenly attacked during darkness by a hostile force, Corporal Frias joined his comrades in the prompt and skillful use of their infantry weapons. The aggressive spirit displayed in this close-in fighting effectively repulsed the enemy and is worthy of the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas.

Second Lieutenant JACK C. HABERSTICK, 01 998 080, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 25 November 1944. When the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, was attacked by the 130th Panzer-Lehr Division, Lieutenant Haberstick's platoon bore the initial brunt of this heavy attack as seven "Tiger" tanks forced their way to his positions. Due to his inspirational leadership, his men remained in their foxholes and fought off the tanks and accompanying infantry. Entered military service from Belmar, New Jersey.

Private First Class GERALD L. HOBEMAN, 32 811 970, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 9-10 January 1945 in the vicinity of Eliesbruck, France. Private Hoberman, a battalion intelligence scout, planned, organized and led a combat patrol of seven men to the successful accomplishment of a mission in seizing an enemy-held hill for use as an observation post. The mission was so successful that the patrol surprised and overran the enemy, capturing eighteen prisoners and their equipment. Private Hoberman's courage and skill reflect great credit upon himself and the Service. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class ALFONSE S. MANNO, 36 604 653, Reconnaissance Company, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Neunkirch, France, on 31 December 1944. Private Manno went to the aid of a wounded man during a mortar shelling and loaded him into a quarter-ton vehicle. While driving to the aid station, he successfully made his way through an enemy road block which was covered by hostile small-arms fire. Private Manno's courageous action is worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class JAMES V. POPHAM, 34 687 513, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945 in eastern France. When his squad position was suddenly attacked during darkness by a hostile force, Private Popham joined his comrades in the prompt and skillful use of their infantry weapons. The aggressive spirit displayed in this close-in fighting effectively repulsed the enemy and is worthy of the high tradition of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Rockmart, Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade PHILLIP E. RICHARDSON, 34 606 714, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, on 6 January 1945. During the attack north of this town, Company M, * * * Infantry, was subjected to an intense enemy shelling which inflicted a number of casualties. Technician Richardson and two other soldiers worked

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

their way to the casualties although the shelling continued. Technician Richardson remained aiding the wounded while his comrades were evacuating others. Technician Richardson's heroic action and devotion to duty merit high praise. Entered military service from Greensboro, North Carolina.

Private First Class CHARLES A. RODNEY JR, 13 106 704, Company M, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, on 6 January 1945. During the attack north of this town, Company M, * * * Infantry, was subjected to an intense enemy shelling which inflicted a number of casualties. Private Rodney and two other soldiers worked their way to the casualties although the shelling continued. While one of the men remained to treat the wounded, Private Rodney helped to evacuate others. Private Rodney's heroic action and devotion to duty merit high praise. Entered military service from Rock Hall, Maryland.

Second Lieutenant KENNETH H. ROSE, 01 314 674, Company M, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 13 December 1944 in the vicinity of Legeret Farms, France. While his platoon was advancing with Company L, * * * Infantry, in a heavily wooded area, it was subjected to intense shelling which inflicted a number of casualties on Company L and halted their advance. Lieutenant Rose quickly gathered his platoon together and directed them to a covered position while he remained behind to aid the casualties. He succeeded in evacuating six men despite the enemy fire. Lieutenant Rose's courage and initiative are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class MURRAY SCHADER, 42 070 224, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945 in eastern France. When his squad position was suddenly attacked during darkness by a hostile force, Private Schader joined his comrades in the prompt and skillful use of their infantry weapons. The aggressive spirit displayed in this close-in fighting effectively repulsed the enemy and is worthy of the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class MARION T. SCOTT, 37 602 977, Company F, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action in eastern France on 6 January 1945. When their company was threatened with encirclement by the enemy, Private Scott and another soldier, realizing the critical need for more ammunition, secured a quarter-ton truck and drove through intense enemy machine-gun and artillery fire to replenish the company's supply. The successful accomplishment of this mission reflects great credit on Private Scott and the Service. Entered military service from Farmington, Missouri.

First Lieutenant RICHARD H. SHATTUCK, 01 320 866, Company F, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action near Petit Rederching, France, on 13-14 December 1944. Adopting guerrilla tactics with a small group of twelve men, Lieutenant Shattuck struck a superior enemy force again and again along a 1200 yard sector, capturing six prisoners and killing or wounding fourteen. The excellent diversion thus created by Lieutenant Shattuck enabled the construction of an important bridge to take place without enemy interference. Entered military service from Beverley Hills, California.

Staff Sergeant WALTER W. SHEARING, 32 251 881, Company M, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 14 December 1944. When his squad had been halted by hostile machine-gun fire on a hill in the vicinity of Neunuhl, France, Sergeant Shearing and another Sergeant rose from their positions, firing at the enemy with rifles. Sergeant Shearing continued this fire while his comrade called for effective mortar fire which knocked out two machine-gun nests. Sergeant Shearing's courage and determination enabled his squad to advance and is worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Gainesville, New York.

Staff Sergeant CLAUDE H. SMITH, 34 092 343, Company M, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 14 December 1944. When a rifle squad was halted by hostile machine-gun fire on a hill in the vicinity of Neunuhl, France, Sergeant Smith, attached to the squad, rose from his position firing at the enemy with his rifle. Then, as a comrade continued this fire, Sergeant Smith called for and directed effective mortar fire which wiped out two machine-gun nests. Sergeant Smith's heroic action is worthy of high praise. Entered military service from New Zion, South Carolina.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Technician Fifth Grade RICHARD P. STAPLETON, 32 099 447, Company F, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action in eastern France on 6 January 1945. Technician Stapleton and another soldier, realizing the critical need for more ammunition, secured a quarter-ton truck and drove through intense enemy machine-gun and artillery fire to replenish the company's supply. The successful accomplishment of this hazardous mission reflects great credit on Technician Stapleton and the Service. Entered military service from Patchogue, New York.

Sergeant EARL A. TOWNE, 39 250 902, Company C, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Gros Rederching, France, on 3 January 1945. While in support of an infantry attack, Sergeant Towne, a member of a tank destroyer crew, left his destroyer and, under intense enemy shelling, made a thorough search of the area to secure aid for a wounded companion. Unable to find an aid man, he returned and treated the casualty as best he could and later supervised his evacuation. Sergeant Towne's courageous action is worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class ALFRED V. TENNYSON, 32 742 161, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic service in action in eastern France on 14 October 1944. While operating a forward switchboard, Private Tennyson went out to repair a break in the Battery C observation post line. He accomplished this under heavy shelling by hostile 88's, thereby restoring vital communications which enabled the Battalion to deliver accurate fire upon the enemy. Private Tennyson's courage, initiative and coolness under fire reflect great credit upon himself and are in accord with the highest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Warrensburg, New York.

First Lieutenant DANIEL URIBE, 01 318 594, (then Second Lieutenant) Cannon Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944. During the attack on Enchenberg, France, by the * * * Infantry Regiment, Lieutenant Uribe and an enlisted man worked their way to one of four houses held by friendly troops in order to establish an observation post. The town was heavily defended and observation was difficult. However, time and again, Lieutenant Uribe and his sergeant moved from house to house directing effective fire on the enemy. They continued their efforts throughout the day, materially aiding in securing the town. Lieutenant Uribe's courage and initiative are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Nogales, Arizona.

Private First Class RICHARD J. WEBER, 16 120 057, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in eastern France on 6 January 1945. When several men of Company F had been wounded during the attack on Brandelingerhoff Farm, Private Weber and another aid man proceeded under fire to the casualties while the attack continued. They administered aid and later supervised their evacuation. Private Weber's devotion to duty and courageous action merit high praise. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class LEONARD D. WELLER, 33 573 658, Company M, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, on 6 January 1945. During the attack north of this town, Company M, * * * Infantry, was subjected to an intense enemy shelling which inflicted a number of casualties. Private Weller and two other soldiers worked their way to the casualties although the shelling continued. While one of the men remained to treat the wounded, Private Weller helped to evacuate others. Private Weller's heroic action and devotion to duty merit high praise. Entered military service from Port Matilca, Pennsylvania.

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 officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant HUGH E. HOUSTON, 01 293 956, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, on 9 January 1945. When their company commander had been seriously wounded by a shell fragment and lay in a position under enemy automatic fire, Lieutenant Houston and a sergeant, crawled to his aid. After reaching him

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IV. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

they placed him on a litter and dragged him back to safety. Lieutenant Houston's courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the Service. Entered military service from Kalispell, Montana.

Technician Fourth Grade EUGENE C. RILEY, 35 789 852, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in eastern France on 6 January 1945. When several men of Company F had been wounded during the attack on Brandelfingerhoff Farm, Technician Riley and another aid man proceeded under fire to the casualties while the attack continued. They administered aid and later supervised their evacuation. Technician Riley's devotion to duty and courageous actions merit high praise. Entered military service from Lexington, Kentucky.

Sergeant CHARLES L. SMITH, 18 104 925, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945 in eastern France. When his squad position was suddenly attacked during darkness by a hostile force, Sergeant Smith joined his comrades in the prompt and skillful use of their infantry weapons. The aggressive spirit displayed in this close-in fighting effectively repulsed the enemy and is worthy of the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

First Lieutenant FRANK H. WILSON, O1 821 798, Company C, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 8 December 1944. Lieutenant Wilson was in command of two tank destroyers which were supporting the attack on Enchenberg when a mortar shell set his destroyer afire. Ordering the crew to safety, Lieutenant Wilson remained alone to fight the blaze with fire extinguishers. After emptying the extinguishers he proceeded to shovel dirt on the blazing vehicle until he succeeded in putting out the fire. Lieutenant Wilson's courage and initiative resulted in saving a valuable tank destroyer and is worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Pittsburg, California.

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 22)

AFG 44, U. S. Army,
14 February 1945.

- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS.
- II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- III. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- IV. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL.
- V. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS.

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:

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH L. FREY, 38 381 143, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 4 December 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Clara Frey (Mother), 810 Monroe Street, Donaldsonville, Louisiana.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: 1. 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:

WLB Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT H. CHARBONEAU, 36 576 423, (then Private First Class) Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Embermentill, France, on 13 November 1944. When word was received that four men had been wounded and lay in a position exposed to enemy fire, Technician Charboneau unhesitatingly went to their aid. Moving through rifle and artillery fire, he succeeded in treating these four men and in bringing them to safety. Technician Charboneau's determination and intrepidity reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from River Rouge, Michigan.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Captain WILLIAM H. APPELGATE, O 404 404, Company F, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Mount Holly, New Jersey.

Sergeant WILLIAM J. DAVIS, 16 054 392, Headquarters Company, 3d Bn, * * * Infantry, from 31 December 1944 to 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Aid, Missouri.

Captain MORRIS E. FULLER, O 513 902, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 17 January 1945. Entered military service from Schenectady, New York.

OK Technician Fourth Grade JESSE L. GRUBER, 35 542 681, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, from 13 December 1944 to 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Lima, Ohio.

Captain WILLIAM E. HAESCHE JR, O1 307 227, Headquarters, First Battalion, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Hamden, Connecticut.

Sergeant DANIEL R. HURLEY, 35 630 424, Company B, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 17 January 1945. Entered military service from Lakeview, Ohio.

Second Lieutenant BENJAMIN E. MORRIS, O2 006 341, (then Technical Sergeant) Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry, from 31 December 1944 to 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

Sergeant JOSEPH P. ROMANO, 32 243 846, Company E, * * * Infantry, on 12 January 1945. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL; (Continued).

Captain GORDON L. ROSS, O 448 579, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 17 January 1945. Entered military service from Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Captain WILLIAM J. SCHIRMER, O 361 400, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 17 January 1945. Entered military service from Hillside, New Jersey.

Captain WALTER M. UHLER, O 377 454, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

III. 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 for meritorious service in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officer:

Second Lieutenant JOSEPH TOPOLFICKI, O1 692 820, Company G, * * * Infantry, on 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Westwood, New Jersey.

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 second 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 VAUGHN KOCHARIAN, O1 174 342, Service Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 13 November 1944 to 4 January 1945, in eastern France. Entered military service from Haverhill, Massachusetts.

V. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS:

So much of Paragraph 1, Section XII, General Orders Number 13, this Headquarters, dated 2 February 1945, awarding a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to First Lieutenant HAROLD B. MARTIN, O 405 436, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, is rescinded.

By command of Brigadier General DEAN:

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION

24 May 1945
APO 44, U. S. Army
15 February 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 23)

- I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.
- II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS.
- III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION.
- IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- V. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- VI. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL AND OAK-LEAF CLUSTERS.

1. 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:

Captain MELVIN G. BIGGS, OI 284 275, Company C, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action during the capture of Enchenberg, France, on 7 and 8 December 1944. Setting an example of personal bravery and displaying sound tactical judgment, Captain Biggs led his men into the stubbornly defended town of Enchenberg. Skillfully maneuvering his company into an advantageous position, he directed his men in a flanking attack which succeeded in relieving the pressure on an adjacent battalion. Captain Biggs' heroism under machine-gun and artillery fire were an inspiration to his men. Entered military service from Ravenna, Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade JACK A. BOGART, 35 602 517, Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action near Bliesbruck, France, on 1 January 1945. Technician Bogart discovered an enemy patrol of fifteen men moving toward an infantry platoon CP. He immediately warned two companions and then proceeded to warn the troops in the vicinity of the CP. As he moved about alerting our men, he came upon several members of the enemy patrol and discovered that his two companions had been captured. Technician Bogart opened fire with his carbine, killed one of the enemy and made after the others. By this time the soldiers whom he had alerted also opened fire and routed the remainder of the patrol. Technician Bogart's heroism and alertness prevented the capture of the CP. Entered military service from Cambridge, Ohio.

Sergeant WILLIAM H. HERRITY, 33 617 184, Company L, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Frauenberg, France, on 22 December 1944. During a counterattack, Sergeant Herrity and another soldier found themselves surrounded, but remained at their machine gun in an effort to destroy as many of the enemy as possible. On one occasion they permitted a large enemy force to approach to within thirty yards of their position before they opened fire, killing four and wounding twenty. Later they were subjected to devastating shell fire, but refused to yield their position. Only after a direct order did Sergeant Herrity and his comrade remove their gun to their company's lines. Sergeant Herrity's gallantry materially aided in driving off the enemy attack. Entered military service from Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant TEDDY SUTHERLAND, 38 446 133, (then Private First Class) Company L, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Frauenberg, France, on 22 December 1944. During a counterattack, Sergeant Sutherland and another soldier found themselves surrounded, but remained at their machine gun in an effort to destroy as many of the enemy as possible. On one occasion they permitted a large enemy force to approach to within thirty yards of their position before they opened fire, killing four and wounding twenty. Later they were subjected to devastating shell fire, but refused to yield their position. Only after a direct order did Sergeant Sutherland and his comrade remove their gun to their company's lines. Sergeant Sutherland's gallantry materially aided in driving off the enemy attack. Entered military service from Saddle, Arkansas.

First Lieutenant EDWARD G. ZWASCHKA, OI 302 746, Company K, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, on 12 January 1945. Lieutenant Zwaskha led two platoons of about twenty men each in an attempt to establish better positions. After succeeding in reaching a new position, however, the platoons were counterattacked by a force consisting of eighty Germans supported by heavy mortar and artillery fire. Our forty men fought valiantly until there were only eight men left in each platoon. Ordering his men to withdraw, Lieutenant Zwaskha covered them with his carbine. As he

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returned to his men he was hit in the leg by five machine-gun bullets. Despite his wounds he crawled out toward the enemy again to search for one of his men who, he discovered, had not withdrawn with the others. Lieutenant Zwaschka's outstanding courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

II. 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:

Sergeant MOSES F. WALMER, 33 501 832, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 2-3 January 1945 in the vicinity of Bliesbruck, France. When the enemy launched an attack against Company C's position, Sergeant Walmer and five other men, realizing the seriousness of the situation, worked their way forward under heavy fire to an abandoned 60 mm mortar position manned the mortars and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy, thus aiding materially in repulsing the attack. Sergeant Walmer's alertness and courage merit high praise. Next of kin: Mrs. Solly Walmer (Mother), R. D. #1, Grantville, Pennsylvania.

III. 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:

Sergeant NORVAL D. CRANFORD, 34 723 585, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944 in eastern France. While executing a daring approach into the strongly defended town of Enchenberg, Sergeant Cranford and two comrades became trapped in a building. The courageous struggle which these men waged against the enemy in the face of overwhelming odds is worthy of great praise. Next of kin: Mrs. Ollie F. L. Cranford (Mother), Route # 2, Fulton, New York.

Private First Class BOYD W. HAZEL, 37 550 171, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944 in eastern France. While executing a daring approach into the strongly defended town of Enchenberg, Private Hazel and two comrades became trapped in a building. The courageous struggle which these men waged against the enemy in the face of overwhelming odds is worthy of great praise. Next of kin: Mr. Holly Hazel (Father), DeSmet (Kingsbury), South Dakota.

Private First Class STANLEY SCHNARCH, 12 147 767, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944 in eastern France. While executing a daring approach into the strongly defended town of Enchenberg, Private Schnarch and two comrades became trapped in a building. The courageous struggle which these men waged against the enemy in the face of overwhelming odds is worthy of great praise. Next of kin: Mr. Sigmund Schnarch (Father), 2208 Avenue L, Brooklyn, New York.

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 MICHAEL BOGUSH, 33 501 736, Company F, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action near Petit Raderching, France, on 15 December 1944. When a member of a patrol failed to return after the enemy had concentrated mortar fire on them, Private Bogush went to his aid and carried the injured man 200 yards to safety through the still descending mortar fire. Private Bogush's heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the Service. Entered military service from Kulpment, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant RICHARD I. BYNAKER, 33 847 551, (then Private First Class) Company C, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945 in the vicinity of Bliesbruck, France. While his company was engaging an enemy patrol, Sergeant Bynaker, who was several hundred yards to the rear, observed the enemy attempting to flank the company's position. He left his foxhole, crawled to an advantageous position on the flank of the enemy patrol, and with accurate fire from his BAR succeeded in killing one, wounding several and causing the remainder to disperse. Entered military service from New Market, Virginia.

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IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Technician Fifth Grade DON J. CHAPMAN, 35 628 965, Headquarters and Service Company, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic service in action on 1 January 1945 at Sarralbe, France. When enemy shells had set fire to a truck loaded with mines and explosives, Technician Chapman, fully realizing the danger involved, procured water from a hole which he broke in the ice, rushed to the burning truck, and with pails of water and fire extinguishers, successfully fought the blaze. By his courageous actions Technician Chapman helped save the entire area around his battalion headquarters from damage and loss of life. Entered military service from Bellefontaine, Ohio.

First Lieutenant HOWARD W. CLOUGH, 01 314 885, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in the vicinity of Sackenbergl, France, on 8 December 1944. Lieutenant Clough personally led his platoon in a flanking action which played an important part in the success of the attack of the supported rifle company. By his example of personal bravery under machine-gun and mortar fire, Lieutenant Clough inspired his men to speedily and effectively accomplish their mission. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

Private First Class JOSE A. CUELLAR, 38 439 238, Company B, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in the vicinity of Bliesbruck, France, on 31 December 1944. Private Cuellar and another soldier, cut off from their company by a hostile force of 200, waited until 30 Germans approached to within 50 yards of their post before opening fire with an M1 and a BAR, completely routing them. By their cool courage and devotion to duty, Private Cuellar and his companion prevented the enemy from flanking and cutting off a platoon of their company. Entered military service from Fort Stockton, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM W. DONIGER, 13 122 847, Headquarters and Service Company, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic service in action on 1 January 1945 at Sarralbe, France. When enemy shells had set fire to a truck loaded with mines and explosives, Technician Doniger, fully realizing the danger involved, procured water from a hole which he broke in the ice, rushed to the burning truck, and with pails of water and fire extinguishers, successfully fought the blaze. By his courageous actions Technician Doniger helped save the entire area around his battalion headquarters from damage and loss of life. Entered military service from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant LYLE GREENDEER, 36 297 755, (then Private First Class) Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 2-3 January 1945 in the vicinity of Bliesbruck, France. When the enemy launched an attack against Company C's position, Sergeant Greendear and five other men, realizing the seriousness of the situation, worked their way forward under heavy fire to an abandoned 60 mm mortar position, manned the mortars and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy, thus aiding materially in repulsing the attack. Sergeant Greendear's alertness and courage merit high praise. Entered military service from Wyeville, Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant WARD L. HALLENBECK, 32 028 110, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action on 29 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bliesbruck, France. Sergeant Hallenbeck fearlessly worked his way into a minefield before it was cleared and evacuated a comrade who had been injured by an exploded mine. Sergeant Hallenbeck's courage and spirit of self-sacrifice reflect great credit on himself and the Service. Entered military service from Jamestown, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade HYLTON C. HUDSON, 33 534 381, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action near Woelfling, France, on 8 January 1945. When the assaulting companies suffered heavy casualties during an attack, Technician Hudson and another aid man set up a collecting point for wounded only 100 yards behind the lines while under heavy fire. Later they moved to a position at the front where casualties were heaviest and carried the wounded to the collecting point. Technician Hudson's courageous action greatly expedited the care of the wounded. Entered military service from Lynchburg, Virginia.

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IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Technician Fourth Grade MERLIND G. LANNOYE, 37 556 514, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action near Woelfling, France, on 8 January 1945. When the assaulting companies suffered heavy casualties during an attack, Technician Lannoye and another aid man set up a collecting point for wounded only 100 yards behind the lines while under heavy fire. Later they moved to a position at the front where casualties were heaviest and carried the wounded to the collecting point. Technician Lannoye's courageous action greatly expedited the care of the wounded. Entered military service from Churchs Ferry (Ramsey), North Dakota.

Corporal PETER M. LARSEN, 36 807 254, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement on 25 January 1945 in the vicinity of Frauenberg, France. While moving out to repair a telephone line, Corporal Larsen and a comrade were halted by enemy machine-gun fire. Corporal Larsen then tapped the telephone line and directed artillery fire which wiped out the hostile emplacement. Corporal Larsen's alertness and courage merit high praise. Entered military service from Kanosha, Wisconsin.

Private First Class WINFRED C. McDOWELL, 35 131 038, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944 near Enchenberg, France. In the face of intense enemy fire directed on his own position, Private McDowell continued to provide his squad leader and scouts with vital protective fire, thus preventing their annihilation by the enemy. Private McDowell's courageous action merits high praise. Entered military service from Stamping Ground, Kentucky.

Private First Class NICHOLAS G. MANTZ, 35 535.111, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement on 25 January 1945 in the vicinity of Frauenberg, France. While moving out to repair a telephone line, Private Mantz and a comrade were halted by enemy machine-gun fire. Private Mantz then assisted in tapping the telephone line and in directing artillery fire which wiped out the hostile emplacement. Private Mantz' alertness and courage merit high praise. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class JOHNIE H. MARTIN, 39 723 248, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 2-3 January 1945 in the vicinity of Bliesbruck, France. When the enemy launched an attack against Company C's position, Private Martin and five other men, realizing the seriousness of the situation, worked their way forward under heavy fire to an abandoned 60 mm mortar position, manned the mortars and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy, thus aiding materially in repulsing the attack. Private Martin's alertness and courage merit high praise. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Corporal ASHFORD MILLER, 35 629 018, (then Private First Class) Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944 near Enchenberg, France. In the face of intense enemy fire directed on his open position, Corporal Miller continued to provide his squad leader and scouts with vital protective fire, thus preventing their annihilation by the enemy. Corporal Miller's courageous action merits high praise. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

Private First Class HOWARD T. MOREY, 16 168 419, Company F, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, on 4 January 1945. Private Morey promptly went to the aid of a stricken comrade during an intense concentration of enemy mortar and artillery fire. While trying to remove the casualty to a covered position, he was also wounded. Private Morey's courage and his spirit of self-sacrifice merit high praise. Entered military service from Western Springs, Illinois.

Private First Class WALTER A. PORTER, 15 302 310, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 2-3 January 1945 in the vicinity of Bliesbruck, France. When the enemy launched an attack against Company C's position, Private Porter and five other men, realizing the seriousness of the situation, worked their way forward under heavy fire to an abandoned 60 mm mortar position, manned the mortars and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy, thus aiding materially in repulsing the attack. Private Porter's alertness and courage merit high praise. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Sergeant HARRY B. PRATT, 6 938 944, Company B, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 15 January 1945 in the vicinity of Woolfling, France. Sergeant Pratt and his squad were given the hazardous mission of erecting barbed wire entanglements along a railroad track which in some areas was not more than 50 yards away from enemy positions. The successful accomplishment of this assignment in the face of enemy mortar fire and exploding grenades attests to Sergeant Pratt's leadership and fearlessness. Entered military service from St Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant CARL M. SCHWAB, 38 241 412, Headquarters and Service Company, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic service in action on 1 January 1945 at Sarralbe, France. When enemy shells had set fire to a truck loaded with mines and explosives, Sergeant Schwab, fully realizing the danger involved, procured water from a hole which he broke in the ice, rushed to the burning truck, and with pails of water and fire extinguishers, successfully fought the blaze. By his courageous actions Sergeant Schwab helped save the entire area around his battalion headquarters from damage and loss of life. Entered military service from Kountze, Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade THOMAS SMARGIASSI, 32 763 440, Headquarters and Service Company, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic service in action on 1 January 1945 at Sarralbe, France. When enemy shells had set fire to a truck loaded with mines and explosives, Technician Smargiassi, fully realizing the danger involved, procured water from a hole which he broke in the ice, rushed to the burning truck, and with pails of water and fire extinguishers, successfully fought the blaze. By his courageous actions Technician Smargiassi helped save the entire area around his battalion headquarters from damage and loss of life. Entered military service from South Orange, New Jersey.

Private First Class RUDOLPH B. STEFFEY, 33 573 547, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 7 December 1944 near Enchenberg, France. When his company commander was attacked in the woods by a force of unknown strength, Private Steffey, a driver, rushed to his aid and assisted in driving off what was evidently an infiltrating enemy patrol. Private Steffey's courageous action merits great praise. Entered military service from Waterman, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JULIUS M. SNOW, 39 574 277, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action near Woolfling, France, on 9 January 1945. Observing that his company commander had been hit by machine-gun fire, Private Snow crawled to the captain, who was lying in an open position in an area being shelled by mortars and rockets. He assisted the aid man in treating the officer and remained to protect him until he could be evacuated. Private Snow's courage merits high praise. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class ARTHUR TINGLEY, 36 810 271, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 2-3 January 1945 in the vicinity of Bliesbruck, France. When the enemy launched an attack against Company C's position, Private Tingley and five other men, realizing the seriousness of the situation, worked their way forward under heavy fire to an abandoned 60 mm mortar position, manned the mortars and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy, thus aiding materially in repulsing the attack. Private Tingley's alertness and courage merit high praise. Entered military service from Juda, Wisconsin.

Private First Class VARNER L. WHITIS, 15 091 188, Company B, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 31 December 1944 in the vicinity of Bliesbruck, France. Private Whitis and another soldier, cut off from their company by a hostile force of 200, waited until 30 Germans approached to within 50 yards of their post before opening fire with an M1 and a BAR, completely routing them. By their cool courage and devotion to duty, Private Whitis and his companion prevented the enemy from flanking and cutting off a platoon of their company. Entered military service from Ula, Kentucky.

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IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

First Lieutenant ERNEST E. WILLIAMS, O 447 546, Headquarters, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 25 January 1945. Lieutenant Williams, the Third Battalion Intelligence Officer, desiring enemy information, accompanied Company L on its mission of neutralizing six enemy pillboxes. He moved forward with a supporting tank and directed its fire on the enemy positions. He himself fired into the aperture of one of the pillboxes, disabling its machine gun. He then moved to the left flank of the hostile stronghold and, while so doing, killed one of the enemy trying to escape. Lieutenant Williams' courageous actions and devotion to duty are worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

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, an Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

Major ROBERT H. BENNETT, O 519 167, Headquarters, * * * Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations on 27 December 1944; in Frauenberg, France. When 150 civilians in Frauenberg, the center of front line activity, threatened to disrupt the efficient operations of the Division by attempting to leave town, Major Bennett, Civil Affairs Officer, went into the town along a road which was under artillery fire, assembled the populace, and directed an orderly evacuation of the community, thus rendering a great service to the troops fighting in that area. Major Bennett's coolness under fire and his efficient management of a tense situation merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Matawan, New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT E. SCHLIESMAN, 35 092 655, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, on 4 January 1945. Technician Schliesman promptly went to the aid of a stricken comrade during an intense concentration of enemy mortar and artillery fire. While trying to remove the casualty to a covered position, he was also wounded. Technician Schliesman's courageous action and devotion to duty merit high praise. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

VI. 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 in eastern France, is awarded to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant ROGER G. ALEXANDER JR., O 528 736, Headquarters, * * * Division Artillery, from 22 October 1944 to 24 January 1945. Entered military service from West Point, New York.

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 in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officers:

First Lieutenant JOSEPH F. HANNON, O 181 283, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 13 October 1944 to 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Rutland, Vermont.

Major JOHN C. LINN, O 166 543, Headquarters, * * * Division Artillery, from 19 October 1944 to 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Jamestown, North Dakota.

First Lieutenant VIRGIL A. SCHWARZ, O 180 840, (then Second Lieutenant) Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 8 December 1944 to 21 January 1945. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officers:

VI. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL AND OAK-LEAF CLUSTERS: - 2d Cluster -(Continued)

First Lieutenant ROBERT H. DEFOSET, OI 177 765, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 December 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from San Luis Obispo, California.

Major JOHN C. LINN, OI 166 543, Headquarters, * * * Division Artillery, from 11 December 1944 to 22 January 1945. Entered military service from Jamestown, North Dakota.

4. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Third bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in eastern France is awarded to the following named officer:

Second Lieutenant THOMAS M. RAUCH, O 528 929, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 22 December 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Villanova, Pennsylvania.

By command of Brigadier General DEAN:

GEORGE S. MARTIN
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- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
II. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

I. 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 for meritorious service in eastern France is awarded the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant ALBERT H. ALLARD, 20 226 156, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Woodbury, New Jersey.

Private First Class WILLIAM C. BAYSURA JR., 33 437 944, Company K, * * * Infantry, on 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant JOHN G. BORGERDING, 01 314 430, (then Second Lieutenant) Company E, * * * Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Albany, Minnesota.

Private First Class PAUL R. BRODISH, 33 438 040, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JERROLD B. BROWN, 35 819 624, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin.

Corporal WENDELL R. EUCKMASTER, 38 127 554, Company G, * * * Infantry, on 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Sasakwa, Oklahoma.

Private First Class GEORGE T. BUIE, 34 723 509, Company G, * * * Infantry, on 15 January 1945. Entered military service from Big Sandy, Tennessee.

Second Lieutenant ROBERT F. BURRUSS, 0 515 256, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry, from 1 December 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from South Bend, Indiana.

Second Lieutenant NICHOLAS CAPUTO, 02 006 011, (then First Sergeant) Company F, * * * Infantry, on 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Richmond Hill, New York.

Captain JOSEPH T. CEPALO, 0 464 635, Headquarters Battery, * * * Division Artillery, from 18 October 1944 to 24 December 1944. Entered military service from Melrose, Massachusetts.

Lieutenant Colonel HAROLD V. CLAYTON, 0 333 231, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 2 December 1944 to 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Kingston, New York.

Lieutenant Colonel THERAN M. DAVIS, 0 263 688, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 2 December 1944 to 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Private First Class GABRIEL J. DUNLAP, 16 066 313, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant GLEN C. EDQUIST, 35 092 309, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Chesterton, Indiana.

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (cont'd)

✓ Private First Class DONALD E. ERSKINE, 36 575 974, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Hemlock, Michigan.

✓ First Lieutenant LORENZO S. EVANS JR., 01 292 677, Company M, * * * Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

✓ Sergeant ULYSSES C. FARMER, 17 012 623, Antitank Company, * * * Infantry, on 15 January 1945. Entered military service from Wellington, Kansas.

✓ Private First Class GEORGE W. FREEMAN, 34 722 932, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry, on 9 December 1944. Entered military service from Clarksville, Tennessee.

✓ Private First Class EUGENE FURLOUGH, 34 710 087, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Nashville, Tennessee.

✓ Staff Sergeant EDMON L. GARNER, 38 141 274, Company G, * * * Infantry, on 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Garrison, Texas.

✓ Staff Sergeant LOUIS F. GRZYBEK, 20 225 417, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry, from 20 October 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Sayreville, New Jersey.

✓ Warrant Officer Junior Grade EDWARD J. HILL, W2 120 740, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

✓ Corporal RALPH L. JACOBS, 35 048 898, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from East Cleveland, Ohio.

✓ Private First Class DALE H. JOHNSON, 16 104 417, Antitank Company, * * * Infantry, on 15 January 1945. Entered military service from Midland, Michigan.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade DAVID J. HAREN, 32 163 164, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

✓ Technical Sergeant JOHN M. HIGGINS, 35 039 631, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

✓ Corporal HOMER R. JONES, 35 628 287, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Woodsfield, Ohio.

✓ Major CHARLES P. KROPOSKY, O 373 205, Service Company, * * * Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Bound Brook, New Jersey.

✓ Technical Sergeant JOHN KUNASH, 32 002 338, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry, on 8 December 1944. Entered military service from New York, New York.

✓ Private First Class DONALD G. LARSEN, 36 668 294, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

✓ Private First Class JAMES M. LAVIELLE, 37 725 939, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry, on 19 January 1945. Entered military service from Hutchinson, Kansas.

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (cont'd)

✓ Captain JAY K. MAC LARTY, O1 307 721, (then First Lieutenant) Company M, * * * Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 7 January 1945. Entered military service from Rock Island, Illinois.

✓ Major FREDERIC D. MARSHALL, O 389 310, Headquarters, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Bayonne, New Jersey.

✓ First Lieutenant L. D. MASSEY, O1 300 193, Company L, * * * Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Albertville, Alabama.

✓ Private First Class CHARLES K. MONTGOMERY, 36 443 242, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Springfield, Illinois.

✓ First Lieutenant KENWOOD J. NELSON, O1 307 061, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

✓ Private First Class THEODORE A. ORBAN JR., 36 747 419, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Berwyn, Illinois.

✓ Lieutenant Colonel GEORGE R. PARKS, O 323 110, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 November 1944 to 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Columbia, Missouri.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade LEWIS A. PASSWATERS, 32 065 293, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Bridgefield, Delaware.

✓ First Lieutenant RAYMOND A. PETSCHKA, O1 315 858, Company D, * * * Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

✓ Private First Class MELVIN J. PILON, 39 215 863, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Lynden, Washington.

✓ Sergeant WILLARD A. PRUITT, 38 127 418, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Boyton, Oklahoma.

✓ Chief Warrant Officer BERNARD J. RAPKIN, W2 112 056, Service Company, * * * Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Loch Sheldrake, New York.

✓ Private First Class JOHN M. ROBERTS, 35 546 215, Company K, * * * Infantry, on 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Findlay, Ohio.

✓ Private First Class FRANK V. RODRIGUEZ, 32 000 791, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

✓ Private First Class JOHN SARDINA, 20 227 157, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

✓ Sergeant FRANK SILAGYI, 35 286 791, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Piquette, Ohio.

✓ Captain WILLIAM J. SNYDER, O1 307 316, (then First Lieutenant) Company I, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (cont'd)

✓ Private First Class EDWARD L. STEVENS, 34 599 866, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Asheville, North Carolina.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade EDWARD T. SYLVESTER, 35 048 850, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from East Cleveland, Ohio.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade JOHN F. TAYLOR, 20 237 148, Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, on 24 October 1944. Entered military service from Vineland, New Jersey.

Private First Class HARVEY VELDHOUSE, 36 452 270, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry, on 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Byron Center, Michigan.

Private First Class RALPH VOLGARINO JR., 20 226 870, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Mount Holly, New Jersey.

✓ Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT L. WADLINGTON, O 170 222, Headquarters, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 17 November 1944 and from 6 December 1944 to 11 January 1945. Entered military service from St. Martinsville, Louisiana.

✓ Sergeant VIRGIL J. WAGAR, 20 233 346, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Kingston, New York.

✓ Second Lieutenant JOHN D. WAGNER, O1 318 493, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES H. WAIDLEY, 32 065 346, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

Captain JOHN B. WARDER, O1 306 916, (then First Lieutenant) Company L, * * * Infantry, on 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

Private First Class MARCELO M. ZAMORA, 36 153 931, Company G, * * * Infantry, on 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Fennville, Michigan.

II. 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 for meritorious service in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel GEORGE R. PARKS, O 323 110, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, on 24 and 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Columbia, Missouri.

By command of Brigadier General DEAN:

GEORGE E. MARTIN
Colonel, G.S.C.
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HQ 44TH INF DIV

Citations for Bronze Star Medal - Meritorious Service Awards GO 25, 18 Feb 45.

S Sgt Allard - Through his technical knowledge of radio and wire communication, and his ceaseless efforts, often under most trying conditions, Sgt Allard helped maintain and install communications systems and equipment of his battalion.

Pfc William C. Baysura - After his mortar section's supply of ammunition had been exhausted, Pvt Baysura carried bandoleers of rifle ammunition, rifle grenades, and machine-gun belts from an ammunition depot in the rear to his company which at that time was pinned down by small-arms fire. This action was carried out under intense enemy artillery fire and at a time when his company was out of ammunition, and a counterattack by the enemy was imminent.

2d Lt John G. Borgerding - During this period Lt Borgerding was in command of a rifle platoon and led his men into Volksberg, Monthronn and Enochenberg without hesitation, always encouraging his men and setting an example by his forthright leadership.

Pfc Paul R. Brodish)
Sgt Frank Silagyi) Same citation.
Cpl Homer R. Jones)
T Sgt John M. Higgins)

These men, as members of the I & R Platoon, have carried out their duties without regard to their personal safety while being subjected to artillery, small arms fire and adverse weather conditions. As members of an eight man patrol, they entered and secured the town of Repaix, France, capturing 17 prisoners.

Sgt Willard A. Pruitt)
Pfc Gabriel J. Dunlap) Same citation:

These men, as members of the I & R Platoon, have carried out their duties without regard to their personal safety while being subjected to artillery, small arms fire and adverse weather conditions.

Pfc Jarrod B. Brown - During period indicated Pfc Brown has been a member of a forward observation party with a leading assault battalion. He has served in an outstanding manner by maintaining vital communications and assisting the forward observer in directing fire on enemy troops and installations, resulting in the continuous accomplishment of his units close support mission.

S Sgt Samuel L. Garner)
Pfc George T. Buie) Same citation:
Pfc Wendell R. Buckmaster)
Pfc Marcelo M. Zamora)

On 16 Jan 45, these 4 EIA were voluntary members of a daylight patrol with the mission of observing enemy action in the vicinity of Bellevue Farm from a position 300 yards forward of their front lines. The successful accomplishment of their mission resulted in effective fire being placed on enemy positions.

2d Lt Robert F. Buruss - During period indicated Lt Buruss was a forward observer with a leading assault battalion and performed his duties in an outstanding manner. He directed effective fire on enemy troops and installations, resulting in the continuous accomplishment of his unit's close support mission.

2d Lt Nicholas Caputo - When our troops were subjected to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire on 17 Nov 44, Lt Caputo (then Sgt) organized a litter relay from available Co Hq personnel and evacuated 35 casualties with one litter.

Capt Joseph T. Cefalo - During period indicated Capt Cefalo was responsible for maintaining excellent communications within the Division Artillery and with attached and associated units, even when the situation rendered the job practically impossible.

Lt Col Harold V. Clayton - During period indicated, Col Clayton, by his control of three bns of FA and delivery of fire promptly on appropriate targets which were holding up the advance of the infantry, materially aided the 324th Inf in the accomplishment of its mission in the advance from Waldhambach, France to Petit Reaerching, France.

Lt Col Therad M. Davis - As a result of Col Davis' aggressive reconnaissance, prompt displacements, and excellent communications, the fire power of his battalion aided materially in the accomplishment of the Division's mission.

Sgt Glen C. Edquist - During period indicated Sgt Edquist was successively radio operator, wire Cpl, then Chief of the Liaison Section. When he was a radio operator at Ambernail station, he repeatedly volunteered to assist in laying and maintaining wire while under direct enemy fire.

Pfc Erskine
Pfc Volgacino Jr) Same citation.

During period indicated these men have been members of a forward observation party with a leading assault Bn. They have served in an outstanding manner by maintaining vital communications and assisting the FO in directing fire on enemy troops and installations, resulting in the continuous accomplishment of their unit's close support mission.

1st Lt Lorenzo Evans - During period indicated Lt Evans performed his assigned duties as platoon leader of Co M in a manner worthy of emulation. His calmness, courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the men of his command. He constantly exposed himself to enemy fire to personally direct elements of his command in the rendition of close fire support to units of the Bn.

Sgt Ulysses C. Farmer)
Pfc Dale H. Johnson) Same citation.

By their alertness and sound judgment, these men took two of the enemy as prisoner when the safer course would have been to shoot them, and thus obtained very valuable information.

Pfc George W. Freeman - When the Medics were overtaxed, Pvt Freeman volunteered to drive to Euchenberg to evacuate a casualty knowing that the road he had to traverse was under constant enemy fire. He completed another trip over the same road later when he brought back rations and bedrolls.

Pfc Eugene Furlough - During period indicated Pfc Furlough was a member of a 15 man regimental wire team and assisted materially in maintaining wire communication in spite of artillery and small arms fire, and adverse weather conditions.

S Sgt Louis F. Grzybek - During period indicated Sgt Grzybek has on numerous occasions undergone enemy artillery fire without hesitation to get ammunition through to his unit. He has been willing to undergo personal discomfort gladly to secure vital ammunition to enable his company to continue firing its missions without interruption.

WOJG Edward J. Hill - During period indicated WOJG Hill assisted materially in the maintenance of wire communication in spite of artillery and small-arms fire, and adverse weather conditions. During the enemy attack of 1 Jan 45, Mr Hill remained exposed to heavy enemy fire for prolonged periods in order to supervise the repair of damaged wire lines and succeeded in maintaining important communications.

Tec 4 David J. Haren
Pfc Charles K. Montgomery
Tec 4 Lewis A. Passwaters
Pfc Frank V. Rodriguez
Pfc John Sardina
Pfc Edward L. Stevens
S Sgt Charles H. Waidley) Same citation.

During period indicated above men were members of a fifteen man regimental wire team and assisted materially in maintaining wire communication in spite of artillery and small arms fire and adverse weather conditions.

Cpl Ralph L. Jacobs - During period indicated Cpl Jacobs has been a driver private, driver wireman-PFC, and is presently wire Cpl. His promotions have been a result of his courageous, competent work while assisting in directing, laying, and maintaining wire communication from the FA Bn CP to the forward of the supported Inf Bn CP to the FO's positions.

Major Charles P. Kropf - As regimental supply officer during period indicated, Major Kropf has succeeded, under the most trying circumstances, and in the face frequently of enemy mortar and artillery fire, in providing all types of supplies from the rear forward to the troops in the proper amounts and at the correct time. His untiring efforts and careful planning have resulted in feeding at least two hot meals daily, keeping trench foot to a minimum - insofar as adequate supplies can help toward this end - and maintaining the welfare of the soldier at the highest level.

CWO Bernard J. Rapkin - His unswerving devotion to duty as assistant to the regimental supply officer merits the highest praise. In the face frequently of enemy mortar and artillery fire, and under the most trying circumstances, he has helped overcome the multiple problems of supply resulting from the exigencies of combat.

T/Sgt John Kuzash)
Pfc Harvey Veldhouse) Same Citation:

On 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Eichenberg, France, these two men, as members of a forward observer group, performed their duty in an exceptionally meritorious manner. The devastating and unerring accuracy of the artillery fire which they helped direct enabled the mission of the foot troops to be successfully accomplished.

Pfc Donald G. Larsen - Pvt Larsen assisted in maintaining constant radio communications with a radio relay car between artillery forward observers and his battalion. He performed his work, involving multiple missions, expeditiously and without confusion, even though frequently subjected to enemy artillery fire.

Pfc James M. Lavielle - On 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, Private Lavielle, a radio operator with a forward observer group of the cannon company, exposed himself to enemy fire in order to bring medical aid to a wounded man.

Captain Jay K. MacLarty - As platoon leader and later as company commander, Captain MacLarty displayed outstanding leadership, courage, and devotion to duty. He constantly exposed himself to enemy fire to personally direct elements of his command and he was a constant inspiration to his men.

Maj Frederic D. Marshall - As Captain, S-3 of the 888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, he was instrumental in planning and effecting the fire direction of the battalion, its attachments and reinforcing battalions, on the Simserhoff Forts.

Lt L. D. Massey - His calmness, courage and devotion to duty, as platoon leader and later as company commander, were an inspiration to the men of his organization. He has also displayed outstanding leadership qualities and thorough tactical knowledge.

1st Lt. Kenwood J. Nelson - His tireless efforts during this period as battalion motor officer have been responsible in large measure for the battalion's tactical success. Damaged vehicles have been recovered and repaired in record time and transportation has been handled with dispatch.

Pfc Theodore A. Urban Jr. - As a member of a forward observation party he has served in an outstanding manner, maintaining communications and assisting in directing fire. He has on numerous occasions performed his duties under heavy fire and at the risk of his life.

Lt. Col George R. Parks - As Commanding Officer of 888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, he has coordinated the fires of three battalions of field artillery, and by his leadership, aggressive reconaissance and thorough organization, has given continuous effective support to the 888th Infantry.

1st Lt Raymond A. Petschka - Owing to his tireless efforts and disregard for personal safety and comfort, Lt Petschka was able, as commanding officer of the heavy mortar platoon, to support his battalion effectively on all occasions when the need arose. His carefully planned and plotted fires were great factors in destroying large numbers of the enemy.

Pfc Melvin J. Pilon - As a member of the wire team of his unit, he has assisted materially in the maintenance of wire communication despite artillery and small-arms fire. He has always carried out his duties without regard to his own personal welfare.

Pfc John M. Roberts - On 1 January 1945, near Miesbeersingen, France, Private Roberts traced down wires that had been broken by intense artillery fire and made the necessary repairs. He repeated this several times during the early morning hours and was responsible for maintaining wire communications intact within his company.

Cap. William J. Snyder - During the period indicated, Capt Snyder distinguished himself as reconnaissance officer and company commander of Company H, ***Inf. His tireless efforts to care for his men and his consistently outstanding leadership merit high praise.

T/4 Edward Sylvester - Technician Sylvester performed meritorious service in maintaining constant radio communications with a radio car between artillery forward observers and his Battalion. He handled multiple missions expeditiously, and without confusion, even though frequently under heavy fire.

Technician John F. Taylor - On 24 October 1944, in eastern France, Technician Taylor, member of a forward observer party, crawled approximately 500 yards under enemy observation and artillery fire to receive a radio which had previously been abandoned by a forward observer party, thus preventing the set from falling into enemy hands.

Sgt Virgil J. Wagar - As artillery liaison sergeant, he has demonstrated exemplary leadership of his section while at the front lines, under heavy fire of all calibers. He constantly maintained communications under hazardous conditions, giving little thought to his own safety or comfort.

2d Lt John D. Wagner - For meritorious service in laying of minefields, trip flares and barbed wire, and in carrying out all duties of Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon leader. His fearless leadership materially aided the assignments of his battalion.

Capt John B. Warder - On 4 December 1944 in the vicinity of Waldhaubach, France, Capt Warder demonstrated outstanding leadership when he took over command of Company L, *** Infantry just 25 minutes prior to an attack and skillfully led his men to their objective. His initiative, energy and personal bravery on this occasion and later on 21 December 1944, when he led his men to crush a strong enemy counterattack, are worthy of great praise.

Cluster to Bronze Star Medal:

Lt Col George R. Parks - On 24-25 November 1944, in the vicinity of Rauwiller, France, Lt Col Parks coordinated the fires of four battalions of Field Artillery, and by his rapid and timely delivery of fire materially aided in stopping the counterattack of the German Panzer Division.

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- II. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

I. 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 for meritorious service in eastern France is awarded the following-named officers and enlisted men:

- Private First Class LUPE R. ALCALA, 38 156 616, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 28 November 1944. Entered military service from Pearsall, Texas.
- Private First Class VERNON F. BARTON, 37 602 969, Company I, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 26 January 1945. Entered military service from De Soto, Missouri.
- Staff Sergeant LESTER H. BLAKE, 32 065 138, Company L, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 26 January 1945. Entered military service from Delano, New Jersey.
- Staff Sergeant LEO W. BRONGEL, 36 323 385, Company M, * * * Infantry, from 21 December 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.
- First Lieutenant THOMAS L. BUCHMAN, 01 320 361, Company C, * * * Infantry, from 17 January 1945 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Paola, Kansas.
- Private First Class DONALD W. CLARK, 36 777 177, Company E, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 30 January 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.
- Staff Sergeant GILBERT C. CONNER, 38 077 777, * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, from 18 September 1944 to 17 January 1945. Entered military service from Plainview, Texas.
- Private First Class JOHN W. DEPEW, 33 586 784, Company I, * * * Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 26 January 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Private PHILIP S. GIBSON, 34 700 434, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 28 November 1944. Entered military service from Vinegar Bend, Alabama.
- Private First Class LEROY A. GREENER, 36 442 426, (then Private) Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from LaSalle, Illinois.
- Technician Fifth Grade CECIL HUDDLESTON, 35 696 460, Company A, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion, on 13 November and 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Glasgow, Kentucky.
- Private First Class ROBERT C. JACOBS, 36 453 978, (then Private) Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, on 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Alpena, Michigan.
- Staff Sergeant PETER N. KOTLARCHIK, 20 725 631, Company I, * * * Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 30 January 1945. Entered military service from Manville, New Jersey.
- Staff Sergeant JAMES F. LANHAM, 7 496 917, Company F, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Edger-ton, Missouri.

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (cont'd)

Staff Sergeant LEWIS L. LEVINGSTON, 35 535 492, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry, on 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Bellville, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM V. LONG, 20 225 764, Company I, * * * Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 26 January 1945. Entered military service from Bradley Beach, New Jersey.

Private First Class ROBERT C. MACALUSO, 35 048 792, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Lieutenant Colonel CHARLES R. MURRAY, 018 792, * * * Division Artillery, on 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Arlington, Virginia.

Private First Class RUSSELL M. PARKER, 35 166 547, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Hometown, Indiana.

Major JACK V. POLLITT, 0 292 348, Headquarters, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, on 23 and 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class JOHN M. PORGES, 12 184 620, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, on 10 December 1944. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Private First Class JOHN T. PUCK, 33 617 252, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant FRED N. PUPENBROKE, 12 056 575, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 30 January 1945. Entered military service from Dunkirk, New York.

Major MALCOLM B. ROBERTSON, 0 388 028, Headquarters, * * * Division Artillery, from 31 December 1944 to 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Madison, New Jersey.

Sergeant JOHN J. SUTLIFFE, 20 229 261, Antitank Company, * * * Infantry, 24 October 1944 to 5 February 1945. Entered military service from Astoria, Long Island, New York.

Captain BRUCE A. TANKEL, 01 296 933, (then First Lieutenant) Cannon Company, * * * Infantry, on 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

First Lieutenant LLOYD F. THURSTON, 01 307 478, Service Company, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Waterloo, Iowa.

Sergeant JOHN W. TRIBEY JR., 35 621 826, Company B, * * * Tank Battalion, from 3 July 1944 to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade BILLY E. WALKER, 35 628 882, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM A. WALSWORTH, 0 388 797, Military Police Platoon, * * * Infantry Division, from 24 October 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Clinton, New York.

Private First Class RAYMOND W. WILK, 35 048 778, Company M, * * * Infantry, on 31 December 1944 and 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (cont'd)

Sergeant JOSEPH T. WYPYCHA, 32 252 172, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

Technical Sergeant PAUL J. ZITZELBERGER, 36 807 788, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, * * * Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

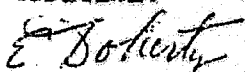
II. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Sergeant JACK P. GOODMAN, 35 682 486, (then Technician Fourth Grade) Company A, * * * Tank Battalion, from 3 July 1944 to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

By command of Brigadier General DEAN:

GEORGE E. MARTIN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief of Staff

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Citations for Meritorious Service Bronze Star Medals, GO # 27, 20 Feb 1945

Pfc Lupe R. Alcalá)
 Private Philip S. Gibson) same citation;

These men, former members of the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, have carried out their duties in a superior manner, despite artillery, small-arms fire, and adverse weather conditions.

Sgt Fred N. Pufenbroke) (Pfc Robert C Macaluso
 Sgt Wypycha, Joseph T.) same citation (Pfc John T. Puck
 T/Sgt Paul J. Zitzelsberger)

By their devotion to duty and knowledge of their work, these men played an important role in the successful completion of their battalion's missions. Many times during the period indicated they formed carrying parties to resupply front line companies with ammunition, food, and water, and litter teams to evacuate the dead. They aided immeasurably in solving supply problems.

Pfc Vernon F. Barton - As radio operator for his company, Pfc Barton has performed his duties with marked proficiency, giving valuable service to his unit. This duty has often involved great personal risk, since the weight of the radio made it difficult to seek cover quickly during shelling and while encountering small arms fire.

S Sgt Walter H. Blake - As the mess sergeant of his company he has continually seen to it that the men were fed hot meals, even under the most trying conditions, and has given superior service to them. He has never failed to serve or complete a hot meal, although often interrupted by shell fire and patrol activity.

S Sgt Leo Brongel, - As Mess sergeant of his company he has personally supervised the feeding of the men of his unit regardless of the tactical situation. He fed hot meals even under hazardous conditions, giving superior service to the men in his company.

First Lieutenant Thomas L. Buchman - Through his expert guidance, leadership and personal supervision during the period indicated, he kept up the morale and health of his command when they were in an extremely exposed forward position with little cover available and in the extreme cold. Despite his precarious position he fed three hot meals a day, and had no cases evacuated for trench foot or other physical ailments.

Pfc Donald W. Clark - As company runner, Pfc Clark has rendered service worthy of emulation. He has continually performed his job in a manner that materially aided the flow of information. He has made numerous trips at great personal risk.

S Sgt Gilbert C. Conner - His superior management of his motor maintenance section within the ***Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop is worthy of great praise. He has developed many field expedients and has kept his vehicles in excellent condition. He has accomplished repairs under difficult and hazardous conditions, working day and night when necessary, without regard for his own comfort or safety.

Pfc John W. Depew - He has driven supplies and food to his company's positions often at great risk to his life, over routes that were under direct enemy mortar and artillery fire.

Pfc Leroy A. Greener)
 Pfc Russell M. Parker) same citation
 T/Sgt Billy E. Walker)

As members of the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon of **Infantry, they have carried out their duties in a superior manner, while subjected to artillery, small-arms fire and adverse weather conditions, and without regard to personal safety.

T/FC Cecil Huddleston - On the dates indicated Technician Huddleston operated his bulldozer all day under continuous small-arms and mortar fire, in order to perform urgent assignments, which he efficiently completed.

Pfc Robert C. Jacobs - Private Jacobs exposed himself to enemy fire in order to recover a radio abandoned by a forward observer party who had been forced to seek cover when their vehicle was subjected to artillery fire.

S Sgt Kotlarchik - As mess sergeant, he has succeeded in bringing hot food to the men on the line even under the most trying circumstances. His cheerful and punctual deliveries have done much to maintain a high level of morale.

S Sgt James F. Lanham - His repeated demonstrations of personal courage and competent leadership have been a constant source of inspiration to the members of his squad.

S Sgt Lewis L. Livingston - Although it was not his duty to repair or install wire, he left his cover and went into an area being subjected to shell fire in order to install new wires to his battalion CP. He also aided in establishing the wire net to his own antitank guns and the heavy machine guns and the CP, accomplishing this under heavy artillery and mortar fire.

S Sgt William V. Long - As supply sergeant of his unit, he has, with untiring and determined effort, brought to the front lines the supplies, ammunition and equipment necessary to keep operations progressing successfully. On many occasions he has worked day and night, and under heavy enemy fire. Despite all dangers he has managed to get his supplies to the unit without delay.

Lt Col Charles R Murray - He coordinated the fires of 15 battalions of field artillery during the preparation and the advance of the 1st Infantry from Leintrey, France to the vicinity of Moussey. His effective planning and execution of this difficult supporting operation are worthy of the highest praise.

Major Jack V. Pollitt - He made a complete battalion position night reconnaissance under extremely adverse conditions. Next day he left his cover in order to reestablish and maintain communications with the firing batteries by radio under heavy shell fire.

Pfc John M. Porges - Although suffering from shock and internal injuries after the truck in which he rode struck a mine, he applied first aid to a wounded comrade and cared for him for three hours before help arrived to evacuate the injured. His action undoubtedly saved the other wounded man from bleeding to death.

Major Malcolm B. Robertson - As S-3 of the Division Artillery, his efficient planning, excellent organizational ability, and coolness under pressure, were largely responsible for massing the fires of the Division and Corps artillery on enemy targets, in support of the advancing infantry.

Sgt John H. Satliffe - He has been constantly with the assault echelons of his regiment, clearing roads and fields of enemy mines and booby traps. And when his unit has been in defensive positions he has helped set mines, trip flares and booby traps. His personal bravery and resourcefulness have been an inspiration to his comrades.

Capt Bruce A. Tankel - At a critical time during an attack, Capt Tankel displayed outstanding leadership, quick thinking and sound judgment, by obtaining, at great personal risk, cannon fire on enemy machine guns holding up the advance. The extremely accurate fire he directed enabled the attacking company to advance without a casualty.

1st Lt Lloyd F. Thurston - Lt Thurston's efficient management of the battalion motor vehicles kept the maximum number at all times available for immediate use. In addition he materially aided the Bn S-4 in obtaining and delivering supplies of food and clothing to the front line troops, and in delivering hot food to the men.

Sgt John W Tribbey Jr. - As communications sergeant, his efforts in servicing and repairing equipment made it possible to maintain almost uninterrupted communications between combat elements and afforded use of the largest available number of combat vehicles, thus contributing greatly to the efficiency of his unit.

1st Lt William A. Walsworth - As Traffic Section Leader, Lt Walsworth worked without thought for his own comfort or safety over long periods of time, performing his duties in a highly meritorious manner. In an effort to discover conditions of roads and in order to ascertain future needs for traffic control points, he has often gone farther forward than the ordinary performance of his duties deemed necessary.

Pfc Raymond Wilk - Pfc Wilk ably assisted in repulsing an enemy counterattack by making several trips to the company supply point hauling ammunition under mortar and artillery fire. He also assisted the mortar crews in firing their missions.

Oak-Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star:

Tec/4 Jack P. Goodman - As radio electrician he discharged his duties in a capable and exemplary manner. On numerous occasions he ably effected repairs and maintenance on radios in combat vehicles under fire.

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21 February 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 BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- V. 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 officer and enlisted man:

✓ Captain FRANCIS E. MITCHELL, O 376 585, Company K, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 10 January 1945. When his company, moving through a heavily wooded area, was halted by hostile machine-gun and rifle fire, Captain Mitchell unhesitatingly placed himself in command of the leading elements. Inspired by his leadership, his men followed him in closing with the enemy and securing the position. Captain Mitchell's gallant leadership is worthy of the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna M. Mitchell (Mother), 36 Pearl Street, Hornell, New York.

✓ Private CHARLES E. MOHR, 35 868 996, Company C, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 January 1945 in the vicinity of Bliesbruck, France. When the enemy infiltrated into his company's positions, Private Mohr observed that one of our machine guns had been abandoned. Despite intense enemy small-arms and mortar fire, he left his position to man the weapon. The fire he delivered, even though he was not a member of a gun crew, was so accurate that he destroyed three enemy machine guns and killed many of the attacking infantry. He operated the gun until the following morning when a direct hit by a mortar shell killed him. Private Mohr's gallant self-sacrifice is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Mohr (Mother), 4327 Hays Avenue, Cincinnati, 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 officers and enlisted men:

✓ Technical Sergeant SAMUEL HAIIDUC, 35 603 075, (then Staff Sergeant) Company C, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Bliesbruck, France, on 29 December 1944. When a patrol returned from a mission and reported that its leader had been wounded and left behind, Sergeant Haiduc and the platoon leader set out to bring back the wounded soldier. As they moved toward the sector where the wounded man lay, Sergeant Haiduc and the officer with him were fired on repeatedly by the enemy. After crawling through machine-gun and small-arms fire for an hour, they found the casualty and safely evacuated him. Sergeant Haiduc's courageous act, at the risk of his own life, prevented the certain capture or death of the wounded man. Entered military service from Massillon, Ohio.

✓ Corporal FLOYD R. HUSKEY, 34 193 825, Medical Detachment, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 24 November 1944 in the vicinity of Scerlingen, France. When an enemy tank shelled Battery B's position with its "88" and wounded four men of a howitzer crew by a direct hit on the position, Corporal Huskey left his cover in a ditch and ran to their aid although the area was still being subjected to direct observed fire. Despite the fact that he was knocked down by the concussion of a bursting shell and that his clothes were torn by shell fragments, he continued to the wounded, rendered first aid, and later assisted in their evacuation. Corporal Huskey's devotion to duty and heroism reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from Lynchburg, Tennessee.

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: (Continued)

Lieutenant Colonel EDGAR S. MCKEE, O21 182, Headquarters, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Rimling, France, from 31 December 1944 to 3 January 1945. Throughout this period Colonel McKee displayed outstanding leadership and personal bravery in directing the defense of his battalion. Without regard for enemy small-arms and artillery fire, he moved among his men organizing tactical moves. In spite of having had no sleep and little rest for three days and nights, he personally accompanied his troops in an attack on Brandelfingerhoff Farm. Even when enemy artillery fire was brought down on the command group, Colonel McKee remained at his post and continued to direct his battalion until wounded and evacuated. Throughout these operations, Colonel McKee was an inspiration to his command. Entered military service from Darlington, South Carolina.

First Lieutenant ARCHIBALD McLEOD, O1 306 620, Company C; * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Eliesbruck, France, on 29 December 1944. When a patrol returned from a mission and reported that its leader had been wounded and left behind, Lieutenant McLeod and a sergeant set out to bring back the wounded soldier. As they moved toward the sector where the wounded man lay, Lieutenant McLeod and his companion were fired on repeatedly by the enemy. After crawling through machine-gun and small-arms fire for an hour, they found the casualty and safely evacuated him. Lieutenant McLeod's courageous act, at the risk of his own life, prevented the certain capture or death of the wounded man. Entered military service from Vancouver, Washington.

Private First Class FREDERICK W. PHINNEY, 11 099 722, Battery B; * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 29 December 1944 in eastern France. While preparing a round of 105 mm HC ammunition during a fire mission, Private Phinney noticed the shell start to smoke. Fearing it might explode and injure members of the gun crew, he picked up the smoking projectile, ran a substantial distance and threw it into a ditch. Although the shell failed to detonate, Private Phinney's daring act, which might have cost him his life, demonstrates his personal bravery and unselfish devotion to his fellow soldiers. Entered military service from Winchester, Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant MARVIN I. SPECTOR, O1 317 349, (then Second Lieutenant) Company M, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Weislingen, France, on 3 December 1944. When his company CP was surrounded by an enemy patrol of about 50 men, including two half-tracks mounted with 20 mm cannons, Lieutenant Spector broke through the patrol on foot to notify his company of the situation. While returning to the CP he single-handedly wiped out an enemy machine-gun nest using two hand grenades and killing two of the crew with his carbine. He then rejoined his platoon and led it in the fight which drove off the enemy patrol. Lieutenant Spector's intrepid actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Private First Class LEONARD D. SZAROWICZ, 32 842 494, Company B, * * * Tank Battalion. For gallantry in action on 11 December 1944 near Petit Rsdor-ching, France. During a fierce battle, Private Szarowicz' tank was hit by an "88", killing the gunner and seriously wounding the tank commander. Although wounded himself and suffering from shock, Private Szarowicz lifted the tank commander out of the tank, administered aid, and under intense fire carried him over 150 yards to the cover of a roadside ditch before he collapsed. Upon recovering, he secured litter bearers who evacuated the more serious casualty while he waited for them to return and evacuate him. Private Szarowicz' courage and sense of loyalty to a wounded comrade exemplify the finest qualities of our fighting men. Entered military service from Lackawanna, New York.

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:

Corporal GENE P. ALOISIO, 36 642 663, (then Private First Class) Company M, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action near Montbronn, France, on 5 December 1944. When his battalion was held up by enemy 20 mm cannon fire, Corporal Aloisio sought and found a position from which observation was possible on the enemy. Then, under enemy mortar and artillery fire, he found an artillery observer and led him to the observation post he had discovered, from where

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

friendly artillery was directed on the enemy cannon, putting them out of action and enabling the battalion to advance. Corporal Aloisio's initiative and daring exemplify the fighting spirit of our Armed Forces. Entered military service from Berwyn, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant MERLE L. BOWER, 42 115 099, (then Sergeant) Company I, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action near Frauenberg, France, on 4 January 1945. Sergeant Bower was one of a small group of infantrymen who accompanied two tanks in an assault against four buildings which were occupied by an enemy force heavily armed with automatic weapons and rocket launchers. As a result of the courage and daring of each of these men, all four houses were cleared of the enemy, twenty seven Germans were killed, eleven were captured and the town was secured. Entered military service from Ludlowville, New York.

Staff Sergeant CARROL E. BROWN, 36 055 809, Company I, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action on 3 January 1945 near Felpersviller, France. When the outpost of which Sergeant Brown was in command received a direct hit from enemy artillery, one man was killed and four were wounded, including Sergeant Brown. Disregarding his own painful injury, he rendered aid to the other wounded and calmed several others who had been severely shocked by the shell blast. Displaying outstanding leadership, he cared for and comforted his men until the arrival of litter bearers and then supervised the safe evacuation of the other wounded before allowing himself to be treated. Sergeant Brown's courage and devotion to his men are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Marshall, Illinois.

Private First Class HAROLD C. CLOUD, 36 734 879, Company F, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action at Rimling, France, on 1 January 1945. While Private Cloud's company was engaged in a fierce fire-fight with a superior enemy force, wire communication to the mortar section was severed; whereupon Private Cloud rapidly left his foxhole, crept and crawled through the intense enemy fire, and reported to the company commander that the mortar section was still firing and was intact. The information gained from Private Cloud's heroic deed, performed at great personal risk, postponed an order for a withdrawal, thus causing many more casualties among the enemy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Captain CHARLES H. COLE, 01 106 065, Company A, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic service in action in eastern France from 26 October 1944 to 20 December 1944. As commanding officer of Company A, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion, Captain Cole distinguished himself during this period by his personal bravery, outstanding leadership, and devotion to duty. Under heavy mortar and artillery fire he has supervised the efficient and rapid removal of enemy minefields, the neutralization of enemy demolitions, the building of bridges and culverts, and the demolition of enemy fortifications. Captain Cole's aggressive fighting spirit, courage and resourcefulness are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM C. DOYLE, 01 307 380, Company F, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action near Woelfling, France, on 15 January 1945. When he learned that a truck filled with friendly troops had struck a minefield, Lieutenant Doyle, aided by two soldiers, entered the minefield and extricated four wounded men who were caught in the damaged truck. Lieutenant Doyle's intrepid action merits the highest praise. Entered military service from Burlington, New Jersey.

Sergeant FREDERICK L. FARLEY, 32 598 155, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action on 5 January 1945 at Wiesviller, France. When an intense enemy shelling scored a direct hit on a barn in which several of our men were housed, Sergeant Farley and another soldier rushed to the building as the shells continued to fall, applied first aid to the casualties and later aided in their evacuation. Sergeant Farley's prompt and courageous action aided in saving the life of at least one of his comrades. Entered military service from Orange, New Jersey.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

First Lieutenant JAMES E. FISHER, 01 168 665, Battery 1, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 27 December 1944 in eastern France. Lieutenant Fisher took charge of establishing and maintaining an advance artillery observation post which was under artillery fire and in an area which was not previously reconnoitered and which was mined and patrolled by the enemy. Lieutenant Fisher's steadfastness and courage were instrumental in setting up this observation post and enabling our artillery to inflict heavy casualties upon the enemy. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

Private First Class ANTHONY S. GELARDI, 36 576 416, Co M, * * * Inf. For heroic achievement in action in the vicinity of Frohauhl, France, on 30 November 1944. While members of a reconnaissance party, Private Gelardi and his comrade were taken under fire by an enemy 20 mm cannon and several riflemen. Private Gelardi and the other soldier immediately took up the fight, killed two of the enemy and forced the others to take cover. They then boldly went out under enemy observation to rescue their sergeant who had been seriously wounded during the fight, and carried him back to safety. Private Gelardi's heroic and unselfish actions merit the greatest praise. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class RAYMOND W. GRONER, 33 617 168, Company K, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action at Bliesbarsingen, France. Three times during the night of 31 December 1944, Private Groner moved out under heavy artillery and mortar fire to repair communication lines destroyed by enemy fire. By his personal bravery and technical skill, Private Groner kept all the wire communication within his company in excellent operation, materially helping to maintain its defensive position. Entered military service from Easton, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class CURTIS F. HOLLON JR, 35 651 086, Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, on 4 January 1945. Although in a position which was drawing fire, Private Hollon unhesitatingly assisted the radio operator in assembling the radio in order to call for artillery on enemy machine guns which were holding up the advance of the infantry. When the operator was seriously wounded while transmitting the fire mission, Private Hollon rendered first aid and completed the transmission. Private Hollon's courage and devotion to duty were instrumental in destroying the enemy guns and enabling the infantry to resume its advance. Entered military service from Mount Sterling, Kentucky.

Private First Class THOMAS W. KEPHART JR, 39 340 841, Company I, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action near Frauenberg, France, on 4 January 1945. Private Kephart was one of a small group of infantrymen who accompanied two tanks in an assault against four buildings which were occupied by an enemy force heavily armed with automatic weapons and rocket launchers. As a result of the courage and daring of each of these men, all four houses were cleared of the enemy, twenty seven Germans were killed, eleven were captured, and the town was secured. Entered military service from Springfield, Oregon.

First Sergeant WALTER R. MOORE, 20 225 336, Hq Co, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action on 5 January 1945 at Liesviller, France. When an intense enemy shelling scored a direct hit on a barn in which several of our men were housed, Sergeant Moore and another soldier rushed to the building as the shells continued to fall, applied first aid to the casualties and later aided in their evacuation. Sergeant Moore's prompt and courageous action aided in saving the life of at least one of his comrades. Entered military service from Bradley Beach, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant ROGER H. PELLETIER, 01 174 675, Service Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action at Freudenberg Farm, France, on 17-18 December 1944. Moving out at night under enemy small-arms and mortar fire to join Company I, * * * Infantry, as an artillery observer, Lieutenant Pelletier assisted in the evacuation of a wounded member of his party and then proceeded on to the farm buildings from which he adjusted fire during the day of 18 December 1944. During this entire time the building was being subjected to enemy artillery fire, but despite the danger, he remained at his post until hit by a shell fragment. Entered military service from Methuen, Massachusetts.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Private First Class JAMES V. PICKENS, 20 948 008, Company I, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action near Frauenberg, France, on 4 January 1945. Private Pickens was one of a small group of infantrymen who accompanied two tanks in an assault against four buildings which were occupied by an enemy force heavily armed with automatic weapons and rocket launchers. As a result of the courage and daring of each of these men, all four houses were cleared of the enemy, twenty seven Germans were killed, eleven were captured, and the town was secured. Entered military service from Moscow, Idaho.

Corporal DONALD C. PETERSON, 37 672 336, Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, on 4 January 1945. Although in a position which was drawing fire, Corporal Peterson unhesitatingly assisted the radio operator in assembling the radio in order to call for artillery on enemy machine guns which were holding up the advance of the infantry. When the operator was seriously wounded while transmitting the fire mission, Corporal Peterson rendered first aid and completed the transmission. Corporal Peterson's courage and devotion to duty were instrumental in destroying the enemy guns and enabling the infantry to resume its advance. Entered military service from Clarksville, Iowa.

Private First Class STEVE S. POTURICA, 36 642 744, Company M, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in the vicinity of Frohmuhl, France, on 30 November 1944. While members of a reconnaissance party, Private Poturica and his comrade were taken under fire by an enemy 20 mm cannon and several riflemen. Private Poturica and the other soldier immediately took up the fight, killed two of the enemy and forced the others to take cover. They then boldly went out, under enemy observation to rescue their sergeant who had been seriously wounded during the fight, and carried him back to safety. Private Poturica's heroic and unselfish actions merit the greatest praise. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class PETER H. RAPTIS, 36 629 210, Company I, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action near Frauenberg, France, on 4 January 1945. Private Raptis was one of a small group of infantrymen who accompanied two tanks in an assault against four buildings which were occupied by an enemy force heavily armed with automatic weapons and rocket launchers. As a result of the courage and daring of each of these men, all four houses were cleared of the enemy, twenty seven Germans were killed, eleven were captured, and the town was secured. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class LEO E. SPECHT, 36 738 133, Company H, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action on 18 December 1944 near Petit Redarching, France. When his company was subjected to an intense enemy concentration which destroyed communication lines, Private Specht moved back along the wire and repaired two breaks at a point where enemy fire was heaviest. He repeated this performance a short time later when the lines were again damaged. Through Private Specht's initiative and devotion to duty, vital communications were reestablished, enabling his company to complete its mission. Entered military service from Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Private SYLVIA S. TUFANO, 32 211 790, Company H, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action on 18 December 1944 near Petit Redarching, France. When his company was subjected to an intense enemy concentration which destroyed communication lines, Private Tufano moved back along the wire and repaired two breaks at a point where enemy fire was heaviest. He repeated this performance a short time later when the lines were again damaged. Through Private Tufano's initiative and devotion to duty, vital communications were reestablished, enabling his company to complete its mission. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade FRANKLIN R. WALD, 20 227 004, * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. For heroic service in action in Bliesbruck, France, on 27 December 1944. Technician Wald boldly returned to the former position occupied by his platoon under enemy artillery and mortar fire to secure a code which had been left behind by another radio operator. Technician Wald's devotion to duty at the risk of his life is worthy of the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Private First Class ROBERT R. ZANI, 35 219 304, Company I, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action near Frauenberg, France, on 4 January 1945. Private Zani was one of a small group of infantrymen who accompanied two tanks in an assault against four buildings which were occupied by an enemy force, heavily armed with automatic weapons and rocket launchers. As a result of the courage and daring of each of these men, all four houses were cleared of the enemy, twenty seven Germans were killed, eleven were captured, and the town was secured. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Ohio.

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 officer and enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade CECIL HUDDLESTON, 35 696 460, Company A, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic service in eastern France on 6 December 1944 and on 29 December 1944. On 6 December Technician Huddleston drove his bulldozer 100 yards under enemy observation, drawing three rounds of artillery fire, and cleared a destroyed overpass. That night, knowing the danger involved, he towed a disabled ammunition truck from an area which was close to the front lines and under shell fire. On 29 December he operated his bulldozer in a woods which was being subjected to heavy artillery and mortar fire. As he drew fire at one site he moved to another, continuing in this manner until his job was completed. Technician Huddleston's courageous actions are worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Glasgow, Kentucky.

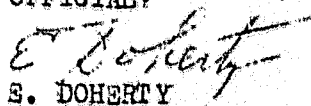
Captain HARRISON R. LANGLEY, O1 296 714, (then First Lieutenant) Company M, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, on 11 January 1945. When one of his fellow officers was critically wounded by enemy riflemen, Captain Langley moved out under the same fire to carry the wounded man to safety. Captain Langley's intrepid action is worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin.

V. 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:

Second Lieutenant ROY A. BRYAN, O1 999 310, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 21 November 1944 to 15 January 1945, in eastern France. Entered military service from Pueblo, Colorado.

By command of Brigadier General DEAN:

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22 February 1945.

- I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS.
II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.
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, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted man:

Allegation *AMEND BY GO # 185* *14 Sept 1945*
Staff Sergeant WALTER A. COURSEY JR., 34 634 896, Company G, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, on 19 January 1945. When he observed eight German infantrymen attempting to set up an outpost, Sergeant Coursey opened fire, killed three of the enemy, and directed the fire of his squad on the remainder. When the surviving Germans took cover, Sergeant Coursey called for mortar fire on their position. While directing the fire of the mortars, which required that he expose himself to hostile artillery fire, Sergeant Coursey was killed by an enemy shell. His bravery and devotion to duty were responsible for the destruction of the enemy outpost, reflecting great credit upon himself and our Armed Forces. Next of kin: Mrs. Clementine A. Coursey (Mother), 1002 Chicamauga Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee.

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:

Major EDWARD BUSCHKAMPER, O 383 326, Headquarters, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 18 November 1944 in eastern France. During an attack southeast of Igney, Major Buschkamper, then Battalion Commander, noticed that supporting tanks failed to observe certain enemy machine guns and positions which were holding up the infantry's advance. At the risk of his life, Major Buschkamper ran through heavy small-arms and artillery fire, tapped on the hull of a tank with his pistol and brought the enemy positions to the attention of the tank crew. He remained with the tanks under heavy fire, designating targets until the enemy guns were neutralized and the battalion could advance to take its objective. Entered military service from White Plains, New York.

Colonel ROBERT R. MARTIN, O15 953, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Embarmail, 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 Kosmosdals, Kentucky.

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 officer and enlisted man:

Major WILLIAM J. DAETSON, O 398 209, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 18 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

Sergeant WILLIAM E. EAST, 20 236 680, Battery A, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic service in eastern France on 27 December 1944. Sergeant East took part in establishing wire communications to an advanced OP, a mission which required that he move under artillery fire for a distance of one and one-half miles and through an unmarked minefield in an area patrolled by the enemy. Sergeant East's devotion to duty and courageous action merit high praise. Entered military service from Mayslanding, New Jersey.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Private First Class FRED T. JENSEN, 32 072 933, Battery A, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic service in eastern France on 27 December 1944. Private Jensen took part in establishing wire communications to an advanced OP, a mission which required that he move under artillery fire for a distance of one and one-half miles and through an unmarked minefield in an area patrolled by the enemy. Private Jensen's devotion to duty and courageous action merit high praise. Entered military service from Shelby, Nebraska.

Private First Class JOSEPH B. LEACOCK, 33 430 025, Company M, * * * Infantry. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France on 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

First Sergeant SAVERIO A. MONACO, 32 155 144, Company M, * * * Infantry. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 19 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Hoboken, New Jersey.

Private First Class DONALD P. PENN, 36 643 129, (then Private) Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action at Woelfling France, on 9 January 1945. Private Penn, upon observing that his compal. commander lay seriously wounded in an exposed position, crawled back under enemy fire to search for a litter team. Finding one, he retraced his route under the same fire, saw that the wounded captain was evacuated and then joined his company in the attack. Private Penn's initiative and devotion to duty merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class IRA J. RHOADE, 33 501 847, Battery A, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic service in eastern France on 27 December, 1944. Private Rhoads took part in establishing wire communications to an advanced OP, a mission which required that he move under artillery fire for a distance of one and one-half miles and through an unmarked minefield in an area patrolled by the enemy. Private Rhoads's devotion to duty and courageous action merit high praise. Entered military service from Jonestown, Pennsylvania.

Corporal EDWARD T. TERLIZZI, 32 098 234, Battery A, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic service in eastern France on 27 December 1944. Corporal Terlizzi took part in establishing wire communications to an advanced OP, a mission which required that he move under artillery fire for a distance of one and one-half miles and through an unmarked minefield in an area patrolled by the enemy. Corporal Terlizzi's devotion to duty and courageous action merit high praise. Entered military service from Mount Kisco, New York.

Staff Sergeant DELBERT G. WHITTAKER, 35 498 243, Company A, * * * Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations in eastern France from 13 November 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Lancaster, Kentucky.

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Major William J. Daetsch - This officer moulded and directed a very smooth operating fire direction center for the ***Field Artillery Battalion. By his untiring devotion to duty he has been instrumental in alleviating the shortage of new ammunition by experimenting and using an older type.

Private First Class - Joseph B Leacock- When phone communications to his unit were severed by enemy fire, he left his position, transmitted valuable information concerning enemy positions and adjusted fire which was instrumental in thwarting an enemy counterattack.

First Sergeant Savario A. Monaco - On many occasions during the period indicated, when communications had been shot out, Sgt Monaco volunteered to deliver essential information despite the hazards involved in by-passing enemy units. Many times he has taken personal risk in going from foxhole to foxhole picking up personal requests or delivering rations and ammunition to the men. His aggressive spirit and outstanding leadership has been an inspiration to his men.

Staff Sergeant Delbert G. Whitaker - As mess sergeant, he has constantly faced danger in order to get hot meals to the men of his unit. He has frequently braved enemy fire while delivering meals, but has never failed to reach his company at the appointed hour. His unselfish devotion to duty and outstanding service merit great praise.

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AFPO 44, U S Army
23 February 1945.

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

I. 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:

First Lieutenant HERBERT FERREIRA, OI 302 621, Company D, 114th Infantry, France, 19 January 1945. Entered military service from Sanford, North Carolina.

First Lieutenant ARCHIBALD MC LEOD, OI 306 620, Company C, 71st Infantry, France, 30 January 1945. Entered military service from Vancouver, Washington.

Technical Sergeant ARISTIDES PLATANITES, 32 223 098, Company K, 71st Infantry, France, 5 February 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant DAVID M CAREY, 11 067 640, Company F, 71st Infantry, France, 23 January 1945. Entered military service from Concord, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant JACK SACKADORE, 32 995 346, Company L, 324th Infantry, France, 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class WESLEY H KING, 39 053 390, Company K, 324th Infantry, France, 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

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~~Private First Class ROSS E SCHNEIDER, 36 573 967, 44th Reconnaissance Troop, France, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.~~

Private DALE S CARLSON, 39 558 167, Company B, 114th Infantry, France, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Pasadena, California.

II. 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

Captain CASS J JOZWIAK, OI 307 028, Company B, France, 13 November 1944. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

First Sergeant VINCENT P PRIORE, 20 228 586, Company F, France, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Astoria, New York.

Technical Sergeant JAMES F HEFFERNAN, 20 229 429, Company K, France, 5 February 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Technical Sergeant IRA N WOODDELL, 35 133 093, Company B, France, 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Midland, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant LEO J WROBLEWSKI, 32 012 658, Company K, France, 5 February 1945. Entered military service from Maspeth, New York.

Staff Sergeant LAWRENCE D MC SHEA, 20 228 430, Company K, France, 5 February 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Staff Sergeant JAMES H MORGAN, 38 342 328, Company G, France, 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Levelland, Texas.

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II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (71st Infantry)

Corporal LEROY W SMITH, 35 768 087, Company M, France, 5 February 1945. Entered military service from Middleton, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade NATALE B FROCHT, 32 000 618, Company M, France, 5 February 1945. Entered military service from Tenafly, New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade HANNIP NEWBES, 32 162 546, Company K, France, 5 February 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class WALTER J. HAINLINE, 35 547 083, Company K, France, 2 February 1945. Entered military service from Norwalk, Ohio.

Private First Class ANDREW C MACSEKKA, 42 019 259, Company F, France, 21 January 1945. Entered military service from Garfield, New Jersey.

Private First Class LEROY MATTOX, 34 972 613, Company K, France, 5 February 1945. Entered military service from Dundee, Florida.

Private First Class RAYMOND C MC HENRY, 35 603 318, Company K, France, 8 February 1945. Entered military service from Adamsville, Ohio.

Private First Class MALCOLM MCINTIRE, 31 305 310, Company C, France, 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Woburn, Massachusetts.

Private First Class ROY C MEATHERIA, 38 342 437, Company F, France, 3 February 1945. Entered military service from Shamrock, Texas.

Private First Class MICHAEL J MONTALBANO, 36 840 581, Company H, France, 23 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class WILLARD E MORGAN, 36 442 500, Antitank Company, France, 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Mineral, Illinois.

Private First Class GEORGE P MOSTARDINI, 36 773 736, Company H, France, 23 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class NORMAN E RODGERS, 37 509 794, Company H, France, 23 January 1945. Entered military service from Wheaton, Missouri.

Private First Class MARTIN J SULLIVAN JR, 39 618 490, Company F, France, 13 November 1944. Entered military service from Dixon, Montana.

Private BRUCE B. COMPTON, 35 842 023, Company K, France, 5 February 1945. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

114th Infantry

Staff Sergeant HENRY KULASA, 35 092 276, Company I, France, 3 February 1945. Entered military service from Rolling Prairie, Indiana.

Sergeant ANDREW BUGOS, 36 442 597, Company A, France, 4 February 1945. Entered military service from Norris, Illinois.

Corporal NUNCIO J INGRASSIA, 32 066 165, Company F, France, 8 February 1945. Entered military service from Beach Haven, New Jersey.

Private First Class WILLIAM F BISSELL, 34 823 015, Company I, France, 10 February 1945. Entered military service from Decatur, Georgia.

Private First Class ROBERT B HINES, 33 525 659, Medical Detachment, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Suffolk, Virginia.

Private First Class MICHAEL KALEC, 36 774 059, Company I, France, 21 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (114th Infantry)

Private First Class OLIVER C MITCHELL, 7 000 698, Company K, France, 11 February 1945. Entered military service from Good Pine, Louisiana.

Private JACK H CLEMENTS, 34 706 708, Company K, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Brewton, Alabama.

Private FRANCIS A GREENAWALT, 33 573 549, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, France, 6 February 1945. Entered military service from Lucerne Mines Pennsylvania.

324th Infantry

First Sergeant ELBERT P HOWARD, 20 224 973, Company B, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant GLENN E CLARK, 37 549 814, Company L, France, 24 December 1944. Entered military service from St Paul, Minnesota.

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~~Staff Sergeant THOMAS F JORDAN, 20 228 790, Company B, France, 5 December 1944. Entered military service from Long Island, New York.~~

Staff Sergeant JACK SACKADOFF, 32 995 346, Company L, France, 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class DAVID A BRYAN, 36 971 396, Medical Detachment, France, 8 February 1945. Entered military service from Coldwater, Michigan.

Private First Class ALBERT L PECK, 16 011 268, Company M, France, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Middleville, Michigan.

Private First Class MYRON B ROKER, 37 473 891, Headquarters Second Battalion, France, 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Clatonia, Nebraska.

Private First Class GEORGE W WHEATLEY, 33 066 857, Headquarters Second Battalion, France, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Private RALPH B GROSS JR, 35 295 993, Company F, France, 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Tiffin, Ohio.

217th Field Artillery Battalion

First Lieutenant JOHN H LANDERS JR, O 467 205, Battery B, France, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Stockton, Missouri.

63d Engineer Combat Battalion

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE J BARTHEL, 32 794 482, Company B, France, 19 January 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

III. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS: 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 Private First Class LUIS D MARTINEZ, 38 144 938, Company B, 71st Infantry, is rescinded.

By command of Brigadier General DEAN:

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APD 44, U. S. Army,
26 February 1945.

- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- II. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.
- III. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL.

I. 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 for meritorious service in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade DONALD E. ALLEN, 35 133 124, Headquarters Company, 71st Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 11 February 1945. Entered military service from Sciotoville, Ohio.

Corporal KENNETH E. BARNHART, 36 453 736, Headquarters Battery, 156th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 5 February 1945. Entered military service from Decatur, Michigan.

First Lieutenant ROBERT R. FALLOCCI, 01 294 413, Headquarters, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 4 February 1945. Legal Residence: Modesto, California.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT J. GAMBRELL, 35 546 512, Headquarters Battery, 156th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 5 February 1945. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

Corporal EDWARD F. EBY, 20 237 102, Battery C, 157th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Vineland, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant HUGH D. EDMONDSON, 34 108 095, Battery B, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 20 November 1944 to 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

Major GEORGE C. FANNING JR, 0 294 728, Headquarters, 44th Division Artillery, from 18 October 1944 to 8 February 1945. Legal Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Major NORMAN P. FINDLEY JR, 0 387 999, Headquarters, 217th Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 October 1944 to 15 February 1945. Legal Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class KENNETH C. GALLOWAY, 34 599 951, Headquarters Company, 71st Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 11 February 1945. Entered military service from West Asheville, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT W. GIBSON, 20 934 041, Company D, 71st Infantry, from 1 November 1944 to 11 February 1945. Entered military service from Philomoth, Oregon.

Private First Class CARL W. KEWISON, 37 508 993, Battery B, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 November 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Dudley, Missouri.

Sergeant LOYD MAHONEY, 32 005 588, Headquarters Battery, 156th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 5 February 1945. Entered military service from North Salem, New York.

Private First Class JAMES D. MOORE, 33 573 697, Headquarters Company, 71st Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 11 February 1945. Entered military service from Fort Matilda, Centre, Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant FREDERICK S. PEGLER, 01 543 547, Medical Detachment, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 9 February 1945. Legal Residence: Crawfordsville, Indiana.

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Private First Class LYNN R. PHELPS, 42 115 010, Headquarters Company, 71st Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 7 February 1945. Entered military service from Tully, New York.

Technical Sergeant ANDREW J. SCHULTZ, 20 226 276, Company K, 324th Infantry, from 19 November 1944 to 25 December 1944. Entered military service from Salem, New Jersey.

Private First Class JAMES T. SELF, 35 696 510, Headquarters Company, 71st Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 7 February 1945. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

Captain WILLIAM R. SPENCER JR, O 414 205, Headquarters, 324th Infantry, from 15 September 1944 to 12 February 1945. Legal Residence: Danbury, Connecticut.

Sergeant JOHN D. SUOZZO, 51 052 052, Company D, 71st Infantry, from 1 November 1944 to 11 February 1945. Entered military service from Waterbury, Connecticut.

Technician Fourth Grade BERNARD M. TILKEY, 35 602 365, Battery C, 157th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 29 December 1944. Entered military service from Canton, Ohio.

Sergeant OLA R. WEIKLE, 35 749 516, Company A, 114th Infantry, from 15 November 1944 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Sarton, West Virginia.

Captain ALTON D. WILSON, O1 013 680, 749th Tank Battalion, from 1 July 1944 to 31 December 1944. Legal Residence: Comanche, Texas.

Major CHARLES W. YOST, O 360 149, Medical Detachment, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945. Legal Residence: Portland, Oregon.

II. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL: 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 JOHN T. GALVIN, O1 283 408, 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 26 December 1944 to 2 February 1945, in eastern France. Legal Residence: Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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 Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over eastern France is awarded to the following-named officers:

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

First Lieutenant MIECISLAW S. SZOJ, O1 174 725, Battery A, 217th Field Artillery Battalion, from 14 November 1944 to 8 February 1945. Legal Residence: Gardner, Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant GEORGE R. TEAGUE, O1 138 944, Headquarters, 44th Division Artillery, from 31 December 1944 to 1 February 1945. Legal Residence: Montgomery, Alabama.

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

Second Lieutenant WALTER B. ARNDNER, C 527 256, Headquarters Battery, 217th Field Artillery Battalion, from 23 December 1944 to 4 February 1945. Legal Residence: Arkport, New York.

By command of Brigadier General DEAN;

OFFICIAL:

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Lieutenant Colonel,
Adjutant General

GEORGE J. MARTIN
Colonel, G. S. C.
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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 32)

APO 44, U. S. Army
1 March 1945.

- I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS.
- II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.
- 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, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted man:

Sergeant JAMES A. REAGAN, 37 607 913, Company I, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Woelfling, France, on 6 January 1945. When the First Platoon of his company was halted by intense small-arms, mortar and artillery fire and was forced to withdraw to the cover of a roadside ditch, Sergeant Reagan made a frontal assault against the enemy positions. By his daring action, which cost him his life, Sergeant Reagan diverted the enemy fire from another platoon which had moved to outflank the hostile position. Sergeant Reagan's heroic self-sacrifice is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Next of kin: Mr. Earnest V. Reagan (Father), Marquand, Missouri.

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:

Captain THOMAS J. BEARDSLEY, O 386 075, Headquarters, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 at Montbronn, France. As our troops were entering the town of Montbronn, they were seriously threatened by fire from four enemy 20 mm guns and a counterattack by hostile armored half tracks. Captain Beardsley, who had not yet entered the town and was in a position to observe the situation, climbed a ridge in the face of enemy fire bursting all around him and directed artillery fire which neutralized the 20 mm guns and forced the withdrawal of the half tracks. Captain Beardsley's decisive and fearless action prevented many casualties to our forces and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Home address: Waterbury, Connecticut.

Private First Class LEE W. BURLBAUGH, 37 137 007, Company H, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 25 November 1944 near Schalbach, France. When his battalion was attacked by tanks and infantry, Private Burlbaugh, as assistant to the 81 mm mortar observer of his company, moved out under machine-gun fire and repaired a vital telephone line. Shortly afterwards he brought rifle fire upon two enemy machine guns in order to draw their fire and divert their attention from the mortar observer. As a result of Private Burlbaugh's heroism, the observer was able to bring accurate and devastating fire on the attacking Germans, forcing them to withdraw from the battalion's right flank. Entered military service from Delta, Missouri.

First Lieutenant CECIL H. DANIEL, O1 174 552, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action near Goerlingen, France, on 24 November 1944. Although his battery was subjected to direct fire from an 88 mm tank cannon, Lieutenant Daniel remained at his post and continued to relay fire commands to his men. He continued his firing mission even though shells were landing so close that he was knocked down four times by concussion. Later, when four of his men were wounded by shell fragments, Lieutenant Daniel assisted in their evacuation under enemy fire. His courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Home address: Dexter, Kansas.

Sergeant MARTIN T. DOYLE, 36 575 888, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, on 1 February 1945. When the assault group attacking an enemy strongpoint was held up by heavy automatic and mortar fire, Sergeant Doyle seized the initiative and dashed across the open terrain toward the enemy position. Inspired by his daring and aggressiveness, the remainder of the group followed, took the enemy position, killed ten and captured seven Germans, and destroyed an enemy communication post. Sergeant Doyle's admirable courage in the face of machine-gun and mortar fire reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Merrill, Michigan.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 300-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant HAROLD E. BUSH, 35 647 181, Company B, * * * Tank Battalion. For meritorious achievement in action on 25 January 1945 in Bliesbruck, France. Sergeant Bush reconnoitered six enemy-held reinforced bunkers which were impeding the advance of our infantry and then, skillfully maneuvering his tank, he was able to fire pointblank at all six bunkers, demolishing them in three minutes. Sergeant Bush's sound judgment and decisive action merit high praise. Entered military service from Portsmouth, Ohio.

Corporal THEODORE H. FREYTAG, 20 227 008, * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. For heroic achievement in action on 22 November 1944 near Zilling, France. While on a reconnaissance mission, Corporal Freytag noticed two enemy soldiers, followed them, alone, and came upon an enemy position. When discovered by the enemy and told to surrender, he boldly informed them that they were surrounded and demanded that they surrender to him. Convinced by his aggressive and confident manner, the nine occupants of the position allowed themselves to be taken prisoner. Corporal Freytag's daring action resulted in the elimination of a well-prepared enemy strongpoint in the path of the Division's advance. Entered military service from East Aurora, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM J. JONES, 33 501 731, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in eastern France on 14 December 1944. During heavy hostile shelling, Technician Jones left his foxhole to render aid to a man who had been wounded by shell fragments. Although under constant danger from tree bursts, he continued to treat the casualty and later assisted in the evacuation. Shortly afterwards, Technician Jones again left his foxhole during an artillery concentration and treated several other wounded men. His bravery and devotion to duty are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Kulpmont, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class EUGENE R. KEYTON, 33 559 631, Company M, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action near Rauwiller, France, on 23 November 1944. When the town of Rauwiller was attacked by strong elements of a panzer division, forcing our troops to withdraw, Private Keyton drove a load of mortar ammunition onto a road in full sight of the advancing enemy, under fire from small arms and artillery, and succeeded in reaching the new positions. Private Keyton's heroic action is worthy of the high traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Westminster, Maryland.

First Lieutenant NEIL H. LARSEN, 01 320 367, (then Second Lieutenant) Cannon Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in the vicinity of Weisslingen, France, on 2 December 1944. When his observation post was shelled heavily, Lieutenant Larsen continued to adjust effective artillery fire on the enemy and did not leave his post even though the concussion from an enemy shell threw him off his feet. Lieutenant Larsen's determination and devotion to duty were responsible for inflicting heavy losses upon the enemy and facilitated the advance of our troops. Home address: Dallas, Texas.

Private First Class RUSSELL M. MOEN, 36 295 446, Company A, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action on 4 January 1945 in the vicinity of Gros Rederching, France. After his company had passed through heavy enemy artillery fire and gained its objective, Private Moen returned to an area still being shelled by the enemy in order to help evacuate a wounded comrade who could not be attended to during the company's advance. Private Moen's courageous and unselfish action reflects great credit upon himself and the Service. Entered military service from Argyle, Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant ALBERT T. OLIVIER, 39 129 637, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action on 3 January 1945 near Gelfling, France. Sergeant Olivier crawled out beyond his front lines under fire to render aid to a wounded comrade and then later led a litter team to the casualty. Sergeant Olivier's courageous action merits the highest praise. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: 1. (Continued)

Private First Class WILLIAM B. PROCTOR, 34 766 709, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, on 3 February 1945. During his company's raid on two enemy pillboxes, Private Proctor and another soldier moved out repeatedly under intense mortar and artillery fire to repair and maintain wire communications between the forward and rear command posts. Private Proctor's courage and devotion to duty were instrumental in making possible mortar and artillery adjustments which contributed immeasurably to the success of the raid. Entered military service from Brocklet, Georgia.

First Lieutenant ORVAL W. ROLLINS, 01 174 694, Headquarters, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action near Leintrey, France, from 21 October 1944 to 17 November 1944. As an artillery forward observer in the eastern edge of Remabois Woods, Lieutenant Rollins directed offensive artillery fire on enemy positions while operating from extremely hazardous observation posts. Three times he was driven from his post by shell fire; each time he reestablished himself and continued to direct fire. Lieutenant Rollins' courageous actions and devotion to duty merit the highest praise. Home address: Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

Private WALLACE D. STEWART, 37 565 953, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action on 31 January 1945 near Woelfling, France. When he and his companion were wounded seriously by enemy mortar fire, Private Stewart, upon seeing that his comrade was helpless and in need of immediate attention, crawled 450 yards through woods in spite of a broken right leg and, upon arriving at the company command post, refused medical aid until his companion had been attended to. Private Stewart's fortitude and unselfish action merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Flandreau, South Dakota.

Sergeant ALBERT STROM, 32 417 693, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, on 3 February 1945. During his company's raid on two enemy pillboxes, Sergeant Strom and another soldier moved out repeatedly under intense mortar and artillery fire to repair and maintain wire communications between the forward and rear command posts. Sergeant Strom's courage and devotion to duty were instrumental in making possible mortar and artillery adjustments which contributed immeasurably to the success of the raid. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Staff Sergeant ELLIX YARUSITES, 31 239 621, Company A, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action on 7 January 1945 in the vicinity of Gros Rederching, France. When one of the men in his squad had both legs blown off during a heavy shelling by enemy artillery, Sergeant Yarusites applied tourniquets to the wounded man's legs and organized a litter team using an improvised litter. While the intense shelling continued, he and three comrades carried the wounded soldier to safety. Sergeant Yarusites' heroic and unselfish action merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Middleboro, Massachusetts.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in eastern France is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant CLARENCE E. BAKER, 01 298 168, Hq Co, 3d Bn, 71st Infantry, on 19 November 1944 and 27 November 1944. Home address: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class ROBERT T. BOCKMAN, 35 546 860, Company M, 114th Infantry, on 23 January 1945. Entered military service from Coldwater, Ohio.

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM E. BURNS, 02 049 494, Medical Detachment, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 6 February 1945. Home address: Syracuse, New York.

Second Lieutenant ROBERT A. DALL, 01 692 645, Headquarters Company, 71st Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 29 January 1945. Home address: Providence, Rhode Island.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: 2. (Continued)

Major HARRISON GARRETT, O 310 749, Headquarters, 217th Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 October 1944 to 15 February 1945. Home address: Baltimore, Maryland.

First Lieutenant JOHN J. HORAN, O1 302 926, Headquarters, 44th Infantry Division, from 24 October 1944 to 1 February 1945. Home address: Mount Vernon, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade LAWRENCE T. POSTOLKA, 35 535 429, Battery B, 157th Field Artillery Battalion, on 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Captain WARREN J. PREDIGER, O 405 528, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 71st Infantry, from 25 November 1944 to 10 January 1945. Home address: New York, N. Y.

Sergeant EVERETT P. TAYLOR, 20 226 867, Company M, 114th Infantry, on 23 October 1944. Entered military service from Hightstown, New Jersey.

Private First Class OWEN C. WURLEY, 34 505 687, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 114th Infantry, on 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Tracy City, Tennessee.

By command of Brigadier General DEAN:

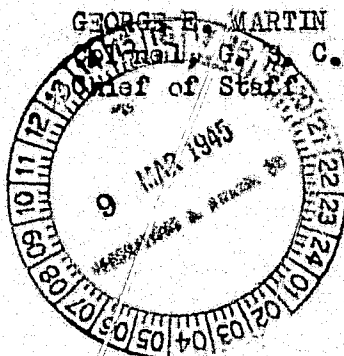
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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 35)

ORIGINAL ORDER -

APO #44, U.S. Army
4 March 1945.

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

I. 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

Second Lieutenant ROBERT L. WAGNER, OI 324 682, Company K, France, 16 February 1945. Home address: Kirkwood, Missouri.

Sergeant ALVEY H. SALYER, 39 008 622, Company E, France, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

Private First Class CLARENCE J. ASHTON, 36 575 534, Company F, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class JAY L. KENDALL, 42 018 893, Medical Detachment, France, 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

114th Infantry

Technical Sergeant SPUD A. BELLUCCI, 33 573 593, Company K, France, 19 February 1945. Entered military service from Mt. Union, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant HOWARD L. MC CREARY, 35 603 017, Company G, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Beysville, Ohio.

Sergeant MELVIN W. HUGHES, 35 724 954, Company D, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Sullivan, Indiana.

Corporal VITO P. CAMPANELLA, 38 284 693, Company H, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

Private First Class JAMES H. DILLON, 35 628 863, Company K, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

Private First Class EARL M. HOLBROOK, 36 806 952, Company C, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Waldo, Wisconsin.

Private First Class EDWIN G. SPECK, 35 286 381, Company M, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Parma, Ohio.

Private First Class L. D. HAYES, 34 818 946, Company I, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Arab, Alabama.

Private BILLY J. DUKE, 38 439 265, Headquarters Third Battalion, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Monahans, Texas.

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Technician Fifth Grad TRUMAN F. GARNER, 33 632 823, Company K, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Waynesboro, Virginia.

Private First Class WE LEY H. KING, 39 053 390, Company K, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Oakland, California. (Second Oak-Leaf Cluster)

Private First Class HERBERT SCHOENFELD, 13 125 096, Company L, France, 18 February 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER): (Continued)

Private First Class JAMES D. SEITZER, 13 186 781, Company E, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Private JOSEPH A. JOHNSON, 37 556 018, Company K, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

II. 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

Colonel ERCIL D. PORTER, 06 966, Headquarters, France, 21 February 1945. Home address: Galesburg, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant DELMAR A. ESPENSCHIED, 35 602 801, Company G, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Dover, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant HARRISON STEPHENS, 35 651 067, Company L, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Risner, Kentucky.

Sergeant EARL W. HANKS, 37 661 827, Company F, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Ida Grove, Iowa.

Sergeant PAUL J. HRESKO, 33 272 941, Company F, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Springboro, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE E. OVERDORF, 33 136 915, Medical Detachment France, 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ALVIN B. LEWIS, 35 248 652, Company I, France, 21 February 1945. Entered military service from Princeton, Kentucky.

Private First Class PHILIP A. MARTINO, 33 586 634, Company G, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ELMER F. MAY, 35 295 820, Company I, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

Private First Class CIRO B. PALADINC, 37 509 126, Headquarters Third Battalion, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class JOHN M. PUSCAK JR, 35 535 404, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class THOMAS P. SALEM, 33 433 387, Company M, France, 21 February 1945. Entered military service from Farrell, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOHN Z. SMITH, 34 868 755, Company F, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Marchville, North Carolina.

Private First Class STEPHEN L. TIGHE, 33 501 661, Company A, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ROBERT D. VANDENBERG, 36 029 174, Headquarters First Battalion, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Hoopston, Illinois.

Private First Class BENJAMIN WADDINGTON JR, 15 358 779, Company , France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class FRANCIS M. WALCZAK, 37 590 133, Company A, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (Continued)

71st Infantry

Private First Class HAROLD V. WILSON, 33 501 916, Company D, France, 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Red Lion, Pennsylvania.

Rec. by No # 63 - Apr. 10, 1945
X Private CHARLES R. EAGLEY, 35 094 459, Company H, France, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Anderson, Indiana.

Private JOHN G. GLEARY SR, 34 963 467, Company K, France, 21 February 1945. Entered military service from North Wilksboro, North Carolina.

Private SAMUEL F. COLATRUGLIO, 35 299 432, Headquarters Company, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Tiffin, Ohio.

Private HOWARD COOK, 38 616 551, Company G, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Sharon, Tennessee.

Rec. by No # 54 - 28 Mar. 45
* Private ~~LEONARDO R. DOMINGUEZ~~, 38 439 403, Company A, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from ~~Smeltown, Texas~~.

Private ERNEST FLORES, 38 542 065, Company K, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

Private ELMER C. INMAN, 42 142 259, Company M, France, 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Lakewood, New Jersey.

Private MARVEL O. WREN, 39 011 000, Headquarters Third Battalion, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

114th Infantry

First Lieutenant MARK A. FITZGERALD, 01 298 208, Service Company, France, 21 February 1945. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant VINCENT L. SAUER, 01 315 372, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, France, 6 January 1945. Home address: New York, New York.

Second Lieutenant RAY D. ELLSWORTH, 01 307 528, Company F, France, 16 February 1945. Home address: Hart Lot, New York.

Second Lieutenant MARK D. HOLLINGSWORTH, 01 319 620, Company D, France, 15 February 1945. Home address: London, Ohio.

Second Lieutenant JAMES A. HUNT, 02 006 028, Company M, France, 17 February 1945. Home address: Memphis, Tennessee.

Second Lieutenant JULIAN WARREN, 02 006 033, Company G, France, 15 February 1945. Home address: Asbury Park, New Jersey.

Second Lieutenant ROBERT F. YOUNG, 0 538 365, Company C, France, 15 February 1945. Home address: Lyons, Kansas.

Technical Sergeant SAM BRECKER, 32 006 691, Company L, France, 19 February 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Technical Sergeant AMERICO FEMINI, 6 142 112, Company F, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Manchester, New Hampshire.

Technical Sergeant EDWARD A. GARRETSON, 32 061 830, Antitank Company, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Bound Brook, New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant JAMES R. SHELTON, 35 650 612, Company F, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Charleston, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant PAUL E. BARNHART, 33 559 591, Company B, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Westminster, Maryland.

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II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (Continued)

114th Infantry

Staff Sergeant HAROLD M. HOPE, 35 041 552, Headquarters Second Battalion, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Clinton, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant DONALD B. METZUNG, 35 534 958, Company I, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Willoughby, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant JOHN C. WILLIS, 36 453 734, Company K, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Bangor, Michigan.

Sergeant THOMAS H. CAREY, 34 705 908, Company L, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Moulton, Alabama.

Sergeant FRANKLIN E. COFFEY, 35 602 989, Company I, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Roseville, Ohio.

Sergeant PETER NORRITO, 36 576 451, Company M, France, 19 February 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade HOMER S. LIPPINCOTT, 20 226 849, Antitank Company, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Mount Holly, New Jersey.

Corporal PAUL R. DOLAN, 33 940 891, Company F, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania.

Corporal ROBERT L. HUGHES, 38 507 265, Company G, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Blytheville, Maryland.

Corporal JOSEPH A. SAZANOWICZ, 31 271 951, Company M, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Southington, Connecticut.

Corporal OWEN C. WORLEY, 34 505 687, Headquarters Third Battalion, France, 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Tracy City, Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade NUEL R. LANDRETH, 38 154 902, Service Company, France, 21 February 1945. Entered military service from Sasakwa, Oklahoma.

Private First Class LUTHER C. BAXLEY JR, 38 511 637, AT Co, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Nashville, Arkansas.

Private First Class RICHARD F. BRINKER, 39 417 112, Company E, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Fresno, California.

Private First Class FRANK BROZYNA, 32 772 127, Company L, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from West Orange, New Jersey.

Private First Class ROBERT E. BROOKS, 37 508 941, Antitank Company, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Liberal, Kansas.

Private First Class GINO J. CAMARDESE, 33 936 453, Company E, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOHN P. DOUGHERTY, 33 586 637, Company C, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class OSCAR E. HAROLD, 34 706 768, Company I, France, 19 February 1945. Entered military service from Brewton, Alabama.

Private First Class JOSEPH E. HOOPER, 35 597 558, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

Private First Class MITCHELL MARTINEZ, 39 052 299, Company C, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Hawthorne, California.

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II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (Continued)

114th Infantry

Private First Class ROBERT W. NIEHAUS, 35 788 552, Company M, France, 19 February 1945. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Private First Class HAROLD M. RHULE, 37 508 749, Antitank Company, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Independence, Maryland.

Private First Class DONALD J. SCHMITT, 35 806 005, Company F, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Hamilton, Ohio.

Private First Class THOMAS J. SITARSKI, 36 302 140, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, France, 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class FINLEY T. SNOOKS, 32 055 088, Company C, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

Private First Class EMMETT G. STEFER, 34 539 311, Antitank Company, France, 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Miami Beach, Florida.

Private First Class EVERETT V. TAYLOR, 35 038 674, Company K, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

Private First Class J. W. THOMPSON, 38 137 224, Headquarters Second Battalion, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Grosbeck, Texas.

Private First Class LESTER L. WADDELL, 34 867 116, Company E, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Pikeville, North Carolina.

Private First Class CLYDE E. WAYNICK, 34 496 505, Antitank Company, France, 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Cumberland City, Tennessee.

Private First Class PAUL R. WILSON, 35 629 031, Company L, France, 18 February 1945. Entered military service from West Carrollton, Ohio.

Private First Class GROVER C. SEXTON, 35 128 745, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, France, 18 February 1945. Entered military service from Corbin, Kentucky.

Private EDWARD L. BYLER, 38 674 464, Company E, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Orange, Texas.

Private VERNIE W. DUKES, 37 469 802, Company C, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Private STEVE KOWALIK, 35 213 448, Company E, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Weinton, West Virginia.

Private KENNETH M. LINTON, 36 645 882, Company M, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Kankakee, Illinois.

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First Lieutenant VIRGIL R. LINDER, 01 302 152, Company H, France, 15 February 1945. Home address: Sacramento, California.

Second Lieutenant BENNIE W. GRIFFITH JR., 01 321 032, Company A, France, 16 February 1945. Home address: St. Louis, Missouri.

Second Lieutenant JOHN A. TAYLOR, 02 006 022, Company K, France, 15 February 1945. Home address: Augusta, Georgia.

Technical Sergeant LEONARD C. GOLLA, 36 807 282, Company K, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

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II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (Continued)

324th Infantry

Staff Sergeant ROY C. BRATCHER, 38 465 301, Medical Detachment, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant FRANCIS V. BREEZE, 36 742 259, Company L, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Centralia, Illinois.

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*Staff Sergeant JOHN A. ~~FETSKO~~, 33 437 793, Company H, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Marianna, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant IGNATIUS J. FRANECKI, 36 233 531, Company L, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sergeant GEORGE O. BOSWELL, 34 760 508, Company F, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Maysville, Georgia.

Sergeant CECIL H. SIMMONS, 34 728 345, Company M, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Technician Fourth Grade THEODORE L. TUCHOLSKI, 13 029 040, Company I, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

Corporal JOHN J. KORDAS, 33 438 084, Company H, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND E. INGOLD, 35 214 017, Antitank Company, France, 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Walker, West Virginia.

Private First Class CULLEN J. EDWARDS, 42 080 817, Company K, France, 18 February 1945. Entered military service from Christiana, Delaware.

Private First Class JOSEPH F. HARVEY, 37 550 424, Headquarters Second Battalion, France, 20 February 1945. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class HERBERT T. MAYO, 42 114 483, Company F, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Schenectady, New York.

Private First Class MILAN R. MILENKOVICH, 37 470 026, Medical Detachment, France, 18 February 1945. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska.

Private First Class RALPH W. MOORE, 37 100 755, Company K, France, 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

Private First Class THOMAS O. RAINEY, 39 052 762, Company G, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

Private First Class CHARLES SAUSS, 32 223 256, Medical Detachment, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Tottenville, New York.

Private First Class ROY L. STEVENS, 37 744 847, Headquarters Second Battalion, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Central City, Kentucky.

Private PETER F. DAUENHEIMER, 42 143 355, Company H, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Yonkers, New York.

Private JOSEPH F. LEPORE, 32 000 538, Company F, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Private EDWARD C. REIN, 42 142 311, Company L, France, 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Kalaga, New Jersey.

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II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (Continued)

324th Infantry

Private ELLIS H. SELF JR, 33 822 295, Company G, France, 12 February 1945.
Entered military service from Fernham, Virginia.

Private ANTHONY SORIANO JR, 42 115 173, Company I, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

Private GLENDALE A. TODD, 37 603 202, Company I, France, 17 February 1945.
Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Private CHARLES E. WIRSING, 36 893 534, Company E, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Flint, Michigan.

156th Field Artillery Battalion

Sergeant GLEN C. EDQUIST, 35 092 309, Headquarters Battery, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Chesterton, Indiana.

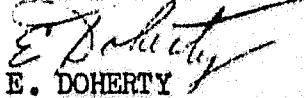
63rd Engineer Combat Battalion

Technician Fifth Grade LAWRENCE B. SULLIVAN, 36 447 388, Company C, France, 26 December 1944. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

AGO 44, U. S. Army,
5 March 1945.

- 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, MISSING IN ACTION.
- V. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- VI. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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:

Staff Sergeant HARRY D. LOEB, 36 642 763, Company B, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 8 December 1944 in Enghienberg, France. While relaying fire data to a Cannon Company observer, Sergeant Loeb was subjected to point-blank fire from an enemy tank only 200 yards away. Scorning the safety of a cellar, he remained at his place of observation and continued to relay information to the friendly observer. As a direct result of Sergeant Loeb's intrepidity, the tank was forced to withdraw and the infantry was able to continue its advance. Before retiring, however, the tank scored a direct hit on Sergeant Loeb and killed him. Sergeant Loeb's personal bravery, self-sacrifice, and determination are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Next of kin: Mrs. Lillian B. Loeb (Wife), 1263 South Karlov, Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade ALBERT E. REY, 38 166 249, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 January 1945 in eastern France. When Company G was subjected to intense small-arms and mortar fire during an attack northeast of Woelfling, Technician Rey moved forward in the face of intense fire and rendered aid to the wounded. In treating several of the casualties he was struck by a bullet; but despite a painful injury, he continued to treat the wounded under fire until he was struck again and killed while administering to his ninth patient. Technician Rey's outstanding bravery, devotion to duty and self-sacrifice are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Sally Rey (Mother), Route 2, Vaughn, Mississippi.

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 men:

First Lieutenant GEORGE B. BRADSHAW, O 541 161, (then Second Lieutenant) Company F, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 3 January 1945. Lieutenant Bradshaw and thirteen men were directed to occupy and secure recently vacated positions on their battalion's left flank during darkness. In the morning they discovered that an enemy patrol had infiltrated and set up a machine gun not more than fifty yards away. Leading an attack against the larger enemy force, Lieutenant Bradshaw moved against a hail of automatic fire and killed the entire machine-gun crew with his carbine. His brilliant attack accounted for the entire enemy group of 25 Germans without loss to our men. Lieutenant Bradshaw's intrepidity and fighting spirit reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces. Home Address: Tremonton, Utah.

Sergeant SELMAN C. COCKE, 38 342 348, (then Private First Class) * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 17 November 1944. While on patrol, Sergeant Cocke and a comrade came across a dug-in enemy position. Although unable to determine its depth or the number of soldiers it contained because concrete abutments cut off the view, these two men, making a rapid estimate of the situation, realized that this position blocked the advance of their platoon and would seriously impede the planned attack on the objective. With complete disregard for their own safety, they launched a swift surprise attack. Yelling as loud as they could, throwing grenades, and firing their carbines, Sergeant Cocke and his companion killed the officer in charge and captured eleven Germans. Entered military service from Seminole, Texas.

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: (Continued)

Private First Class CLIFFORD W. KOCH, 32 027 754, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Embermenil, France, on 25 October 1944. When aid men attempting to evacuate casualties from a minefield accidentally detonated a second mine causing further casualties, it became apparent that any evacuation attempt would be extremely hazardous. While others hesitated, Private Koch assumed leadership and, directing any aid man to follow him, he made his way to the wounded men and assisted in their removal to safety. Private Koch's courage is in keeping with the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Gardenville, New York.

Private First Class KURT P. LEYSER, 35 063 129, Company A, * * * Medical Battalion. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 13 November 1944. When seven of our men lay wounded in an open position ahead of our lines and attempts to evacuate them had failed because of enemy fire which wounded a member of a litter team and forced others to disperse, Private Leyser moved alone to the aid of the casualties although forced to take cover several times by sniper fire. Inspired by his example, nearby infantrymen came to his assistance and, under his direction, successfully evacuated the wounded. Private Leyser's spirit of self-sacrifice and exemplary devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant MILLARD ORTON, 32 252 091, Company H, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Schalbach, France, on 25 November 1944. When his battalion was attacked by a strong force supported by armor, Sergeant Orton directed effective 81 mm mortar fire from an unprotected observation post. Two hostile machine guns went into action near his position and he engaged them with his rifle until his line to the mortar positions had been repaired. Although initially he dispersed the crews with his mortar fire, he was forced to move under observation to a more favorable observation post before he finally knocked out the guns. Sergeant Orton's courage and determination are worthy of the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

Sergeant RAYMOND E. VOGT, 20 228 338, * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 17 November 1944. While on patrol, Sergeant Vogt and a comrade came across a dug-in enemy position. Although unable to determine its depth or the number of soldiers it contained because concrete abutments cut off the view, these two men, making a rapid estimate of the situation, realized that this position blocked the advance of their platoon and would seriously impede the planned attack on the objective. With complete disregard for their own safety, they launched a swift surprise attack. Yelling as loud as they could, throwing grenades, and firing their carbines, Sergeant Vogt and his companion killed the officer in charge and captured eleven Germans. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

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:

Second Lieutenant JAMES A. KEMPER, 02 006 032, Company G, * * * Infantry. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 19 October 1944 to 12 February 1945. Next of kin: Mrs. Mildred M. Kemper (Wife), 160 Williams Street, Newark, New Jersey.

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 man:

Private First Class SAM H. BRUESCH, 36 806 683, Headquarters Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in the vicinity of Sarrebourg, France, on 20 November 1944. As a scout with the leading company of the attack on Sarrebourg, Private Bruesch kept sending back valuable information while being subjected to heavy artillery and machine-gun fire. Later, although wounded twice and completely surrounded, he fought valiantly until he was captured. Private Bruesch's bravery and determination are worthy of the finest traditions of the Military Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Georgie Bruesch (Mother), 228 South 8th Street, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

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 THOMAS L. HAGERTY, OI 298 219, Company F, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 10 December 1944 in the vicinity of Enchenberg, France. When an intense enemy concentration inflicted many casualties and threatened to halt the advance of his battalion during an attack, Captain Hagerty moved under fire among his men rallying them to continue the attack. Then, placing himself at their head, he led the advance. Inspired by his example, the company moved on to its objective. Home address: Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant JAMES L. JOHNSON, OI 692 618, Company F, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, on 1 February 1945. Lieutenant Johnson's intrepid leadership of a combat patrol into enemy territory resulted in the killing of three enemy soldiers, the destruction of a machine gun and the capture of one prisoner. Lieutenant Johnson's tactical judgment, firm control of his patrol, and personal bravery resulted in the successful accomplishment of his mission without a casualty to our own men. Home address: Neptune, New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant CECIL F. LAISURE, 35 278 784, Company G, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action in the vicinity of Woelfling, France, from 14 to 21 January 1945. Although the enemy was in position only 50 to 100 yards from his front line, Sergeant Laisure established himself in a sniper's post for seven days. By skillful and courageous performance of his duties he caused numerous casualties to the enemy. Entered military service from Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant JAMES C. MORAN, 35 628 550, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 11 January 1945 in the vicinity of Woelfling, France. When their company was halted by heavy automatic fire, Sergeant Moran and another soldier executed a bold flanking movement toward a machine-gun nest situated only 75 yards away and succeeded in wiping it out with anti-tank grenades. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant LOGAN D. SMITH, 35 092 280, Company M, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945 near Woelfling, France. When contact with his section leader was lost and his area was being subjected to intense enemy shelling, Sergeant Smith, a mortar squad leader, assumed command of the section and organized it for action. He moved about notwithstanding intense fire falling in the area and placed all mortars in position. Then, still under fire, he moved ahead to an observation post from which he directed effective counter-battery fire. Sergeant Smith's outstanding leadership and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and the Service. Entered military service from LaPorte, Indiana.

VI. 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 officer and enlisted man:

Second Lieutenant ROBERT B. RANDALL, O 529 863, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France from 13 December 1944 to 19 December 1944. Home address: Fairview, Oklahoma.

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 * Technician Fourth Grade EUGENE C. RILEY, 35 789 852, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action near Woelfling, France, on 15 January 1945. When two men were severely wounded after their vehicle had run into a minefield, Technician Riley and another soldier boldly entered the field, despite the blackness of the night and the hazards of unexploded mines, and successfully evacuated the casualties. Technician Riley's courageous action is worthy of the high traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Lexington, Kentucky.

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APD 44, U. S. Army,
6 March 1945.

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

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 for meritorious achievement in eastern France is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted man:

✓ Private First Class DONALD E. LOFTIS, 34 710 340, Company E, 114th Infantry, on 4 January 1945. Next of kin: Mrs. Cora C. Loftis (Mother), Route 1, Gainesboro, Tennessee.

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 for meritorious achievement in action in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

✓ Second Lieutenant JOHN M. ALEXANDER, O1 314 418, Company F, 114th Infantry, on 16 November 1944. Home address: Pasadena, California.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade ELMER J. BICKART, 32 526 261, Medical Detachment, 114th Infantry, on 6 January 1945. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

✓ Staff Sergeant LEWIS W. BOTKIN, 35 682 071, Medical Detachment, 114th Infantry, on 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Paint Lick, Kentucky.

✓ Technical Sergeant ELBERT C. BRIDGES JR, 38 454 659, (then Sergeant) Company C, 324th Infantry, on 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Belton, Texas.

✓ Sergeant ALFRED L. CUMMINGS, 38 439 254, Company M, 114th Infantry, on 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Van Horn, Texas.

✓ Corporal GENE C. DONLEY, 39 451 975, Medical Detachment, 71st Infantry, on 5 November 1944. Entered military service from Dayton, Washington.

✓ Corporal WALTER F. DUNN, 38 417 089, (then Private First Class) Company A, 114th Infantry, on 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Nesdland, Texas.

✓ First Lieutenant GEORGE W. DUTCHER, O1 302 615, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 114th Infantry, on 15 November 1944. Home address: Tacoma, Washington.

✓ Private First Class EDWARD C. EKSTEDT, 39 204 685, Medical Detachment, 114th Infantry, on 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

✓ Lieutenant Colonel WALTER D. FETTERLY, O 263 342, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 114th Infantry, on 15 February 1945. Home address: New Brunswick, New Jersey.

✓ Private First Class JOSEPH L. FRANI, 32 848 098, Medical Detachment, 114th Infantry, on 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Oswego, New York.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade NELSON H. GARRETT, 35 650 887, 63d Engineer Combat Battalion, from 2 December 1944 to 9 December 1944. Entered military service from Beckley, West Virginia.

✓ First Lieutenant HENRY R. GROSSO, O1 298 218, Company I, 114th Infantry, on 9 January 1945. Home address: Schenectady, New York.

✓ Private First Class ROSS E. HARTZELL, 33 433 410, Company A, 114th Infantry, on 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Knox, Pennsylvania.

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II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

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✓ Corporal ROBERT A. KLAWITTER, 36 259 429, Medical Detachment, 114th Infantry, on 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin.

✓ Lieutenant Colonel ALBERT G. LANGELUTTIG, O 171 236, Headquarters, Third Battalion, 114th Infantry, on 2 December 1944. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade ARTHUR L. LaTRAILLE, 37 550 213, Medical Detachment, 71st Infantry, on 13 November 1944. Entered military service from Forest River, North Dakota.

✓ Private First Class WILLIAM D. LAUFFER, 13 130 938, Company B, 114th Infantry, on 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania.

✓ Corporal JOHN D. LUECKE JR, 15 360 907, (then Private First Class) Company M, 114th Infantry, on 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

✓ Private First Class RICHARD E. MAJERS, 35 551 302, Company C, 324th Infantry, on 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Fostoria, Ohio.

✓ Staff Sergeant EDWARD J. MARCINGZYK, 32 065 096, Company L, 114th Infantry, on 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Sayreville, New Jersey.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade JAMES E. McKIMM, 32 163 589, Medical Detachment, 324th Infantry, on 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Port Richmond, Kentucky.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade JAMES McLENAGHAN, 32 223 120, Medical Detachment, 71st Infantry, on 2 December 1944. Entered military service from St Albans, New York.

✓ Lieutenant Colonel EDWARD M. MINION, O 340 925, Headquarters, First Battalion, 114th Infantry, on 15 February 1945. Home address: Newark, New Jersey.

✓ Private First Class FRANCIS L. MURRAY, 32 027 219, Company M, 114th Infantry, on 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Corning, New York.

✓ Private First Class HOWARD C. NORSELL, 35 092 674, Company A, 114th Infantry, on 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

✓ Staff Sergeant JOSEPH F. PANAMAS, 36 738 131, (then Private First Class) Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 324th Infantry, on 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

✓ Staff Sergeant GEORGE F. PIERING, 20 227 074, Antitank Company, 71st Infantry, on 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Corona, Long Island, New York.

✓ Staff Sergeant OSCAR E. SAKKER, 20 225 850, Company G, 114th Infantry, on 7 December 1944. Entered military service from South Belmar, New Jersey.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade PHILLIP A. SCHAFFER, 37 591 885, Company C, 63d Engineer Combat Battalion, on 17 December 1944. Entered military service from St Paul, Minnesota.

✓ Private First Class CLINTON C. SMITH, 38 296 678, Medical Detachment, 114th Infantry, on 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Fort Smith, Arkansas.

✓ Private First Class DORSEY E. SMITH, 36 738 290, Antitank Company, 114th Infantry, on 15 February 1945. Entered military service from McLeansboro, Illinois.

✓ Private First Class EDWIN G. SPECK, 35 286 381, Company M, 114th Infantry, on 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Parma, Ohio.

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II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL; (Continued)

#37, 6 Mar 45

✓ Staff Sergeant WALLACE J. SZADDE, 36 734 721, (then Sergeant) Company M, 114th Infantry, on 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES F. WILDASIN, 37 550 574, (then Private First Class) Medical Detachment, 114th Infantry, on 1 January 1945. Entered military service from North St Paul, Minnesota.

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APC 44, U. S. Army,
7 March 1945.

- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
II. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

I. 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 for meritorious service in action in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class JOHN J. BALLE, 36 753 150, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 114th Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Freeport, Illinois.

Private First Class ALFRED A. BENDER, 33 437 914, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 71st Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class FRANK BOSSETTO, 36 055 772, Company I, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Parkersburg, Illinois.

Private First Class HOWARD W. BRIGGS, 34 706 168, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 114th Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 19 February 1945. Entered military service from Mobile, Alabama.

First Sergeant PETER K. DAVIS, 32 065 149, (then Staff Sergeant) Company A, 114th Infantry, from 15 November 1944 to 14 February 1945. Entered military service from Cedarhurst, Long Island, New York.

Private First Class JOHN M. DILGER, 20 225 340, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 114th Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Long Branch, New Jersey.

Captain GEORGE E. DOUGLASS, 0 465 346, Company E, 114th Infantry, from 15 November 1944 to 17 February 1945. Home address: Gainesville, Texas.

Technician Third Grade ROBERT E. DRAKE, 16 320 366, Medical Detachment, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 19 February 1945. Entered military service from Cornland, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant CURTIS O. EGGERS, 37 473 870, Company A, 114th Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 17 January 1945. Entered military service from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant FRANK GALINE, 37 603 067, Battery B, 217th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from St Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant ARLIN G. GOCKE, 37 469 728, Company M, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Teco, Nebraska.

Private First Class ISAAC GRAY, 38 137 281, Medical Detachment, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 19 February 1945. Entered military service from Teco, Texas.

Private First Class CHARLES GREENBERG, 35 048 892, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 114th Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 19 February 1945. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Second Lieutenant CURTIS D. HARMON, 02 000 663, Company A, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 3 February 1945. Home address: Mount Vernon, Kentucky.

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Technician Fifth Grade DONALD J. HARRINGTON, 36 457 484, Medical Detachment, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 19 February 1945. Entered military service from Augusta, Michigan.

Second Lieutenant HIRSCHEL W. HARTMAN, 01 174 590, Battery A, 217th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 20 February 1945. Home address: Lonerock, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant DANIEL M. KATZ, 20 228 819, Company H, 71st Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 17 February 1945. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Private First Class LAWRENCE H. KURTIS, 12 092 512, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 114th Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Major WILLIAM J. LEE, 0 383 424, Service Company, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant TED F. MACIOCHA, 33 586 675, Company A, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 3 February 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant LESTER J. MAISTO, 20 226 020, Company M, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT H. MOUNIER, 20 237 122, Battery C, 217th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Vineland, New Jersey.

Private First Class JOE C. OLENSKI, 36 295 882, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 71st Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Superior, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant ALBERT L. ROSE, 38 567 425, Company A, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 3 February 1945. Entered military service from Alva, Oklahoma.

Private First Class CHARLES SAUSS, 32 223 256, Medical Detachment, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 19 February 1945. Entered military service from Tottenville, New York.

Private First Class ANTHONY G. SCNEIDER, 36 806 064, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 114th Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Captain AMEDEE SPADONE JR, 0 361 645, 157th Field Artillery Battalion, from 25 December 1944 to 10 January 1945. Home address: Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

First Lieutenant JAY P. STEWART, 01 174 721, (then Second Lieutenant) Headquarters, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 20 October 1944 to 19 February 1945. Home address: New Hartford, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade ROY H. STRINGFELLOW, 38 350 672, Headquarters Company, 114th Infantry, from 20 October 1944 to 9 February 1945. Entered military service from Jemez Springs, New Mexico.

Private First Class WILLIAM J. SWIFT, 33 463 839, Medical Detachment, 114th Infantry, from 30 November 1944 to 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade ROMAN B. TERVEER, 36 056 098, Company A, 114th Infantry, from 16 November 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from St Louis, Missouri.

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Sergeant AUGUST P. VOEGLE, 35 682 628, Company C, 749th Tank Battalion, from 3 July 1944 to 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Captain WENLEY A. WARREN, O 375 042, Company H, 114th Infantry, from 2 November 1944 to 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Langlois, Oregon.

Private First Class ROBERT L. ZABEL, 16 105 103, Company A, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 3 February 1945. Entered military service from Niles, Michigan.

Private First Class WALLACE L. ZAHN, 36 812 366, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 114th Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin.

II. 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 officer and enlisted men:

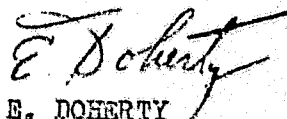
First Lieutenant RALPH B. COLSON, O 527 229, (then Second Lieutenant) Battery A, 156th Field Artillery Battalion, from 11 December 1944 to 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Schenectady, New York.

Private First Class EUGENE G. REVERMAN, 35 788 367, Battery C, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 20 October 1944 to 8 February 1945. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant WALTER W. SHEARING, 32 251 881, Company M, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Lancaster, New York.

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 44, U. S. ARMY

18 March 1945.

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SUBJECT: Amendment to General Orders

TO: See Distribution

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1. So much of Section II, General Orders 39, this Headquarters, dated 8 March 1945, awarding a Silver Star to Sergeant EDWARD J. PETERSON, 20 224 623, Company F, 114th Infantry, is amended to award him a Silver Star Posthumously, and to add, "Next of kin: Mr. Charles F. Peterson, (Brother) 140 Schoder Avenue, Woodbridge, New Jersey."

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2. So much of Section II, General Orders 39, this Headquarters, dated 8 March 1945, as reads, "Captain GEORGE S. ESTES JR, O 351 515," is amended to read Major GEORGE S. ESTES JR, O 351 515."

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 39

ORIGINAL ORDER

AGO 14, U. S. Army
8 March 1945.

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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 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 600-15, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant CLIFFORD M. MICHAEL, 35 213 977, Company C, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 3 December 1944. When the First Platoon of Company C had been partially cut off by an enemy counterattack consisting of a tank supported by infantry, Sergeant Michael, realizing the danger to his entire company, seized a bazooka and with another soldier, moved out to a forward position to fire at the tank. Despite hostile machine-gun and 20mm fire, Sergeant Michael and his comrade continued their advance to a position from which they fired effectively, forcing the tank to withdraw. Sergeant Michael's intrepid action, which resulted in his death, enabled his company to successfully continue its attack and is worthy of the highest praise. Next of kin: Mrs. Gay Michael (Mother), 222 Gloop Street, Portsmouth, Virginia.

Second Lieutenant VERNON N. PAULSEN, OI 308 538, Company H, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 8 December 1944. While reconnoitering for machine-gun positions in a forward area which was under intense enemy shelling, Lieutenant Paulsen's runner was seriously injured by shell fragments. Realizing that his wounded comrade was in need of immediate aid, Lieutenant Paulsen rushed to him although the shelling continued and while so doing, was himself struck fatally. Lieutenant Paulsen's gallant attempt to aid his runner is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Next of kin: Mr. Nels P. Paulsen (Father), Harlan, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant ROGER L. WHALEY, 35 092 204, Company C, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in Frauenberg, France, on 4 January 1945. As a member of a tank-supported combat patrol on a mission to clear the enemy out of houses in the northern part of the town, Sergeant Whaley called for a BAR team and took up a position beside the accompanying tank to protect it against enemy rocket launchers. Despite heavy enemy fire bursting all around the tank, Sergeant Whaley inspired the BAR team to maintain its position. Even after the gunner was killed and the assistant wounded, Sergeant Whaley remained at his post until fatally wounded himself. Sergeant Whaley's self-sacrifice enabled the tank to drive the enemy from the houses. Next of kin: Mrs. Audrey Whaley (Mother), Bloomington, Indiana.

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:

Technical Sergeant EDWIN P. BERGE, 35 171 280, Company F, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Rémilly, France, on New Year's Eve, 1944-1945. When a superior enemy force attacked Sergeant Berge's platoon on the Division's right flank, Sergeant Berge moved from foxhole to foxhole under heavy small-arms and automatic fire encouraging his men and directing their fire so effectively that the enemy was forced to withdraw. Later, when the enemy shifted the attack and forced back the center platoon, leaving Sergeant Berge with an exposed left flank, he moved his right squad over to the left, covered the gap with automatic fire and inflicted heavy losses upon the Germans. Sergeant Berge's superior leadership and intrepidity were instrumental in driving off the enemy attack. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Second Lieutenant CARROLL W. ELLIOTT, OI 314 893, Anti-tank Company, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 15 February 1945, near Woelfling, France. When many casualties were suffered during the attack against Bellevue Farm, Lieutenant Elliott organized a litter team, rushed out under intense artillery and small-arms fire, treated the wounded and directed their evacuation. Later, when tank support was delayed because of the mined roads, Lieutenant Elliott moved out under heavy automatic fire and, without the aid of a detector, removed all the mines from the roads, clearing the way for the tanks. Lieutenant Elliott's intrepidity, and aggressive spirit are worthy of the high traditions of our Armed Forces. Home address: Danville, Illinois.

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: (Continued)

Private First Class HOWARD C. ELLIOTT, 35 749 150, Company G, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 3 December 1944. When the First Platoon of Company G had been partially cut off by an enemy counterattack consisting of a tank supported by infantry, Private Elliott, realizing the danger to his entire company, seized a bazooka and with another soldier, moved out to a forward position to fire at the tank. Despite hostile machine-gun and 20mm fire, Private Elliott and his comrade continued their advance to a position from which they fired effectively, forcing the tank to withdraw. As a result of Private Elliott's intrepid action, in the course of which he was seriously wounded, his company was enabled to proceed and capture its objective. Entered military service from Parkersburg, West Virginia.

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MAJOR
X Captain GEORGE S. ESTES, JR., O 351 515, Hq, 2d Bn (then Co M), * * * Inf. For gallantry in action in Woisslingen, France, on 2 December 1944. When his company was attacked before daylight by a strong enemy force supported by five half-tracks, Captain Estes, in the face of machine-gun and 20mm cannon fire only 200 yards away, moved to an open position from which he could effectively direct artillery. His accurate direction of artillery fire, at great risk to his own life, was responsible for the destruction of two half-tracks and the rout of the attacking force. Captain Estes' heroic achievement is worthy of great praise. Home address: Seaside Park, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant EDWARD J. FISCHER, O2 049 797, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Bellevue Farm, France, on 15 February 1945. Upon learning that three soldiers had been wounded in a minefield, Lieutenant Fischer unhesitatingly went to their aid despite the mines and the additional hazard from enemy snipers less than 300 yards away. Lieutenant Fischer's spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty merit the highest praise. Home address: Springfield, Minnesota.

Private First Class LLOYD C. FISHER, 36 576 099, Company H, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in eastern France. When the enemy launched a heavy attack at midnight of 31 December 1944, Private Fisher, as gunner of a heavy machine-gun, held his fire until a large formation of the enemy was within 150 yards, and then inflicted numerous casualties upon them. When the Germans overran the positions, Private Fisher remained at his gun and continued to fire until his ammunition was expended. The following day, a large number of enemy dead were found in front of Private Fisher's gun. His gallantry and devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to his battalion's successful defense of the sector. Entered military service from Brown City, Michigan.

Sergeant HUGH F. GOBLE, 35 092 221, Company D, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Woelfling, France, on 3 January 1945. When an enemy combat patrol approached his machine-gun position, Sergeant Goble directed the fire which killed six and wounded two Germans and forced the patrol to retreat. Sergeant Goble then left his emplacement and under small-arms fire, dragged the two enemy wounded back for evacuation. When the hostile patrol again attacked his position hurling grenades and firing machine pistols, Sergeant Goble, anticipating an attempt to outflank the gun, moved to the right, engaged the enemy with rifle grenades and killed or wounded five more. Sergeant Goble's heroic and aggressive action forced the enemy's withdrawal, thereby preventing his company's forward positions from being overrun. Entered military service from Bloomington, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM A. McMURTRY, 36 056 020, Anti-tank Company, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action at Brandelfingerhoff Farm, France, on 10 February 1945. On learning that an enemy machine-gun was holding up the advance of the Third Battalion, 114th Infantry, during the attack on Brandelfingerhoff Farm, Sergeant McMurtry, leader of an anti-tank gun crew, opened fire on the hostile positions and while so doing, was seriously injured by the recoil of his gun. Despite his painful injury and the fact that his position was being subjected to enemy shelling, he continued to fire on the hostile machine gun, effectively silencing it and killing its crew. Sergeant McMurtry's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Junction, Illinois.

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X Sergeant EDWARD J. PETERSON, 20 224 623, Company F, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 1 February 1945 in the vicinity of Woelfling, France. While acting as the scout of a squad on a raiding patrol against Bellevue Farm, Sergeant Peterson spotted an enemy machine gun. He moved alone to within 20 yards of the enemy position and opening fire, killed three of the crew, thus enabling the remainder of his patrol to assault the Farm and accomplish its mission. Entered military service from Woodbridge, New Jersey. (Next of Kin: Mr. Charles F. Peterson, (Brother), 140 Schoder Avenue, Woodbridge, New Jersey.)

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. (Continued)

Private EDWARD RUSINAK, 20 225 162, Company M, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Maronville Farm, France, on 16 February 1945. In the course of an enemy infantry and tank counterattack which threatened the Division's line, Private Rusinak and another soldier, members of a heavy machine-gun squad, moved 600 yards across open ground under artillery and small-arms fire, to locate and destroy a group of enemy snipers who had been firing at their machine gun. By their personal bravery and aggressiveness, Private Rusinak and his comrade enabled their squad to engage the attacking forces, thereby contributing greatly towards repulsing the enemy. Entered military service from Kenilworth, New Jersey.

Private First Class VICTOR A. SPENCER, 39 912 586, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 13 November 1944 near Embormonil, France. Private Spencer, an aid man, was one of ten casualties in one platoon, when Company C was subjected to intense machine-gun, mortar and artillery fire. Because of the dire need of medical care, however, he concealed the fact that he was wounded and administered aid to the other nine. Throughout the next twenty-four hours, as the heavy enemy shelling continued, Private Spencer moved about the company giving medical treatment. Finally, upon sustaining a second wound, he was ordered from the field. Private Spencer's unselfish action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Staff Sergeant WALLACE J. SZADDE, 36 734 721, Company M, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Maronville Farm, France, on 16 February 1945. In the course of an enemy infantry and tank counterattack which threatened the Division's line, Sergeant Szadde and another soldier, members of a heavy machine-gun squad, moved 600 yards across open ground under artillery and small-arms fire, to locate and destroy a group of enemy snipers who had been firing at their machine gun. By their personal bravery and aggressiveness, Sergeant Szadde and his comrade enabled their squad to engage the attacking forces, thereby contributing greatly towards repulsing the enemy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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 officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class ALEXANDER H. ABBOTT, 20 239 280, (then Private) Company C, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic achievement in action at Maierhoff, France, on 11 December 1944. Despite enemy tank, artillery and mortar fire, and the additional danger caused by exploding ammunition in a disabled tank destroyer, Private Abbott and another soldier left their shelter to bring a litter up beside the tank destroyer. Under this heavy fire, they carried a critically wounded officer to a nearby ambulance for evacuation. Private Abbott's courage is worthy of the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

Captain JOHN W. BARBER, 01 294 415, Headquarters Co, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement near Enchenberg, France, on the night of 7 December 1944. While investigating shadows in a draw near the Battalion Command Post, Captain Barber was stopped by an enemy rifle pressed against his chest. Turning rapidly, he pushed it to one side and, although the rifle was discharged and the bullet penetrated his field jacket, he quickly opened fire on the enemy forcing them to withdraw. Captain Barber's prompt and daring action drove off a small enemy group which would have endangered the Command Post. Home address: Salt Lake City, Utah.

Corporal LOUIS BEICH, 36 237 096, Company M, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in eastern France on 3 December 1944. While operating a mortar in support of Company K prior to an attack, Corporal Beich, a squad leader, was wounded in the thigh. Realizing that all other personnel were very busily engaged and that finding a replacement for himself would be difficult, Corporal Beich heroically continued firing his weapon in spite of the acute pain he was suffering. Corporal Beich's courage and devotion to duty merit high praise. Entered military service from Portage, Wisconsin.

Private First Class RICHARD F. PALMER, 35 628 250, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 11 January 1945 in the vicinity of Woolfling, France. When their company was halted by heavy automatic fire, Private Palmer and another soldier executed a bold flanking movement toward a machine-gun nest situated only 75 yards away and succeeded in wiping it out with anti-tank grenades. Entered military service from Cameron, Ohio.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Private First Class JAMES E. PEARCE, 38 432 753, Company F, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in eastern France, on 10 January 1945. When an entrenched enemy force was contacted during a patrol action, Private Pearce, who was accompanying the patrol as a runner, seized a light machine-gun from one of his comrades and advanced boldly toward the enemy. With long, accurate bursts, he succeeded in neutralizing the hostile position and greatly facilitated the accomplishment of his patrol's mission. Private Pearce's aggressiveness and initiative are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Marlin, Texas.

Sergeant MYRON E. RICHINS, 20 928 215, Reconnaissance Company, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945 in the vicinity of Bliesbruck, France. When the roar of his tank drew a severe concentration of enemy artillery fire while he was towing an anti-tank gun, Sergeant Richins instructed the men who were working with him to seek cover in the tank destroyer while he remained outside and directed his driver. He remained under fire for approximately twenty minutes until the anti-tank gun was moved to a safe position. Sergeant Richins' courage and unselfish devotion to duty merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Pocatello, Idaho.

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, the Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over eastern France is awarded to the following-named officers:

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

First Lieutenant WILBUR A. BROWN, O1 183 029, Headquarters Battery, * * * Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period 22 January 1945 to 8 February 1945. Home address: Lancaster, Ohio.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH F. HANNON, O1 181 283, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period 8 December 1944 to 15 February 1945. Home address: Rutland, Vermont.

Captain WILLIAM H. O'CONNELL, O1 177 557, Headquarters, * * * Division Artillery. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period from 2 January 1945 to 15 February 1945. Home address: Cambridge, Massachusetts.

AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

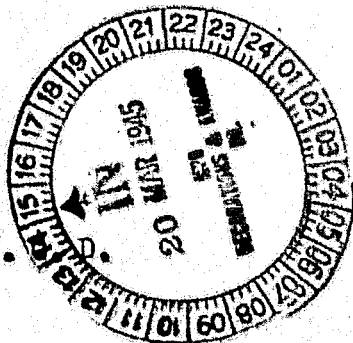
First Lieutenant HAROLD R. MARTIN, O 405 436, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during the period 28 December 1944 to 6 February 1945. Home address: Maryville, Missouri.

By command of Brigadier General DEAN:

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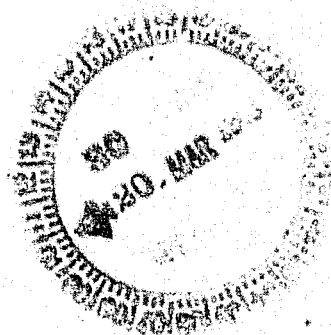
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AFPO 44, U. S. Army,
11 March 1945

- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
II. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

I. 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 for meritorious service in action in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class LEIGHTON G. ALLEN, 34 529 845, Company G, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Manchester, Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade GUMERSINDO ARRIETA, 38 439 080, Medical Detachment, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 13 February 1945. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas.

Technical Sergeant ROBERT D. AYERS, 14 000 900, Company H, 71st Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 23 January 1945. Entered military service from Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Major HERMAN H. BERTRAM JR, O 387 987, Headquarters, 157th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 29 December 1944. Home address: Montclair, New Jersey.

Private First Class EUGENE W. BIGGER, 36 576 716, Battery C, 157th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Crosswell, Michigan.

Captain ELRA J. ELUMEYER, O1 172 284, Headquarters, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 October 1944 to 4 March 1945. Home address: George, Iowa.

Sergeant PETER F. BOMBACE, 31 428 102, Company I, 324th Infantry, from 2 November 1944 to 18 February 1945. Entered military service from Medford, Massachusetts.

Private First Class WARD L. BRANTLEY, 38 541 397, Medical Detachment, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 13 February 1945. Entered military service from Huntsville, Texas.

Staff Sergeant ROY C. BRATCHER, 38 465 301, Medical Detachment, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 6 February 1945. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Private First Class RALPH E. CARROLL, 34 705 848, Company A, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 3 February 1945. Entered military service from Montgomery, Alabama.

Technician Fourth Grade HUBERT B. CARTER, 35 106 405, Battery B, 217th Field Artillery Battalion, from 19 October 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

Chaplain (Captain) PETER T. CEIOLERO, O 541 367, Headquarters, 119th Medical Battalion, from 1 May 1944 to 28 February 1945. Home address: Montebello, California.

First Lieutenant CLIFFORD O. DAVEY, O1 322 527, Antitank Company, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 15 February 1945. Home address: Scottsville, New York.

First Sergeant LOUIS H. DETMER, 20 233 570, Battery B, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 November 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Poughkeepsie, New York.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Technical Sergeant JOHN J. DONAHUE, 20 233 012, Headquarters Battery, 156th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Newburgh, New York.

Staff Sergeant PHILIP M. DUBALDI, 20 233 177, Medical Detachment, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 4 March 1945. Entered military service from Newburgh, New York.

Captain JOHN A. FAIELLA, O 364 720, Headquarters, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 2 March 1945. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND E. FURBEE, 35 602 324, Battery C, 157th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant WALTER J. GILSON, 32 056 636, 44th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, from 19 October 1944 to 18 February 1945. Entered military service from Hoboken, New Jersey.

Major JOSEPH D. GOLDSTEIN, O 319 748, Headquarters, 119th Medical Battalion, from 1 May 1944 to 26 February 1945. Home address: Jersey City, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant EDWARD L. GROFF, O 350 663, Battery C, 156th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 20 February 1945. Home address: Princeton, New Jersey.

Captain JOHN W. HAMLIN, O 416 592, Company B, 119th Medical Battalion, from 22 October 1944 to 26 February 1945. Home address: Tahoe City, California.

Technician Fourth Grade RICHARD E. HAYDEN, 35 602 370, Battery B, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 20 December 1944 to 28 December 1944. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

Captain WAYLAND M. HENDRY JR., O 443 343, Medical Detachment, 71st Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 21 February 1945. Home address: Augusta, Georgia.

Staff Sergeant RANKIN F. JONES, 38 048 456, Headquarters Battery, 217th Field Artillery Battalion, from 23 December 1944 to 21 February 1945. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

Private First Class ROBERT W. HYSLOP JR., 16 123 589, Company D, 119th Medical Battalion, from 22 October 1944 to 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Freeport, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN L. KILE, 35 542 302, Company B, 749th Tank Battalion, from 3 July 1944 to 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Warsaw, Indiana.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT W. KUBICENI, 36 078 549, Battery C, 157th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Edwardsville, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade MAXWELL LEVENTHAL, 12 163 442, Medical Detachment, 324th Infantry, from 10 November 1944 to 13 February 1945. Entered military service from East Orange, New Jersey.

Sergeant KENNETH McCLELLAN, 18 066 960, Company C, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Technician Third Grade CHARLES E. McELNEE, 35 749 131, Medical Detachment, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 5 February 1945. Entered military service from Marlinton, West Virginia.

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL; (Continued),

Sergeant WILLIAM H. McFADDEN, 32 714 387, (then Corporal) Company B, 749th Tank Battalion, from 3 July 1944 to 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Oceanside, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade HARRY E. MacINTYRE, 31 105 130, Company D, 119th Medical Battalion, from 23 October 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Lieutenant Colonel HUGH M. MacLEAN, O 263 543, Headquarters, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 12 February 1945. Home address: Roselle, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant HENRY G. McROBERTS, O1 307 933, Service Company, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 20 February 1945. Home address: Jacksonville, Florida.

Second Lieutenant JAMES F. MARTIN, O2 006 944, (then Technical Sergeant) Headquarters, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 27 February 1945. Home address: Buffalo, New York.

Private First Class CHARLES A. MELLENTINE, 38 575 100, Battery C, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 23 October 1944 to 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant JOHN J. NACLERIO, 20 233 041, Headquarters Battery, 156th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Newburgh, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade GEORGE J. NOVEMBRE, 32 002 513, Company D, 119th Medical Battalion, from 22 October 1944 to 26 February 1945. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Captain ROBERT J. POLAN, O 470 331, Medical Detachment, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 8 March 1945. Home address: Riverside, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade HAROLD F. REAGER, 36 295 264, Company D, 119th Medical Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant ALEX SENETCEN, 31 017 244, Headquarters Battery, 156th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Forestville, Connecticut.

Major DAVID B. TRITELBAUM, O 401 471, Headquarters, 44th Division Artillery, from 15 September 1944 to 1 March 1945. Home address: New York, N. Y.

Captain LOUIS S. TORGESON, O25 421, Headquarters, 324th Infantry, from 27 October 1944 to 5 March 1945. Home address: Portland, Oregon.

Technician Fifth Grade ROMAIN W. WEAVER, 35 622 513, Company B, 749th Tank Battalion, from 3 July 1944 to 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

Major STANLEY F. YOUNGFLESH, O 204 605, Headquarters, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945. Home address: Richmond, Indiana.

Captain SAUL ZUKERMAN, O 164 452, Company C, 119th Medical Battalion, from 22 October 1944 to 26 February 1945. Home address: Washington, D. C.

II. 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 for meritorious service in action in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

Captain WILLIAM E. BALDWIN JR, O 469 703, Company A, 119th Medical Battalion, from 22 October 1944 to 26 February 1945. Home address: Pisgah Forest, North Carolina.

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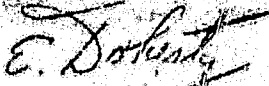
II. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Sergeant MILTON A. LEVKO, 33 064 503, Battery B, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 14 February 1945 to 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

By command of Brigadier General DEAN:

GEORGE E. MARTIN
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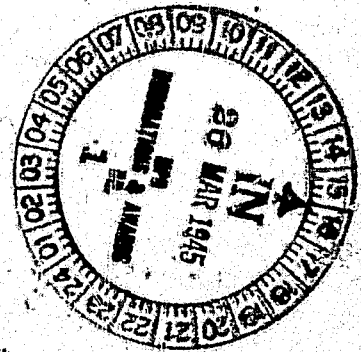
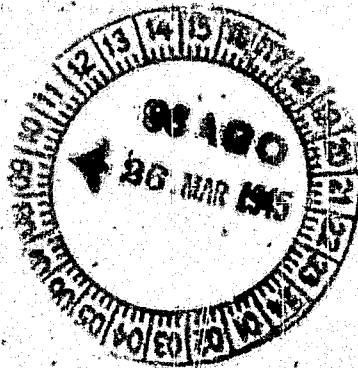
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- ORIGINAL ORDER #*
- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
 - II. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

I. 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 for meritorious achievement in action in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Sergeant JESS I. AVILA, 39 154 454, Reconnaissance Company, 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, on 15 February 1945. Entered military service from West Hollywood, California.

Private First Class ROBERT F. BRADDOCK, 36 566 595, Company C, 119th Medical Battalion, on 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class ALBERT D. BUZAN, 35 091 900, Company C, 119th Medical Battalion, on 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Nobelsville, Indiana.

Second Lieutenant WARREN M. CHAPIN, 01 170 681, Battery C, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, on 22 December 1944. Home address: Mt. Cory, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant JAMES E. CRIBBS, 34 505 309, (then Sergeant) Company E, 71st Infantry, on 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Coalmont, Tennessee.

Private First Class ERNEST DIMES, 36 698 050, (then Private) Company E, 71st Infantry, on 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class EARL M. FOREMAN, 13 142 324, (then Private) Medical Detachment, 71st Infantry, on 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Sergeant RAYMOND J. GORES, 37 170 078, Reconnaissance Company, 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, on 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Bisbee, North Dakota.

Corporal JOSEPH H. M. GUYER, 35 546 241, Headquarters Battery, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, on 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Lima, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade WALTER O. HIXSON, 35 603 221, Company B, 63d Engineer Combat Battalion, on 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Wooster, Ohio.

Private First Class WILLIAM O. HOWARD, 35 546 498, Company C, 119th Medical Battalion, on 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

Private First Class CHARLES L. HYNDMAN, 39 204 697, Company C, 119th Medical Battalion, on 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Hoquiam, Washington.

Corporal EDWARD H. MACKE, 35 806 594, Company C, 63d Engineer Combat Battalion, from 23 December 1944 to 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Private First Class ARTHUR W. MILLER, 36 447 561, Company C, 63d Engineer Combat Battalion, from 23 December 1944 to 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

Private First Class CARL W. PAYNE, 34 749 344, Company C, 119th Medical Battalion, on 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Elkins, West Virginia.

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Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD J. PHILPOTT, 35 048 864, Battery C, 156th Field Artillery Battalion, on 15 and 16 February 1945. Entered military service from East Cleveland, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant DONALD E. FITCHER, 36 452 717, (then Private First Class) Company G, 71st Infantry, on 17 November 1944. Entered military service from Muskegon Heights, Michigan.

Private First Class WALTER S. REKUC, 32 774 694, Company C, 119th Medical Battalion, on 4 December 1944. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

Private First Class JOHN W. SHILL, 35 534 840, (then Private) Company C, 119th Medical Battalion, on 19 November 1944. Entered military service from Mansfield, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant WILHO M. SIIPOLA, 37 022 255, Reconnaissance Company, 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, on 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Cloquet, Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade BERNARD M. THRASH, 35 749 143, Company C, 63d Engineer Combat Battalion, from 23 December 1944 to 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Parkersburg, West Virginia.

First Lieutenant HARRY M. TVETER, O1 109 720, Company A, 63d Engineer Combat Battalion, on 31 December 1944. Home address: Mooreton, North Dakota.

Private First Class VICTOR A. WAGNER, 37 607 845, (then Private) Company C, 119th Medical Battalion, on 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Herculaneum, Missouri.

Second Lieutenant HENRY A. WEISE, O1 998 106, Reconnaissance Company, 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, on 15 February 1945. Home address: Sacramento, California.

Private First Class EDWARD F. WILFER, 36 812 578, (then Private) Company C, 119th Medical Battalion, on 15 November 1944. Entered military service from Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

II. 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 for meritorious achievement in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

Lieutenant Colonel HAROLD V. CLAYTON, O 333 231, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, on 15 February 1945. Home address: Kingston, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade THOMAS F. PHILLEN, 37 564 968, Battery C, 156th Field Artillery Battalion, on 15 February 1945. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

By command of Brigadier General DEAN:

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

I. 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:

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

71st Infantry

Staff Sergeant TONY J. ANTANAITIS JR, 32 224 048, Company K, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant HENRY MANTEL, 32 222 923, Company I, France, 24 November 1944. Entered military service from Richmond Hill, New York.

Private First Class ROBERT ADAMIAK, 36 735 877, Company C, France, 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class CLAYTON L. LUNSFORD JR, 36 613 301, Company K, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private ERNEST FLORES, 38 542 065, Company K, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

114th Infantry

Second Lieutenant ROBERT W. LITHALL, O1 319 426, Company A, France, 1 March 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

324th Infantry

Staff Sergeant GLENN E. CLARK, 37 549 814, Company L, France, 9 January 1945. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant HOMER H. MARTIN, 6 298 173, Company I, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Harrold, Texas.

Sergeant ERNEST E. ESCH, 34 723 750, Company B, France, 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Huntingdon, Tennessee.

Private First Class PETER M. ALAIMO, 36 807 454, Company L, France, 21 February 1945. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class RALPH M. BLICKENDEPFER, 33 936 143, Company L, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Verona, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class EDWARD J. KRYGOWSKI, 16 135 398, Company L, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from East Oak, Illinois.

Private First Class HOWARD E. SCHRUMACHER, 35 602 837, Company L, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Denver, Ohio.

Private CHARLES J. LOCICERO, 32 243 838, Company F, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

71st Infantry

Staff Sergeant HENRY MANTEL, 32 222 923, Company I, France, 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Richmond Hill, New York.

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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:

72nd Infantry

✓ Staff Sergeant JOHN J. ERITANO, 42 024 736, Company L, France, 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

Staff Sergeant HENRY MANTEL, 32 222 923, Company I, France, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Richmond Hill, New York.

Staff Sergeant KENNETH R. NASH, 35 627 620, Company ~~France~~, 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Newark, Ohio.

Private First Class JOSEPH E. BARTLETT, 39 577 566, Company E, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Fillmore, California.

Private First Class ALBERT E. GEHARD, 33 692 040, Company K, France, 18 February 1945. Entered military service from Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ELMER B. LATHAM, 42 114 290, Company K, France, 19 February 1945. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

Private First Class MATTHEW MIAZGONICZ, 32 055 616, Company E, France, 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Clifton, New Jersey.

Private First Class JAMES P. MINSHALL, 36 904 788, Company E, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class RAY Z. PECKHAM, 39 420 716, Company K, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

Private WINFIELD E. RICHARD, 31 453 716, Company K, France, 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

114th Infantry

First Lieutenant ERNEST E. WILLIAMS, O 447 546, Headquarters Third Battalion, France, 23 February 1945. Home address: Portland, Oregon.

Second Lieutenant LEONARD A. RIEPE, O1 327 664, Company I, France, 24 February 1945. Home address: Metropolis, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant THORSTEM W. OLSON, 32 162 515, Antitank Company, France, 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Corporal FRED KUCK JR, 35 629 001, Company B, France, 22 February 1945. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade EUGENE M. HOBLEMANN, 37 602 829, Antitank Company, France, 23 February 1945. Entered military service from St. Clair, Missouri.

Private First Class GLEN S. GROSCHON, 37 639 806, Company C, France, 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Summerville, Missouri.

Private First Class ROMAN G. HEILMAN, 36 815 901, Medical Detachment, France, 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin.

Private First Class PAUL N. SCHAEFFER, 33 573 663, Medical Detachment, France, 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Bellfonte, Pennsylvania.

Private CHESTER J. DZIEWIATYK, 42 100 567, Company A, France, 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Passaic, New Jersey.

Private EDWARD M. GEIGER, 20 225 190, Company K, France, 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

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II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (Continued)

114th Infantry

30 Private WILLIAM V. JACKSON, 34 26 465, Company C, France, 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Anderson, Alabama.

32nd Infantry

Captain ELI M. DEWS, O 347 156, Company I, France, 4 March 1945. Home address: Durbin, West Virginia.

Technical Sergeant ELBERT C. BRIDGES JR, 38 454 659, Company C, France, 21 February 1945. Entered military service from Belton, Texas.

Staff Sergeant NELSON P. BROCK, 33 884 988, Company L, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Knotts Island, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT L. EEDY, 36 454 289, Company K, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Lansing, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant HOMER H. MARTIN, 6 298 173, Company I, France, 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Harrold, Texas.

Staff Sergeant LEE ROY E. OEHLER, 38 455 062, Company C, France, 22 February 1945. Entered military service from Fredericksburg, Texas.

Corporal MATTHEW J. BOGATIN, 39 563 108, Medical Detachment, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from San Bernardino, California.

Corporal MARVIN VORPAHL, 38 416 932, Company M, France, 21 February 1945. Entered military service from Beasley, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES J. CLAPS, 32 223 315, Headquarters Second Battalion, France, 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class EDWARD J. ARTMAN, 36 613 325, Company M, France, 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class OMER J. CARTON JR, 37 662 643, Antitank Company, France, 18 February 1945. Entered military service from Earlville, Iowa.

Private First Class ERNEST L. COWDEN, 38 117 031, Company L, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Bryson, Texas.

Private First Class IRL R. GRUMRINE, 37 745 168, Company A, France, 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Erie, Kansas.

Private First Class JOSEPH A. DOMBROSKI, 37 947 526, Company L, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Tyler, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JONATHAN E. FIFE, 38 692 296, Company C, France, 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Maude, Oklahoma.

Private First Class FRED HARPER, 32 003 662, Medical Detachment, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

Private First Class RODNEY W. HOARD, 31 469 762, Headquarters Third Battalion, France, 19 February 1945. Entered military service from Bennington, Vermont.

Private First Class JOE W. HOUDEK, 36 237 181, Company A, France, 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Cudahy, Wisconsin.

Private First Class ARTHUR O. MC ELROY, 38 696 345, Company E, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Mt. Park, Oklahoma.

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II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (Continued)

324th Infantry

Private First Class JOSEPH W. RINGWALSKE, 36 552 221, Medical Detachment, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Romulus, Michigan.

Private First Class WILLIAM G. ROGERS, 25 932 601, Company L, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Jeffersonville, Kentucky.

Private First Class THOMAS F. SIZEMORE, 34 899 042, Antitank Company, France, 10 December 1944. Entered military service from Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Private First Class CLARENCE H. SPANGLER, 33 501 868, Company L, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Annville, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class RAYMOND L. TERWILLEGAR, 36 967 095, Company L, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Midland, Michigan.

Private CHARLES I. BROWER, 20 538 818, Company B, France, 21 February 1945. Entered military service from Muncie, Indiana.

Private LEONARD I. BURMAN, 36 910 859, Company H, France, 18 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private JAMES D. TURNER, 34 832 065, Company K, France, 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Clarkdale, Georgia.

63d Engineer Combat Battalion

Private First Class JOHN C. CHAPMAN, 34 732 412, Company B, France, 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Maryville, Tennessee.

By command of Brigadier General DEAN:

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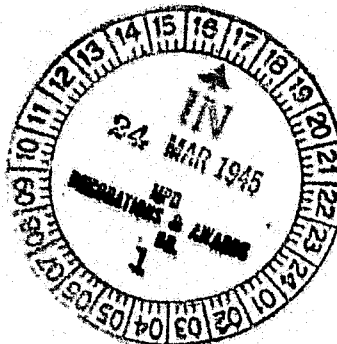
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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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NUMBER 44

APC 44, U. S. Army
15 March 1945.

ORIGINAL ORDER

- I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.
- II. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.
- III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION.
- IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- V. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- VI. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.
- VII. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR 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 officer and enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT H. CHARBONEAU, 36 576 423, (then Private First Class) Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in eastern France. On the night of 17 November 1944, when the leading elements of the Second Battalion were suddenly fired upon by enemy automatic weapons from the side of the road, Technician Charboneau advanced under the fire to administer aid to the wounded men. Although the enemy weapons were spraying our troops, inflicting many casualties, Technician Charboneau continued to treat the wounded and to help in their evacuation. By his prompt and courageous action, he was responsible for saving the lives of at least three of his comrades. Entered military service from River Rouge, Michigan.

Second Lieutenant JOSEPH V. FLANAGAN, 02 011 539, (then Technical Sergeant) Company F, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Rimling, France, on 16 February 1945. While his company was moving forward in an attack, Lieutenant Flanagan spotted an enemy machine gun on high ground to the left flank, which threatened the company's advance. He immediately led four men forward, under heavy machine-gun fire, to within twenty-five yards of the hostile position and wiped out the nest, killing three of the enemy and capturing four others. Later, upon discovering another machine gun which had opened fire on the company, Lieutenant Flanagan skillfully maneuvered a squad to a position from which they were able to destroy the gun. Lieutenant Flanagan's intrepidity and skillful leadership enabled his company to reach its objective with a minimum of casualties. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade HARRY A. MICHALSKI, 35 286 821, Company B, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Voelfling, France, on 15 February 1945. When his fellow scout was wounded by enemy fire from a heavily defended position only 25 yards away, Technician Michalski went to his aid and, while doing so, was wounded himself by machine-gun fire which broke his right arm. Shifting his weapon to his other hand, he continued firing until he had removed his comrade to a covered position. He killed several of the enemy during this action and facilitated the advance of his platoon. Technician Michalski's fighting spirit and heroic devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade ARISTIDES RIVERA, 32 013 203, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in eastern France. On the night of 17 November 1944, when the leading elements of the Second Battalion were suddenly fired upon by enemy automatic weapons from the side of the road, Technician Rivera advanced under fire to administer aid to the wounded men. Although the enemy weapons were spraying our troops, inflicting many casualties, Technician Rivera continued to treat the wounded and to help in their evacuation. By his prompt and courageous action, he was responsible for saving the lives of at least three of his comrades. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM L. WUERSTLIN, 32 006 540, Company B, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 15 February 1945 in the vicinity of Voelfling, France. When one of his men became injured in an enemy mine field during an attack, Sergeant Wuerstlin crawled 50 yards through the uncleared mines before daylight and removed him to a covered position for treatment. His courageous action and spirit of self-sacrifice reflect great credit on Sergeant Wuerstlin and the Service. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

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Staff Sergeant LOY E. ZIMMER, 36 695 486, Company F, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Rim'ing, France, on 16 February 1945. Sergeant Zimmer, as platoon leader, led three men to clear a path through an enemy minefield and then moved out ahead to destroy the machine-gun nest that was covering the field. Later, after leading his men to their objective, he was badly wounded while reconnoitering the new positions on the forward slope of a hill. Despite his wound and the pain he was suffering, Sergeant Zimmer rolled over the crest of the hill and gave orders to his squad leaders, thus insuring the success of his unit. Sergeant Zimmer's gallant actions are worthy of the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Godfrey, Illinois.

II. AWARD OF THE 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:

Technical Sergeant JAMES Q. DAVIS, 20 232 920, Headquarters Battery, * * * Division Artillery. For heroism at Kalhausen, France, on the night of 21 February 1945. When the burner in the switchboard room of Division Artillery Headquarters sprang a leak, the gasoline ignited and the flames began to spread very rapidly. Sergeant Davis entered the smoke-filled and flaming room, seized the can of gasoline, carried it outside, and extinguished the flames with a blanket. He then returned to the switchboard room and brought the flames under control with a fire extinguisher. Sergeant Davis' alert and heroic actions saved nearby personnel from serious injury and prevented an explosion which would have disrupted Division Artillery communications and destroyed valuable government property. Entered military service from Woodbury Heights, New Jersey.

III. 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 officer and enlisted man:

Private First Class STANLEY J. BADURA, 31 465 731, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945 in the vicinity of Woelfling, France. When his platoon was halted short of its objective during the attack on Bellevue Farm, Private Badura, a BAR gunner, fearlessly crept forward to a more exposed position in order to obtain a better field of fire. He then opened fire with his automatic weapon and caused heavy casualties to the enemy before he was wounded by a mortar shell. This heroic action greatly aided the advance of his platoon and is worthy of the highest praise. Next of kin: Mrs. Veronica Badura (Mother); 55 Lincoln Street, Webster, Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant PAUL O. HERTSGAARD, 01 322 224, Company E, * * * Infantry. For meritorious service in action in eastern France from 24 October 1944 to 2 February 1945. Next of kin: Mr. Amund P. Hertsgaard (Father), Kindred, North Dakota.

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:

Captain MENTER G. BAKER JR, 0 449 180, Headquarters, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in action in eastern France from 18 October 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Private First Class LOUIS A. BITTNER, 32 795 794, Company A, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 1 and 2 January 1945. Private Bittner and another soldier, despite heavy small-arms and mortar fire, succeeded in demolishing three bridges which were of strategic importance to the enemy. Private Bittner's courage and determination under fire are worthy of great praise. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

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First Lieutenant CHARLES E. BROWN JR., OI 109 159, Company B, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 6 December 1944. When the vehicles of the * * * Infantry were halted by enemy-mined road blocks, Lieutenant Brown, while reconnoitering on foot for alternate routes, set off a mine and was wounded in the leg. Despite his wound, he investigated the types and locations of the remaining mines in the vicinity; and before allowing himself to be evacuated, he insisted on returning through the minefield to inform the infantry of the trip wires so that they could safely bypass the obstacle. Lieutenant Brown's skillful and courageous action is worthy of great praise. Home address: National City, California.

Private First Class WILLIAM K. CONNER, 35 027 892, (then Private) Company A, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 1 and 2 January 1945. Private Conner and another soldier, despite heavy enemy small-arms and mortar fire, succeeded in demolishing three bridges which were of strategic importance to the enemy. Private Conner's courage and determination under fire are worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Caldwell, Ohio.

Corporal LEE LAND D. FALCON, 35 601 936, (then Private) Company A, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 11 December 1944. While on a mission, Corporal Falcon crawled forward under machine-gun fire to obtain the measurement of a road crater. Later, upon discovering a plastic mine in the road, he made a thorough reconnaissance of the vicinity, despite a mortar concentration, and determined the pattern and exact number of the mines. Corporal Falcon's courageous actions and determination are worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

Second Lieutenant JOSEPH J. HASSON, OI 998 082, Company H, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945 in the vicinity of Woelfling, France. After covering the withdrawal of Company G to previously prepared positions, Lieutenant Hasson was informed that one of our men lay seriously wounded in the area just vacated. Reorganizing his machine-gun sections quickly, he led a furious counterattack in the face of heavy enemy fire, thus permitting the removal of the wounded man to safety. Lieutenant Hasson's courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

Sergeant EDWARD HESS, 35 039 332, (then Private First Class) Antitank Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 16 January 1945 in the vicinity of Bliesbruck, France. While laying concertina wire beyond our front lines, a patrol member set off a trip wire and fell unconscious on an incendiary grenade. Sergeant Hess rushed to his aid in the face of heavy enemy fire which was attracted by the burst of the grenade. This courageous and unselfish action undoubtedly saved his comrade's life and is worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Greensburg, Indiana.

Master Sergeant HOWARD D. HOAGLAND, 20 258 834, Service Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action on the night of 23-24 November 1944 in Sarrebouurg, France. When long range enemy artillery shelled a brewery in which some of our reinforcements were billeted, Sergeant Hoagland promptly went to the aid of the wounded, in spite of the continued shelling and escaping ammonia fumes which made the task extremely hazardous, and assisted in their evacuation. Sergeant Hoagland's unselfish action is worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Belmar, New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade RICHARD B. LEGG, 38 416 808, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944 in the vicinity of Waldhambach, France. When his company was halted by heavy enemy artillery fire after it had just entered a woods and suffered many casualties from tree bursts and tank fire, Technician Legg twice reconnoitered the route to the casualties under the intense fire and then directed the evacuation of the wounded. After all the wounded in his company had been cared for, he continued throughout the night to guide and direct the evacuation of the wounded of other companies. Technician Legg's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Bay City, Texas.

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IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

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Master Sergeant HENRY E. MAYER, 32 223 897, Service Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic service on the night of 23-24 November 1944 in Sarrebourg, France. When long range enemy artillery shelled a brewery in which some of our reinforcements were billeted, Sergeant Mayer promptly went to the aid of the wounded, in spite of the continued shelling and escaping ammonia fumes which made the task extremely hazardous, and assisted in their evacuation. Sergeant Mayer's unselfish action is worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Sergeant WALLACE B. MILLER, 31 861 467, Company I, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action near Fraumberg, France, on 13 December 1944. When he was seriously wounded by a shell fragment, Sergeant Miller refused assistance and continued to look for a break in wire communications until he lost consciousness. Sergeant Miller's spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Rockville Center, New York.

Second Lieutenant JOHN PALYOK JR., 01 171 306, Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 15 and 16 February 1945 in the vicinity of Rimpling, France. When the enemy launched two tank-supported counterattacks against the positions of Company K, * * * Infantry, Lieutenant Palyok, as a forward observer, remained at his post despite heavy enemy fire which ripped his clothing, and adjusted defensive artillery fire which disrupted the enemy attacks. Lieutenant Palyok's courage and devotion to duty merit high praise. Entered military service from Munhall, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH G. SAAD, 36 575 143, Antitank Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 24 October 1944 in the vicinity of Emberranil, France. When it was reported that enemy tanks were heading in his direction, Sergeant Saad made a reconnaissance under enemy fire for a new position for his antitank gun. While returning, he was hit by shell fragments. In spite of his wound, he refused treatment or evacuation until he had directed and assisted his squad in moving the gun to its new position. Sergeant Saad's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class JOHN W. SEITH, 39 146 507, Antitank Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 18 January 1945 in the vicinity of Briesbruck, France. While laying concertina wire beyond our front lines, a patrol member set off a trip wire and fell unconscious on an incendiary grenade. Private Seith rushed to his aid in the face of heavy enemy fire which was attracted by the burst of the grenade. This courageous and unselfish action undoubtedly saved his comrade's life and is worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Berkeley, California.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH E. STASZEL, 36 454 618, Service Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic service on the night of 23-24 November 1944 in Sarrebourg, France. When long range enemy artillery shelled a brewery in which some of our reinforcements were billeted, Sergeant Staszel promptly went to the aid of the wounded, in spite of the continued shelling and escaping ammonia fumes which made the task extremely hazardous, and assisted in their evacuation. Sergeant Staszel's unselfish action is worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

First Sergeant HAROLD M. SMITH, 20 238 961, Service Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in Sarrebourg, France, on the night of 23-24 November 1944. When enemy shells began falling in the immediate vicinity, Sergeant Smith immediately formed his company and led them to a nearby bombproof cellar. He then aroused fifteen reinforcements who had been billeted in a nearby brewery and directed them to shelter. When this same brewery was struck shortly thereafter, Sergeant Smith quickly organized a volunteer litter team and directed the evacuation of five wounded men. Sergeant Smith's foresight, initiative and exemplary leadership are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Flemington, New Jersey.

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, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant VICTOR J. TORRES, 20 228 446, (then Private First Class) Company E, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mackwiller, France, on 2 December 1944. When the leading platoon of Company E was halted by sniper fire, Sergeant Torres, a company runner, moved out alone to engage the sniper and succeeded in eliminating him. Later in the day, when two of his comrades were injured by an artillery shell and no medical aid men were available, Sergeant Torres proceeded under fire to their aid and removed them to a covered position. Sergeant Torres' courage and outstanding devotion to duty are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Captain HAROLD B. WILLIAMS, 01 294 401, Company A, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action near Volksberg, France, on 4 December 1944. When heavy resistance halted the advance of an attacking battalion, Captain Williams unhesitatingly moved to the forefront of his company's leading elements. Assuming personal command, he moved his company through heavy fire on to its objective. Captain Williams' inspiring leadership aided greatly in the success of his company and reflects high credit on the Military Service. Home address: Portland, Oregon.

VI. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL: 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 in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officers:

First Lieutenant JACK S. KELLY, 01 179 479, Headquarters, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 24 October 1944 to 15 February 1945. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Second Lieutenant CHARLES R. ROGERS, 01 167 188, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 January 1945 to 15 February 1945. Home address: Geneva, New York.

VII. 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 in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officers:

FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

First Lieutenant MILTON H. NICHOLS, 01 185 109, Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 January 1945 to 14 February 1945. Home address: Madison, Ohio.

SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

First Lieutenant HENRY W. SMITH JR, 01 177 187, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 30 December 1944 to 20 February 1945. Home address: New Bern, North Carolina.

THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

First Lieutenant ROLAND E. MALICOAT, 0 516 627, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 2 December 1944 to 22 January 1945. Home address: Kokomo, Indiana.

Second Lieutenant WALTER B. KREJLER, 0 527 256, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 9 February 1945 to 25 February 1945. Home address: Arkport, New York.

FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

Second Lieutenant THOMAS M. RAUCH, 0 528 829, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 29 January 1945 to 20 February 1945. Home address: Villanova, Pennsylvania.

By command of Brigadier General DEAN:

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 45

APC 44, U. S. Army.
16 March 1945.

- ORIGINAL SOURCE 3014
- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
 - II. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
 - III. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS.

I. 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 for meritorious service in action in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant LEONARD O. ANDERSON, O1 294 075, Antitank Company, 71st Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 1 March 1945. Home address: Red Lodge, Montana.

Technician Fifth Grade NICHOLAS G. BLAGOJEV, 35 335 214, Headquarters Company, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

Sergeant GEORGE O. ROSWELL, 34 760 508, Company K, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 7 March 1945. Entered military service from Maysville, Georgia.

Staff Sergeant THOMAS W. POWES, 32 012 824, Company E, 71st Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Woodside, Long Island, New York.

Staff Sergeant OSCAR W. BRENNER, 15 099 904, Company F, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 7 March 1945. Entered military service from Findlay, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant MICHAEL J. CARONARO, 32 019 016, Company C, 71st Infantry, from 1 November 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

First Lieutenant JOHN W. CULVAHOUSE, O 371 457, Company I, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 23 February 1945. Home address: Knoxville, Tennessee.

Sergeant WILLIAM H. DAVIDSON, 37 602 706, Antitank Company, 71st Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Hayti, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWIN E. DENNISON, 35 628 975, Company E, 71st Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Rushsylvania, Ohio.

Private First Class DONALD E. DICKSON, 16 145 130, Company K, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Waukegan, Illinois.

Private First Class RONALD L. DILE, 35 603 129, Antitank Company, 71st Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Danville, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant VIRGIL C. DONALDSON, 38 126 915, (then Staff Sergeant) Headquarters Company, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Ontario, California.

Staff Sergeant DONALD B. EASTMAN, 35 092 475, Company K, 324th Infantry, from 12 November 1944 to 19 February 1945. Entered military service from Muncie, Indiana.

First Sergeant THOMAS A. FITZPATRICK, 20 225 133, Company C, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Staff Sergeant MARTIN J. GLENNON, 20 233 363, Battery A, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 19 November 1944 to 6 February 1945. Entered military service from Kingston, New York.

Captain JAMES G. HAYES, 01 176 659, IPW Team 67, from 15 November 1944 to 24 February 1945. Home address: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant FRANCIS R. HOWARD, 31 051 668, from 24 October 1944 to 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Sergeant FRANCIS E. KIRBY, 35 603 149, Company K, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 9 February 1945. Entered military service from Ravenna, Ohio.

Private First Class PETER P. KUCHY, 42 029 566, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Niagara Falls, New York.

Sergeant OSCAR H. MORRIS, 34 723 730, Company M, 71st Infantry, from 26 November 1944 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Atwood, Tennessee.

Technical Sergeant JOHN OLCHOVY, 32 000 686, Antitank Company, 71st Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 6 March 1945. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

First Lieutenant LEO F. PHILLIPS, 01 307 071, Headquarters, Third Battalion, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 21 February 1945. Home address: Washington, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES M. PIERCE, 35 629 242, Company F, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 7 March 1945. Entered military service from Lyndon, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant HUBERT J. RAMAKER, 36 806 921, Company K, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Merrimac, Wisconsin.

Captain JOHN D. RODGERS, 0 388 745, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 71st Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 1 March 1945. Home address: Bloomfield, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant ALBERT H. RUMMEL, 36 174 413, Company D, 71st Infantry, from 15 October 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Saginaw, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant JOHN SLOBODIAN, 35 286 796, Company F, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 7 March 1945. Entered military service from Port Clinton, Ohio.

Private First Class THOMAS W. STACE, 32 252 167, Company M, 324th Infantry, from 26 December 1944 to 18 February 1945. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

Private First Class IVAN G. TINDALL, 11 078 711, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Burlington, Virginia.

Sergeant JOSEPH E. WARD, 35 788 289, (then Private First Class) Company M, 71st Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Caser Creek, Kentucky.

Private First Class CLARENCE R. WENTER, 35 286 870, Headquarters Company, 71st Infantry, from 15 November 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Brookpark, Ohio.

Private First Class THOMAS R. WILEY, 15 091 249, Company F, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 8 March 1945. Entered military service from Cove Gap, West Virginia.

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Technical Sergeant HARVEY M. WILLIAMSON, 14 198 961, Company F, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 7 March 1945. Entered military service from Norway, South Carolina.

Captain JOSEPH K. WRIGHT JR, O 373 718, Company K, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 19 February 1945. Home address: Camden, New Jersey.

Private First Class SALVATORE S. ZICHI, 36 861 360, Headquarters Company, 71st Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

II. 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 for meritorious service in action is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel MALCOLM B. ROBERTSON, O 388 023, (then Major) Headquarters, 44th Division Artillery, from 10 September 1944 to 17 November 1944. Home address: Madison, New Jersey.

III. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS: So much of General Orders Number 19, this Headquarters, dated 11 February 1945, awarding Bronze Star Medals to officers and enlisted men, as pertains to Private First Class KURT P. LEYSER, 35 063 129, Company A, 119th Medical Battalion, is rescinded.

By command of Brigadier General DEAN:

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION

GENERAL ORDERS }
NUMBER 49 }

ORIGINAL ORDER - 136

AFD 44, U. S. ARMY,
18 March 1945.

- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS.
- II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- III. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

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 for meritorious achievement in action in eastern France is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted man:

Technical Sergeant SHIRLEY G. COX JR, 32 012 605, Company E, 71st Infantry, on 1 January 1945. Next of kin: Mrs. Katherine Cox Jr, (Wife) 44 Barnt Avenue, Trenton, 10, New Jersey.

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 for meritorious achievement in action in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant ROBERT W. BARTLEY, 01 998 079, Company B, 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, on 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Lisbon, North Dakota.

Second Lieutenant WALTER A. BINSZ, 02 010 576, (then Staff Sergeant) Company C, 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, on 18 February 1945. Entered military service from Michigan City, Indiana.

Private First Class FRED J. JOBERT, 35 768 948, Antitank Company, 71st Infantry, on 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Corporal CANBY I. FORTNER, 35 696 773, Antitank Company, 71st Infantry, on 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Avoca, Indiana.

Corporal JOSEPH GARWOL, 32 028 082, (then Private First Class) Antitank Company, 71st Infantry, on 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

Staff Sergeant ERNEST HOLCZLAW JR, 35 092 391, Antitank Company, 71st Infantry, on 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Hammond, Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade EMMETT V. LANNEN, 36 322 054, Medical Detachment, 71st Infantry, on 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class CARMELO L. MENDOLA, 32 067 268, Antitank Company, 71st Infantry, on 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade RALPH B. SHOVE, 31 035 535, Antitank Company, 71st Infantry, on 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Readville, Massachusetts.

Corporal WILLIAM J. SZABLEWICZ, 32 222 998, Antitank Company, 71st Infantry, on 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Jamaica, Long Island, New York.

Private First Class PAUL H. WELTORTH, 37 508 936, Antitank Company, 71st Infantry, on 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Erie, Kansas.

III. 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 for meritorious achievement in action in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant CLIFFORD M. HOLMES, 01 824 319, Company B, 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, on 15 February 1945. Home address: Portland, Oregon.

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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 OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- V. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.
- VI. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS.

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 THOMAS A. FOLEY JR, 11 099 825, Company K, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 1 January 1945 in the vicinity of Bliesbruck, France. When his company had been halted by automatic-weapons fire, Private Foley crawled a distance of 75 yards under the intense fire to reach the hostile position. He opened fire on the enemy, killing two and capturing four others. On returning to his company he was mortally wounded by sniper fire. Private Foley's courageous action and devotion to duty merit the highest praise. Next of kin: Mr. T. A. Foley (Father), 1526 Tutaw Place, Baltimore, Maryland.

Private First Class ROBERT L. HUMMER, 35 547 477, Company E, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 2 December 1944 in the vicinity of Meckwiller, France. During the attack on this heavily defended town, Private Hummer and another soldier observed the enemy in a cemetery on the outskirts of the town. Private Hummer and his comrade crawled toward the hostile position, drawing rifle and machine-gun fire. Despite the fire, he continued until he reached an advantageous position from which he opened fire accounting for several of the enemy. He remained firing at the enemy until he was killed by a shell fragment. Private Hummer's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary M. Hummer (Mother), 129 Weiler Holmes, Toledo, 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 officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant JAMES J. BOYLE, 01 174 511, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action against the enemy in eastern France on 12 January 1945. During an advance by Company K, * * * Infantry, the company commander was wounded, leaving the company without any infantry officers. Lieutenant Boyle, an artillery forward observer attached to the company, unhesitatingly assumed command. Simultaneously, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack. Quickly appraising the situation, Lieutenant Boyle coolly and skillfully deployed his men against a numerically superior force. He moved about his men encouraging and directing their fire. At the same time he continued directing effective artillery fire and was able to withdraw the company to its former position. Lieutenant Boyle's initiative and courage are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Home address: Badford, Oregon.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES S. DOELL, 32 019 181, Company F, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 1 January 1945 near Bliesbruck, France. When an enemy attack penetrated his company's positions to his front, forcing back a rifle platoon, a dangerous gap was created in our lines. Sergeant Doell, a 60 mm mortar section leader, deployed his men as riflemen in front of their position. Then, moving about the area under fire, he so encouraged and directed his men that they effectively repulsed the hostile attack on his section which followed and prevented a further penetration. Sergeant Doell's courageous leadership is worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: (Continued)

Private First Class OSCAR W. GREEN, 35 738 415, Company K, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 15 February 1945 in the vicinity of Rimling, France. While an outpost of Company K, * * * Infantry, was digging in, it was subjected to automatic fire from its right flank, preventing the men from completing their work. Private Green, realizing the danger involved, moved 75 yards toward the position of the hostile fire when he was hit in the back. Despite his injury, he continued firing at the enemy, accounting for at least two. Running out of ammunition, he returned for more and again moved toward the enemy machine gun, this time killing another German and forcing the others to withdraw. Private Green's daring and courageous action is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Waynesburg, Kentucky.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN KNAP, 36 500 752, Company E, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 15 February 1945 in the vicinity of Brandelfingenhoff Farm, France. When the advance of his company was halted by automatic fire during the attack on this Farm, Technician Knap, despite the heavy fire, maneuvered alone to a position from which he destroyed the machine-gun nest. Technician Knap's courageous action enabled his company to continue the advance and is worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant R. B. LAWRENCE, 34 723 777, Company H, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 2 December 1944 in the vicinity of Mackwiller, France. During the attack on this heavily defended town, Sergeant Lawrence and another soldier observed the enemy in a cemetery on the outskirts of the town. Sergeant Lawrence and his comrade crawled toward the hostile position drawing rifle and machine-gun fire. Despite the fire, he continued until he reached an advantageous position from which he opened fire accounting for several of the enemy. Sergeant Lawrence's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Henry, Tennessee.

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:

First Lieutenant ADLER H. BRATLAND, O1 683 434, Company B, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944 in the vicinity of Waldhambach, France. When a high velocity enemy weapon was firing very effective interdiction fire on the main supply route for two battalions, Lieutenant Bratland reconnoitered the immediate area under fire for a position from which one of his destroyers could engage the enemy. While doing so, an enemy shell exploded in his immediate vicinity, showering him with dirt and gravel, but Lieutenant Bratland continued on his mission until he had selected a spot from which a destroyer was able to engage and silence the enemy gun. Lieutenant Bratland's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of high praise. Home address: Woms, North Dakota.

Sergeant PAUL D. HOEFLING, 19 119 792, (then Private First Class) Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement against the enemy in the vicinity of Obergailbach, France, on 31 December 1944. During the attack on Company D, * * * Infantry, by the enemy, Sergeant Hoefling observed a number of the enemy attempting to outflank his machine gun. Leaving the machine gun in the hands of his squad, he secured a rifle and some grenades and moved out under fire to drive the enemy off. He continued his advance firing his rifle and heaving grenades, forcing the enemy to withdraw, leaving behind several casualties. Sergeant Hoefling's daring action is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND M. JANKOWSKI, 53 050 745, Medical Detachment, * * * AAA (AW) Battalion. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 23 February 1945. When two aid men attempting to rescue a badly injured soldier had to seek cover from artillery and mortar fire, Technician Jankowski and two companions, realizing the need for moving the casualty to safety, went to his aid. While attempting to place the injured man in a vehicle, the three men were knocked to the ground by concussion and were forced to seek cover. Technician Jankowski's devotion to duty is worthy of high praise. Entered military service from

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III. AWARD OF THE IRON STAR MEDAL (Continued)

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Technical Sergeant ANGELO LA ROSA, 32 025 660, (then Staff Sergeant) Company E, * * * Infantry, For heroic service in action on 1 January 1945 in the vicinity of Moronville Farm, France. During the attack by the enemy on this farm, wire communications to a forward observation post were severed by artillery fire. Sergeant La Rosa, a squad leader, realizing the need for communications, moved out under intense enemy automatic fire and repaired the break. Then he proceeded to the observation post from where he directed effective fire on the enemy, forcing them to withdraw. Sergeant La Rosa's heroic action is worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Paterson, New Jersey.

Private First Class LYLE E. MOORE, 36 736 803, Company F, * * * Infantry, For heroic achievement in action on 15 February 1945 in the vicinity of Bellevue Farms, France. Private Moore, a rifle scout, on seeing a wounded comrade in an exposed position in an enemy minefield, crawled 50 yards to aid him. Although the minefield was under hostile fire and a bullet had penetrated through his jacket, he continued dragging the wounded man to safety. Private Moore's courageous action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Flora, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE B. OLIVER, 33 261 608, Battery D, * * * AAA (AW) Battalion. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 23 February 1945. When two aid men attempting to rescue a badly injured soldier had to seek cover from artillery and mortar fire, Technician Oliver and two companions, realizing the need for moving the casualty to safety, went to his aid. While attempting to place the injured man in a vehicle, the three men were knocked to the ground by concussion and were forced to seek cover two other times before evacuating the casualty. Technician Oliver's devotion to duty at great risk is worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class GUY D. REED, 18 152 032, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry, For heroic service in action on 12 December 1944 in the vicinity of Holbach, France. When he discovered that two seriously wounded soldiers lay in an enemy minefield, Private Reed, an aid man, moved into the uncleared minefield to treat the injured men. Although artillery fire fell on the minefield, Private Reed continued treating the casualties and later effected their evacuation. Private Reed's courageous action is worthy of high praise. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Technician Fifth Grade ARTHUR R. ST PETER, 11 015 144, Battery D, * * * AAA (AW) Battalion. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 23 February 1945. When two aid men attempting to rescue a badly injured soldier had to seek cover from artillery and mortar fire, Technician St Peter and two companions, realizing the need for moving the casualty, went to his aid. While attempting to place the injured man in a vehicle, the three men were knocked to the ground by concussion and were forced to seek cover two other times before evacuating the casualty. Technician St Peter's devotion to duty at great risk is worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Southwick, Maine.

Private First Class GEORGE E. STEWART JR, 19 087 635; Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in eastern France on 22 February 1945. Private Stewart, a rifleman, was overrun by a strong hostile force. He was captured and taken to a forward artillery observation post. Private Stewart, a rifleman, picked up a rifle from a fallen infantryman. Private Stewart's quick thinking and decisive action in repelling the attack is worthy of high praise. Entered military service from

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Private First Class WARD L. BRANTLEY, 3/3 544 397, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 February 1945 in the vicinity of Bettviller, France. When he learned that a platoon commander had been seriously injured, Private Brantley, an aid man, ran 200 yards through intense automatic fire to render aid. Although the firing continued, Private Brantley remained treating the injured soldier and later effected his evacuation. Private Brantley's courageous action merits high praise. Entered military service from Huntsville, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade RICHARD C. DRAKE 16 114 672, (then Private First Class) Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France. During the attack northeast of Diemeringer Company F, * * * Infantry, suffered many casualties. Technician Drake, a medic, moved out despite heavy enemy small-arms and artillery fire to treat the casualties. Although mortar and artillery shells fell dangerously close to him on several occasions, he continued his work until all of the wounded were cared for. Technician Drake's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

V. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL: 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 over eastern France is awarded to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant ALLISON L. KOLBE, O 366 798, Hq Btry, * * * Field Artiller Battalion, from 9 January 1945 to 5 March 1945. Home address: Birmingham, Ala.

VI. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS: So much of Section III, General Orders 21, this Headquarters, dated 13 February 1945, awarding Bronze Star Medals to officers and enlisted men, as pertains to Staff Sergeant CHARLES S. DOELL, 32 019 161, Company F, * * * Infantry, is rescinded.

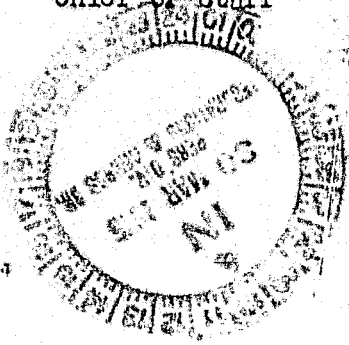
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ORIGINAL ORDER *in file*

- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- II. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL.

I. 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 for meritorious service in action in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class THOMAS E. BEAVERS, 15 326 277, 44th Signal Company, from 18 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

WOJG DANIEL F. DI BITETTO, W2 122 993, 44th Signal Company, from 15 September 1944 to 31 January 1945. Home address: Rochester, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade HARVEY L. FREDERICK, 37 499 914, 44th Signal Company, from 18 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade RICHARD W. GRUDZIELANEK, 36 298 201, 44th Signal Company, from 25 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class CARL J. HARSHAW, 37 602 971, 44th Signal Company, from 18 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from De Soto, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant FRANK T. LOSBACK, 32 877 739, IPW Team 67, from 15 November 1944 to 24 February 1945. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Technician Third Grade JOHN A. ROLLINS, 33 096 615, 44th Signal Company, from 18 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Portsmouth, Virginia.

Corporal ALOYSIUS F. SCHROEDER, 36 211 456, Battery C, 693d Field Artillery Battalion, from 1 August 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Cuba City, Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade SOL WALFISH, 12 123 722, 44th Signal Company, from 25 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

II. 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 second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded to the following-named officer:

Second Lieutenant ROY A. BRYAN, O1 999 310, Headquarters Battery, 22nd Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 January 1945 to 2 March 1945. Home address: Pueblo, Colorado.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL DEAN:

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- I. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR.
- II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- III. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

I. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Corporal ROBERT H. IDSARDI, 38 129 002, Battery E, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Remoncourt, France, on 13 November 1944. Realizing the importance of an artillery radio abandoned during a withdrawal under extremely heavy mortar and automatic-weapons fire, Corporal Idsardi fearlessly returned to the area from which all others had withdrawn and retrieved the radio. After returning, he learned that an infantry sergeant, who had been carrying operational maps and codes, had been killed in the area from which he had just returned. Again he went forward under fire, located the dead sergeant, and returned with the maps, thus preventing our plans from falling into enemy hands. Corporal Idsardi's outstanding heroism is worthy of the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

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 officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class EMERICO ACETO, 35 603 050, (then Private) Company C, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action in eastern France from 8 to 10 December 1944. For a period of three days Private Aceto evacuated casualties in an ambulance over a route which was being shelled regularly by enemy mortars and artillery and which was under direct enemy observation from a nearby hill. Although the body of his ambulance was struck several times by shell fragments, Private Aceto completed numerous trips without the loss of a patient or a vehicle. Private Aceto's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

Private First Class EUGENE E. BAILEY, 35 724 749, (then Private) Company C, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action in eastern France from 8 to 10 December 1944. For a period of three days Private Bailey evacuated casualties in an ambulance over a route which was being shelled regularly by enemy mortars and artillery and which was under direct enemy observation from a nearby hill. Although the body of his ambulance was struck several times by shell fragments, Private Bailey completed numerous trips without the loss of a patient or a vehicle. Private Bailey's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Terre Haute, Indiana.

Private First Class ERTIN F. JUNGE, 36 437 978, Company C, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action in eastern France from 8 to 10 December 1944. For a period of three days Private Junge evacuated casualties in an ambulance over a route which was being shelled regularly by enemy mortars and artillery and which was under direct enemy observation from a nearby hill. Although the body of his ambulance was struck several times by shell fragments, Private Junge completed numerous trips without the loss of a patient or a vehicle. Private Junge's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Baldwin, Illinois.

Private First Class LOUIS V. KELLEY, 35 696 509, Company C, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action in eastern France from 8 to 10 December 1944. For a period of three days Private Kelley evacuated casualties in an ambulance over a route which was being shelled regularly by enemy mortars and artillery and which was under direct enemy observation from a nearby hill. Although the body of his ambulance was struck several times by shell fragments, Private

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Kelley completed numerous trips without the loss of a patient or a vehicle. Private Kelley's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

Second Lieutenant JACK LEVY, O 925 851, IPV Team # 124. For meritorious service in action in eastern France from 15 November 1944 to 24 February 1945. Home address: New York, N.Y.

Private First Class ROBERT D. METZ, 55 091 568, (then Private) Company C, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action in eastern France from 8 to 10 December 1944. For a period of three days Private Metz evacuated casualties in an ambulance over a route which was being shelled regularly by enemy mortars and artillery and which was under direct enemy observation from a nearby hill. Although the body of his ambulance was struck several times by shell fragments, Private Metz completed numerous trips without the loss of a patient or a vehicle. Private Metz' courage and devotion to duty are worthy of the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Portland, Indiana.

Private FRANK P. PALIKI, 31 284 262, Medical Detachment, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in action in eastern France on 14 January 1945. Entered military service from Ludlow, Massachusetts.

Private First Class WILLIAM C. SKAGGS, 36 441 285, (then Private) Company C, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action in eastern France from 8 to 10 December 1944. For a period of three days Private Skaggs evacuated casualties in an ambulance over a route which was being shelled regularly by enemy mortars and artillery and which was under direct enemy observation from a nearby hill. Although the body of his ambulance was struck several times by shell fragments, Private Skaggs completed numerous trips without the loss of a patient or a vehicle. Private Skaggs' courage and devotion to duty are worthy of the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Chatham, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH TEITLBAUM, 32 013 058, Co C, * * * 100d Ba. For heroic service in action in eastern France from 8 to 10 December 1944. For a period of three days Technician Teitlebaum evacuated casualties in an ambulance over a route which was being shelled regularly by enemy mortars and artillery and which was under direct enemy observation from a nearby hill. Although the body of his ambulance was struck several times by shell fragments, Technician Teitlebaum completed numerous trips without the loss of a patient or a vehicle. Technician Teitlebaum's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class DELBERT TENNYSON, 35 628 951, Company C, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action in eastern France from 8 to 10 December 1944. For a period of three days Private Tennyson evacuated casualties in an ambulance over a route which was being shelled regularly by enemy mortars and artillery and which was under direct enemy observation from a nearby hill. Although the body of his ambulance was struck several times by shell fragments, Private Tennyson completed numerous trips without the loss of a patient or a vehicle. Private Tennyson's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Waldo, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade CALVIN H. TOPLIFF, 35 628 908, Company C, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action in eastern France from 8 to 10 December 1944. For a period of three days Technician Topliff evacuated casualties in an ambulance over a route which was being shelled regularly by enemy mortars and artillery and which was under direct enemy observation from a nearby hill. Although the body of his ambulance was struck several times by shell fragments, Technician Topliff completed numerous trips without the loss of a patient or a vehicle. Technician Topliff's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from LaRue, Ohio.

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Private First Class IRVIN L. WARD, 35 546 796, Company C, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action in eastern France from 8 to 10 December 1944. For a period of three days Private Ward evacuated casualties in an ambulance over a route which was being shelled regularly by enemy mortars and artillery and which was under direct enemy observation from a nearby hill. Although the body of his ambulance was struck several times by shell fragments, Private Ward completed numerous trips without the loss of a patient or a vehicle. Private Ward's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Leipsic, Ohio.

III. 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 men:

Private First Class WILLIAM O. HOWARD, 35 546 498, Company C, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action in eastern France from 8 to 10 December 1944. For a period of three days Private Howard evacuated casualties in an ambulance over a route which was being shelled regularly by enemy mortars and artillery and which was under direct enemy observation from a nearby hill. Although the body of his ambulance was struck several times by shell fragments, Private Howard completed numerous trips without the loss of a patient or a vehicle. Private Howard's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

Sergeant WALLACE B. MILLER, 32 864 467, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action against the enemy on 22 December 1944 in the vicinity of Fraunberg, France. When his company had withdrawn during a counterattack, Sergeant Miller discovered that a radio had been abandoned during the withdrawal. Realizing the need for this equipment, Sergeant Miller moved out under hostile small-arms, mortar and artillery fire to retrieve the radio. He returned successfully despite the continuing fire. Sergeant Miller's devotion to duty and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Rockville Center, New York.

Private First Class JOHN W. SHILL, 35 534 840, Company C, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action in eastern France from 8 to 10 December 1944. For a period of three days Private Shill evacuated casualties in an ambulance over a route which was being shelled regularly by enemy mortars and artillery and which was under direct enemy observation from a nearby hill. Although the body of his ambulance was struck several times by shell fragments, Private Shill completed numerous trips without the loss of a patient or a vehicle. Private Shill's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Mansfield, Ohio.

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ORIGINAL ORDER - 117

28 March 1945

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

I. 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

Sergeant LEONARDO R. DOMINGUEZ, 38 439 403, Company A, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Smeltertown, Texas.

Private First Class PHILIP A. MARTINO, 33 586 634, Company G, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOHN SAXON, 33 262 113, Company E, France, 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class WILLIAM E. WOODRUFF, 35 088 022, Company L, France, 8 March 1945. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Private JOSEPH E. BARTLETT, 39 577 566, Company E, France, 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Fillmore, California.

114th Infantry

Private First Class OSCAR E. HAROLD, 34 706 768, Company I, France, 11 March 1945. Entered military service from Brewton, Alabama.

324th Infantry

Second Lieutenant AUGUST A. W. MERKER, C2 000 781, Company K, France, 22 January 1945. Home address: Piscataway, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH J. DEMBKOWSKI, 20 225 695, Company K, France, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Manville, New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade JAMES E. MC KIMM, 32 163 589, Medical Detachment, France, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Port Richmond, New York.

Private First Class PAUL FALB, 35 916 528, Medical Detachment, France, 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Dalton, Ohio.

Private First Class W. F. ZILMERMAN, 38 389 370, Company M, France, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Winnfield, Louisiana.

II. 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

Staff Sergeant WALTER A. HENRY, 11 080 252, Company C, France, 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Chester, Vermont.

Staff Sergeant LUTHER G. OTT, 38 416 890, Company F, France, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Cleveland, Texas.

Staff Sergeant ALBERT H. RUMEL, 36 174 413, Company D, France, 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Saginaw, Michigan.

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II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (Continued)

71st Infantry

Sergeant GERALD A. FAHR, 37 740 302, Company I, France, 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Leoti, Kansas.

Sergeant HOWARD C. PARKE, 19 135 804, Company M, France; 26 November 1944. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Technician Fourth Grade SHERMAN CARPER, 34 148 280, Company E, France, 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Limestone, Tennessee.

Technician Fourth Grade ARISTIDES RIVERA, 32 013 203, Medical Detachment, France, 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Corporal CLYDE R. COFFEY, 38 439 213, Company D, France, 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Kilgore, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANCIS J. COURTIEN, 32 171 326, Company C, France, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade MILLER C. FOSTER JR, 14 200 491, Medical Detachment France, 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade EMMETT V. LANNEN, 36 322 054, Medical Detachment, France, 2 March 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class EUGENE R. BRAVIERI, 16 170 892, Company I, France, 11 December 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class TRUMAN G. BROOKE, 37 575 595, Company B, France, 9 March 1945. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private First Class FAY E. CHAPMAN, 36 902 669, Company D, France, 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Baylis, Illinois.

Private First Class FRANK J. FERRAIOLI, 42 130 149, Company G, France, 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class RALPH W. FRANTZ, 33 937 219, Company I, France, 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ROBERT W. MYERS, 33 559 486, Company F, France, 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Private First Class ROBERT H. RISCH, 36 806 638, Company D, France, 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Private First Class RALPH E. RUDOLPH, 36 206 363, Company A, France, 7 March 1945. Entered military service from West Bend, Wisconsin.

Private First Class JESSE A. SAMPLES JR, 6 991 824, Company C, France, 13 December 1944. Entered military service from Bickmore, West Virginia.

Private First Class THOMAS W. TOBAT, 33 066 841, Company D, France, 13 March 1945. Entered military service from East New Market, Maryland.

Private RANDOLPH W. OLIVER, 11 027 784, Company E, France, 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Skowhegan, Maine.

114th Infantry

Private First Class DONALD P. PFENN, 36 643 129, Company L, France, 16 March 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private JOHN R. STAFLETON, 42 098 332, Company L, France, 16 March 1945. Entered military service from Solvay, New York.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (Continued)

324th Infantry

Captain SHEARWOOD G. COGHILL, O 452 034, Company C, France, 5 December 1944. Home address: Mc Alester, Oklahoma.

~~Technical Sergeant LAURITS P. MATHIASSEN, 20 225 476, Company E, France, 24 October 1944. Entered military service from Metuchen, New Jersey.~~

Staff Sergeant JOHN R. HEYER, 16 068 363, Company E, France, 8 March 1945. Entered military service from Dixon, Illinois.

Sergeant DAVID L. COLEMAN, 35 628 993, Company K, France, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Germantown, Ohio.

Sergeant LESTER D. JOHNSON, 38 446 330, Company K, France, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Ingalls, Arkansas.

Private First Class GEORGE A. ALTMAN, 36 806 766, Company I, France, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Private First Class HARRY W. BEYER, 32 065 334, Company M, France, 3 February 1945. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

Private First Class FLEATIS GIVENS, 35 535 261, Company M, France, 9 March 1945. Entered military service from Mansfield, Ohio.

Private First Class FLORENZ MARCHIANDO, 36 055 877, Company E, France, 8 December 1944. Entered military service from Collinsville, Illinois.

Private First Class SHERLEY T. MC GOFF, 35 696 499, Company A, France, 20 November 1944. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

Private First Class CHARLES R. NORDIN, 37 481 266, Headquarters First Battalion, France, 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska.

Private First Class JAMES A. TOWNSEND, 37 104 081, Company C, France, 3 December 1944. Entered military service from Bentonville, Arkansas.

Private First Class MANUEL F. VELASCO JR, 32 012 861, Company K, France, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Hicksville, New York.

Private First Class GARNET VINSON, 35 651 784, Headquarters Third Battalion, France, 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Williamson, West Virginia.

Private First Class W. F. ZIMMERMAN, 38 389 370, Company M, France, 26 December 1944. Entered military service from Winnfield, Louisiana.

Private First Class RAYMOND J. ZOLL, 37 439 756, Company I, France, 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Waukon, Iowa.

Private CICERO BROWN, 36 910 496, Company M, France, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

156th Field Artillery Battalion

First Lieutenant VIRGIL A. SCHWARTZ, O1 180 840, Battery C, France, 16 March 1945. Home address: Tacoma, Washington.

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Private First Class ALEXANDER GUZIK, 36 590 087, Battery A, France, 18 March 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

217th Field Artillery Battalion

Corporal ROBERT P. ROSE, 20 237 074, Battery C, Germany, 16 March 1945. Entered military service from Vineland, New Jersey.

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II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (Continued)

63d Engineer Combat Battalion

Private First Class ERNEST RATLIFF, 35 787 780, Company B, France, 15 January 1945. Entered military service from Middletown, Ohio.

44th Military Police Platoon

Private First Class JOHN S. LAYNER, 36 042 671, France, 4 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

OK } III. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS: 1. ✓ So much of Section III, General Orders Number 20, this Headquarters, 12 February 1945, awarding Purple Heart to officers and enlisted men, as pertains to Second Lieutenant AUGUST A. W. MERKER, 02 000 781, Company K, 324th Infantry is rescinded.

OK } 2. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 35, this Headquarters, 4 March 1945, awarding Purple Heart to officers and enlisted men, as pertains to Private LEONARDO R. DOMINGUEZ, 38 439 403, Company A, 71st Infantry, is rescinded.

OK } 3. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 35, this Headquarters, 4 March 1945, awarding Purple Heart to officers and enlisted men, as reads, "Staff Sergeant JOHN A. FETSO, 33 437 793, Company H, 324th Infantry", is amended to read, "Staff Sergeant JOHN A. FETSKO."

OK } 4. ✓ So much of Section I, General Orders Number 30, this Headquarters, 23 February 1945, awarding Purple Heart (Oak-Leaf Cluster) to officers and enlisted men, as pertains to Private First Class RUSSELL G. SCHNEIDER, 36 573 967, 44th Reconnaissance Troop, is rescinded.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

I. 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 for meritorious service in action in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Sergeant GORDON A. AARBO, 37 473 869, Company M, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 18 February 1945. Entered military service from Colton, South Dakota.

Private First Class PERRY F. ABBIATTI, 37 197 548, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Miller, Missouri.

Private First Class MILTON ALLEN, 33 623 449, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 324th Infantry, from 1 February 1945 to 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Norristown, Pennsylvania.

First Sergeant CHRISTOPHER F. ALLRED, 38 002 994, Headquarters Battery, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 24 October 1944 to 15 December 1944. Entered military service from Stafford, Arizona.

Private First Class WILLIAM J. AMANN, 33 438 078, Company K, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 11 March 1945. Entered military service from Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Major RUSSELL T. BULL, O 315 690, Headquarters, 114th Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 19 March 1945. Entered military service from San Fernando, California.

First Sergeant THOMAS W. CAREY, 20 227 972, Company E, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Technical Sergeant JOHN J. CESERANO, 32 002 267, Antitank Company, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from The Bronx, New York.

Private First Class BILLY W. CLICK, 38 474 443, Company K, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Kilgore, Texas.

Private First Class CLETUS C. CORBIN, 35 546 879, Company K, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from Wharton, Ohio.

Sergeant LEON F. DECORTIS JR, 39 376 947, Company B, 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 19 December 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

Technical Sergeant ALEXANDER A. DE MARCO, 32 018 864, Company E, 324th Infantry, from 10 December 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Technical Sergeant ANTHONY G. DE MARTINO, 32 013 155, Company D, 71st Infantry, from 1 November 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

First Sergeant QUERINO L. DI GIAMPAOLO, 20 225 608, Company K, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 11 March 1945. Entered military service from Bound Brook, New Jersey.

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Technician Fourth Grade RALPH E. BRWIN, 35 693 686, Company C, 749th Tank Battalion, from 3 July 1944 to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Mitchell, Indiana.

First Lieutenant NORMAN A. FROMLICH, O1 323 418, Company M, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 26 February 1945. Home address: University City, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant JOHN E. HECHT, 32 002 382, Antitank Company, 324th Infantry, from 31 October 1944 to 5 March 1945. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Private First Class ELTON B. HEFT, 16 153 450, Company K, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Mount Pulaski, Illinois.

Captain VERNON F. HOVEY JR, O 349 103, Reconnaissance Company, 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 22 November 1944 to 11 March 1945. Home address: Schenectady, New York.

Sergeant LESTER D. JOHNSON, 38 446 380, Company K, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Ingalls, Arkansas.

Sergeant FLOYD W. LAIRD, 38 445 702, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from Black Rock, Arkansas.

First Lieutenant ALBERT J. LANGE, O1 307 428, Company M, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 8 March 1945. Home address: Sandstone, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant WARREN G. LAYTON, 20 226 170, Service Company, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Woodbury, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant STEVE LIPKA, 35 535 279, Company B, 324th Infantry, from 28 November 1944 to 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Campbell, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant FIRMAN H. LLOYD, 20 226 245, Company L, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 11 March 1945. Entered military service from Salem, New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade IRVING LOEW, 20 227 276, Medical Detachment, 324th Infantry, from 2 December 1944 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Captain LON D. MARLOWE JR, O 335 982, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 12 March 1945. Home address: Los Angeles, California.

Major FRED MC COLLUM JR, O 284 525, Headquarters, 114th Infantry, from 19 October 1944 to 19 March 1945. Entered military service from Flora, Illinois.

First Lieutenant ALBERT MERAN, O1 307 051, Company C, 324th Infantry, from 14 November 1944 to 17 November 1944. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES P. O'BRIEN, 20 229 440, Company K, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Wantonch, Long Island, N. Y.

Private First Class LOREN W. PARTNEY, 37 602 967, Medical Detachment, 71st Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 23 January 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class LUIS RABINOWITZ, 32 095 213, Company M, 324th Infantry, from 14 October 1944 to 6 February 1945. Entered military service from The Bronx, New York.

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

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Private First Class ANTHONY J. RAKAS, 33 437 248, Medical Detachment, 71st Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant ALPHONSE P. RAZOWSKI, 32 056 315, Company K, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 3 March 1945. Entered military service from Tenafly, New Jersey.

Master Sergeant DAVID S. ROBINSON, 17 015 409, Service Company, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 10 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Captain HARRY B. ROSENTHAL, 01 165 780, 217th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 16 March 1945. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

Technical Sergeant ERVESE B. ROJNDCOUNT, 36 442 503, Company B, 324th Infantry, from 8 November 1944 to 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Kildee, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES L. RUSSELL, 35 597 561, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

First Lieutenant HERBERT O. SHAW, 01 308 009, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Callaway, Nebraska.

Second Lieutenant ALVIN J. SIKORSKI, 02 000 741, Company B, 324th Infantry, from 15 November 1944 to 15 March 1945. Home address: Houston, Texas.

Private First Class FRANK E. STAAL, 32 056 349, Company K, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 19 February 1945. Entered military service from Lodi, New Jersey.

Captain JAMES L. THOMPSON, 01 168 946, 217th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 16 March 1945. Home address: Christenburg, Virginia.

Technical Sergeant RICHARD S. TINKEY, 33 430 042, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant LLOYD D. TURNER, 38 432 591, Company B, 324th Infantry, from 20 November 1944 to 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Turnersville, Texas.

Staff Sergeant FRANK J. WINE, 36 322 958, Company H, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

II. 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 for meritorious service in action in France is awarded to the following-named officer:

Second Lieutenant NOEL C. FROST, 01 998 100, (then Staff Sergeant) Company C, 749th Tank Battalion, from 3 July 1944 to 13 January 1945. Home address: Louisville, Kentucky.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL DEAN:

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ORIGINAL ORDER -

- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS.
- II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- III. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

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:

Sergeant WILLIAM E. VAIL, 33 573 605, Company H, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on the night of 3 December 1944. When it became necessary during the attack on Waldhambach, France, that a machine-gun section, with which contact was lost, be warned of the presence of enemy within the city, Sergeant Vail undertook and accomplished this difficult and hazardous mission. Sergeant Vail's courage and resourcefulness saved the section from certain ambush and are worthy of high praise. Next of kin: Mrs. Susan Vail, (Mother), Philipsburg, Pennsylvania.

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:

Second Lieutenant JOSEPH J. BALCIUS, 02 006 318, (then Technical Sergeant) Company C, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action in eastern France on 4 January 1945. During the attack on Frausberg, Lieutenant Balcius led a combat patrol supported by a tank against a strongly-held enemy house in the town. Lieutenant Balcius' leadership and courage under fire resulted in the capture of the house and many prisoners and reflect great credit on Lieutenant Balcius and the Armed Forces. Home address: Metuchen, New Jersey.

Private First Class JAMES M. BRADBURY, 35 546 684, Company M, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 5 December 1944. When our troops were temporarily halted by an enemy force armed with automatic weapons and supported by a Mark V tank firing at a range of 150 yards, Private Bradbury's squad was given the mission of neutralizing this fire while another force out-flanked the enemy. Under artillery, automatic and tank fire, which forced the squad to displace its weapon several times, Private Bradbury and his comrades effectively neutralized the hostile fire, forcing the tank to withdraw for lack of infantry support, and allowing our troops to continue with the attack. Private Bradbury's aggressive fighting spirit and devotion to duty merit great praise. Entered military service from Beardtown, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant JOHN J. CELESIA, 32 887 201, Company B, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 1 January 1945. During his company's attack through Bliesbruck Woods, Sergeant Celasia set his BAR team in position on the right flank of his squad and laid down a base of fire with the other men, thus forcing the Germans to maneuver into the field of fire of the BAR and inflicting serious casualties on the enemy. Then, knowing there were more Germans in the foxholes, Sergeant Celasia moved forward calling to them in German to surrender. As a result of Sergeant Celasia's skillful leadership and cool courage, his squad captured five prisoners and advanced to their objective without delay. Entered military service from Goronia, New York.

Staff Sergeant GLENN A. CLARK, 37 549 814, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 February 1945 in eastern France. When Company L was given the task of clearing the Bucher Busch Woods, Sergeant Clark led two advanced squads of riflemen in the attack. After proceeding a short distance, Sergeant Clark encountered an enemy machine gun which killed one of his men and halted the company. Acting promptly and decisively, Sergeant Clark hurled three hand grenades into the enemy position, destroying it completely. Sergeant Clark's heroic action enabled his company to storm and capture its objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

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II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

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Captain LOUIS CULLICK, O 438 732, (then First Lieutenant) Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry, For meritorious service in action in eastern France from 8 December 1944 to 18 March 1945. Home address: Shreveport, Louisiana.

Private First Class FRANK GYZZEWSKI, 42 100 363, Company M, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 5 December 1944. When our troops were temporarily halted by an enemy force armed with automatic weapons and supported by a Mark V tank firing at a range of 150 yards, Private Gyzzewski's squad was given the mission of neutralizing this fire while another force outflanked the enemy. Under artillery, automatic and tank fire, which forced the squad to displace its weapon several times, Private Gyzzewski and his comrades effectively neutralized the hostile fire, forcing the tank to withdraw for lack of infantry support, and allowing our troops to continue with the attack. Private Gyzzewski's aggressive fighting spirit and devotion to duty merit great praise. Entered military service from Whitehouse, New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade PASQUALE R. DE RUVO, 20 227 622, Company B, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 1 January 1945. In the face of a heavy enemy attack, Technician De Ruvo drove a load of vitally needed ammunition through a hail of enemy automatic and artillery fire and prevented the ammunition from falling into enemy hands. Technician De Ruvo's deed, at the risk of his life, is worthy of the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from The Bronx, New York.

Corporal MICHAEL J. DI GIOIA, 33 074 486, (then Private) Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 11 December 1945. When five Tiger Royal tanks brought fire on positions of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, a direct hit struck a nearby Tank Destroyer sending it up in flames. The exploding shells of the burning destroyer and the repeated enemy fire in the vicinity seriously endangered an antitank position ten yards away and caused its crew to disperse to safety. At this crucial time, Corporal Di Gioia, gunner, recalled his men to their position and, under enemy fire, directed the removal of the gun to an alternate position from which they could continue their fire on the enemy. Corporal Di Gioia's courageous leadership, presence of mind, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and our Armed Forces. Entered military service from Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class HAROLD A. ECKBERG, 36 442 550, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action on 11 March 1945 in eastern France. When his patrol leader was wounded in a fire-fight deep in enemy territory, Private Eckberg, though only 20 yards away from an enemy position, moved to his assistance and helped carry him a distance of over a mile to our lines. Private Eckberg's courageous and unselfish action is in keeping with the finest traditions of our fighting men. Entered military service from Wyanet, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH W. FITZGERALD, 31 306 113, Company K, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1945 in the vicinity of Erching, France. While leading a combat patrol with the mission of destroying an enemy outpost, Sergeant Fitzgerald observed an enemy patrol moving in his direction. He quickly dispersed his men and organized them as an ambush party. Allowing the hostile party to approach to within 20 yards of his position, he opened fire killing one, wounding another, and capturing the remainder, after one of the enemy had escaped. Then under hostile fire, which was caused by the fire-fight, Sergeant Fitzgerald led his patrol back to friendly lines without a casualty. Sergeant Fitzgerald's alert and aggressive leadership merits high praise. Entered military service from Quincy, Massachusetts.

Sergeant JAMES K. HASTINGS, 32 863 175, (then Private First Class) Company H, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France. On 10 January 1945 Sergeant Hastings and two comrades were manning an outpost 350 yards in front of their Battalion's defensive positions, supported by another outpost on the right. During the night, without knowing that the enemy had surrounded the other outpost and had occupied it themselves, Sergeant Hastings went out to check on the formerly friendly position. Upon discovering what had happened, he crawled forward and took the Germans by surprise, killing one of them and capturing four others. Sergeant Hastings' cool courage, quick thinking and decisive action reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Jackson Heights, New York.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

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First Lieutenant ROBERT A. HEINRICH, OI 112 757, Company G, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 1 January 1945 and 15 February 1945. On 1 January 1945, while laying antipersonnel mines in the vicinity of Bliesterding, France, Lieutenant Heinrich remained alo to complete the minefield despite an enemy attack in his sector. On 15 February 1945, during the advance on Rimling, Lieutenant Heinrich's platoon was halted by an enemy minefield which was also covered by hostile small-arms fire. Despite the fire, he made three attempts to clear the field but had to withdraw. Later, he secured a tank, entered the field and successfully cleared the mines, thereby enabling his unit to continue the attack. Lieutenant Heinrich's courage and devotion to duty merit the highest praise. Home address: Live Oak, California.

Private First Class JOSEPH C. HERSHEY, 35 902 214, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in eastern France on 5 January 1945. When forward elements of Company K were subjected to heavy enemy shelling which severely wounded two men, Private Hershey left his foxhole while the shelling continued and moved to aid one of the casualties. After making this man as comfortable as possible, he ran to help another soldier drag the second man to safety. Private Hershey's courage and devotion to his fellow soldiers merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Logansport, Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade IRVIN HIPPEN, 36 321 850, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 28 October 1944 in the vicinity of Embermenil, France. When it appeared that the enemy had spotted the location of one of our antitank guns and were bracketing it with artillery fire, Technician Hippen moved his quarter-ton vehicle to the gun and, with the help of a comrade, attached it securely to his vehicle. Then, in spite of muddy tank tracks and shell holes, he succeeded in towing the heavy piece to a covered position. Technician Hippen's courage, daring, and devotion to duty are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from La Prairie, Illinois.

Corporal ROSCOE R. HUBER, 17 143 166, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action on 6 January 1945 near Woelfling, France. During heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire which inflicted many casualties, a shell partially buried a member of the attacking unit. Leaving his foxhole while the shelling continued, Corporal Huber made his way to the injured man and dug him out. When he saw the man was severely injured, he immediately applied first aid and safely evacuated the casualty. Corporal Huber's courageous action is worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Ellsworth, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM H. ISOM, 36 634 395, Company E, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 2 December 1944. While his company was in the attack, Sergeant Isom, on reconnaissance, discovered an enemy machine-gun nest which was holding up the advance of the company. He returned to his organization where he secured a rocket launcher. Then, in full view of the firing machine gun, he crawled to his chosen spot and fired two rounds from the rocket launcher, putting the machine gun out of action and enabling the company to advance without further delay. Sergeant Isom's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade LOUIS J. MACOLINO, 20 227 143, (then Private First Class) Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action on 13 December 1944 in the vicinity of Petit-Raderding, France. When Technician Macolino's wire team was laying an important communication line, an enemy shell fell nearby and flying fragments penetrated the drum of wire, breaking it in many places and necessitating splicing the wire every few yards. Technician Macolino ordered his team to seek cover and, aided by only one other man, he completed this slow operation as the enemy shelling of the area continued. Technician Macolino's courage, leadership and devotion to duty are worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Corona, Long Island, N. Y.

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II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

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Corporal WILLIAM W. NABOURS, 15 132 764, * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. For heroic achievement in action on 26 February 1945 in eastern France. Corporal Nabours was given the hazardous mission of infiltrating through enemy lines at night for a distance of about three miles. He was to remain concealed in enemy territory throughout the day and return the following night. After noting whatever enemy activity took place near his position the following morning, Corporal Nabours risked being discovered by circling a nearby woods and spending the remaining daylight hours in observing the terrain in all directions. He was then able to obtain extremely important information regarding enemy locations and movements. Corporal Nabours' courage, initiative, and aggressiveness reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Tucson, Arizona.

Private First Class JAMES G. RENFRO, 35 696 438, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in eastern France on 11 March 1945. After participating in a patrol action that succeeded in wiping out an enemy position, Private Renfro directed the evacuation of the patrol leader who was severely wounded by enemy machine-gun fire. Despite the enemy small-arms fire, the difficult terrain, and the seriousness of the injured man's wound, Private Renfro helped to carry him back safely to our lines. Private Renfro's courageous actions are worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

Private First Class HAROLD N. SAUTNER, 16 156 682, Company E, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in the vicinity of Moronville Farm, France, on 1 January 1945. When the enemy launched a powerful tank-infantry attack, Private Sautner noticed that a vital machine gun was not firing. Picking up his BAR and ammunition, he moved under intense enemy fire for forty yards to the location of the silenced machine gun and directed extremely effective fire upon the advancing enemy forces, killing 18 and wounding at least 5 of the enemy. Private Sautner's fearless action was instrumental in breaking up the enemy attack and reflects the greatest credit on himself and the Service. Entered military service from Marshfield, Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant JOYCE E. SHEALY, 01 310 375, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action near Freudenberg Farm, France, on 14 December 1944. In the face of heavy artillery and small-arms fire, Lieutenant Shealy personally led his platoon in the attack on Freudenberg Farm. His courageous leadership so inspired his men that they closed with the enemy and captured the Farm in spite of the fierce opposition which they encountered. Home address: Shreveport, Louisiana.

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Private First Class WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS, 38 664 035, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in eastern France on 5 January 1945. When forward elements of Company K were subjected to heavy enemy shelling which wounded his squad leader, Private Williams left his foxhole while the shelling continued and went to the aid of the wounded man, dragging him to a safe position with the aid of another soldier, Private Williams administered first aid and later evacuated him to an aid station. Private Williams' courage and devotion to his fellow soldiers merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Waldron, Arkansas.

Private First Class JOSEPH YOURELONIS, 33 849 696, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action on 10 January 1945. Private Yourelonis undertook to lay a communication line to an outpost 300 yards forward of his Battalion's defense positions, which were being subjected to intense artillery fire. After laying the wire and realizing the importance of maintaining constant communication between the outpost and the Battalion, Private Yourelonis, without further orders, dug a foxhole near the line and remained there for 12 hours, repeatedly crawling out to repair the line as enemy artillery fire time and again severed it. He continued to maintain the line, under hostile fire, until he was wounded. Private Yourelonis' courage and devotion to duty are worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class CHARLES E. ZAHL, 37 525 886, Company D, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action on 6 January 1945 near Woelfling, France. When he saw a shell hit near a foxhole and partially bury a fellow soldier, Private Zahl, despite the heavy shelling, left his own foxhole and moved to the aid of the injured man. After digging him out, Private Zahl applied first aid and safely evacuated his comrade. Private Zahl's courage and concern for the welfare of his fellow soldier are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Moberly, Missouri.

III. 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 officer and enlisted men:

Captain LLOYD W. ALLEN, O1 288 543, Company K, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 19 November 1944 in eastern France. When the leading platoon of his company was held up by heavy fire from strongly defended positions during an attack, Captain Allen moved forward and led a successful assault on the positions. Because there was a severe shortage of officers in his company, Captain Allen continued to personally lead and direct various elements of his command throughout the attack. Captain Allen's aggressive leadership and presence of mind under fire contributed materially toward the success of his Battalion's attack and reflect great credit on himself and the Service. Home address: Wilmington, North Carolina.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM H. ISOM, 36 634 595, Company E, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945 near Rimling, France. When a daylight combat patrol left without a radio, Sergeant Isom carried a radio through heavy enemy fire and delivered it to the patrol. Upon reaching the patrol, he made a quick estimate of the situation and returned through the enemy fire to a vantage point from where he directed mortar fire on the enemy. Sergeant Isom's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class CARL W. PAYNE, 35 749 344, Company C, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action on 11 December 1944 in the vicinity of Maierhoff, France. When a friendly tank destroyer received a direct hit during a heavy concentration of enemy mortar and tank fire, the ammunition it contained started to explode and the destroyer commander was seriously injured. Without waiting for the enemy fire to cease and disregarding the exploding ammunition, Private Payne and another aid man brought a litter up beside the destroyer and evacuated the wounded officer. This courageous action and devotion to duty reflect great credit on Private Payne and the Service. Entered military service from Elkins, West Virginia.

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 44, U. S. ArmyGENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 57

ORIGINAL ORDER #

1 April 1945
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- I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS.
- II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.
- III. 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:

Staff Sergeant JOHN BALKONIS, 36 321 369, Company M, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 14 January 1945 in eastern France, when an enemy machine-gun position was located in a house 800 yards away, Sergeant Balkonis manned a .50 caliber machine gun and opened fire on the enemy. Even when the Germans, in retaliation, concentrated mortar fire upon him, he refused to leave his gun. Sergeant Balkonis' gallant self-sacrifice is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Josephine Palchews (Mother), 1534 North Fairfield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Revised by Col. Amend by G.O. 177-26 June 45
*Sergeant EDMUND S. GAJEWSKI, 36 808 110, Company M, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 5 December 1944. During an attack, when his platoon's advance was halted by an enemy force armed with automatic weapons and supported by a Mark V tank, Sergeant Gajewski was given the mission of neutralizing the enemy fire while other troops outflanked the enemy. Although under mortar and artillery fire, and under direct observation from the enemy tank, Sergeant Gajewski reconnoitered for a position from which he could fire on the enemy automatic weapons. Despite pointblank fire from the tank, he continued firing on the hostile group and forced them to withdraw before he himself was killed by tank fire. Sergeant Gajewski's remarkable courage and devotion to duty enabled the attacking troops to advance to their objective and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Sally Gajewski (Mother), 1822 North Pulaski, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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 men:

Staff Sergeant ROY E. LEASURE, 35 602 358, Company H, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 1 March 1945 in the town of Rimling, France. When an enemy mortar and artillery shelling set on fire a trailer loaded with 81 mm mortar ammunition, Sergeant Leasure ran to the trailer under enemy observation and in the midst of the shelling, he fearlessly extinguished the flames. Sergeant Leasure's heroic action prevented the possible loss of life to men quartered nearby and saved valuable materiel. Entered military service from East Canton, Ohio.

Private First Class PETER F. MCARDLE, 32 351 763, (then Private) Battery D, * * * Antiaircraft Artillery (AA) Battalion. For gallantry in action near Boulouris, France, on 15 August 1944. When a Navy LST boat was about to make a landing, it was struck by a German glider bomb which set it on fire and forced all passengers, many of whom were wounded, to swim ashore. Completely disregarding the debris, shrapnel, and exploding shells that were erupting from the ship and spraying the entire area, Private McArdle remained in the water and towed numerous wounded ashore. Private McArdle's daring and unselfish devotion to his comrades in the face of extreme danger reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Second Lieutenant WOODIE N. REED JR, O1 177 602, Battery A, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 6 December 1944. During the assault on Montbronn, Company L was halted by enemy automatic weapons and self-propelled guns and was unable to proceed to its objective. At this critical time, Lieutenant Reed, artillery forward observer with the company, moved forward to a vantage point, heedless of the heavy hostile fire all about him, and directed effective artillery fire, inflicting heavy casualties and forcing the enemy to withdraw. Lieutenant Reed's initiative and intrepidity reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Home address: Amory, Mississippi.

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: (Continued)

GO 57, 1 Apr 44

Sergeant HENRY P. WALSKY, 32 110 772, Battery D, * * * Antiaircraft Artillery (AV) Battalion. For gallantry in action on 15 August 1944 near Boulouris, France. When a navy LST boat was coming in to shore during the establishment of a beach head, a German glider bomb set the ship on fire and caused gasoline and ammunition aboard to explode, inflicting many casualties among the troops on board. When Sergeant Walsky, who was ashore at this time, saw what had happened, he hurried toward the LST and, despite the exploding shells and falling debris, he swam out to the burning ship time after time, bringing in the wounded. Upon seeing that several of the men were floating out to sea, he made several desperate attempts to reach them, but because of the smoke from the burning ship, and the darkness, his efforts were of no avail. Sergeant Walsky's intrepidity, spirit of self-sacrifice, and devotion to his comrades reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from Mineola, New York.

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, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over eastern France is awarded to the following-named officers:

FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

First Lieutenant PITTS B. DICKENS, O1 183 271, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 December 1944 to 9 March 1945. Home address: Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM M. SYMON JR, O 538 201, Headquarters, * * * Division Artillery, from 19 November 1944 to 15 February 1945. Home address: Kansas City, Missouri.

THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

First Lieutenant ROBERT H. DEFOSSET, O1 177 765, Headquarters Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, from 29 January 1945 to 13 March 1945. Home address: San Luis Obispo, California.

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APO 44, U. S. Army

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6 April 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 61

ORIGINAL ORDER -

- 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 BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- V. AWARD OF 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:

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM J. LOOMIS, 35 546 670, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Embermenil, France, on 27 October 1944. When his Battalion Command Post was being subjected to intense mortar fire which blew out several wire lines, Technician Loomis started to move out to repair the breaks. Although warned by his commanding officer not to leave the protection of the Command Post, Technician Loomis, realizing the importance of repairing the lines, disregarded the warning and moved out in the midst of the shelling to repair the wires. Technician Loomis' heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary E. Loomis, (Mother), 406 East Oak Street, Butler, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH F. PANAMAS, 36 738 131, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 10 March 1945 in the vicinity of Guiderkirch, France. While on an important reconnaissance mission, Sergeant Panamas and another member of his patrol accidentally set off a trip flare within 15 yards of an enemy position. Realizing that he was discovered, Sergeant Panamas quickly opened fire on the enemy with a submachine gun and inflicted a number of casualties. He then moved closer and hurled a grenade into the hostile position, completely silencing it. At this time an enemy machine gun from another position nearby opened fire and mortally wounded Sergeant Panamas in the back. Sergeant Panamas' initiative and aggressive fighting spirit are worthy of the high traditions of our Armed Forces. Next of kin: Mrs. Frances Prytl, (Sister), 5628 South Sangamon Street, Chicago, 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 men:

Private First Class FRANK W. HINDLEY, 20 226 009, Company H, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 2 November 1944. While Private Hindley was sorting piles of ammunition at the Battalion Ammunition Depot, the enemy shelled the depot and set on fire several cases of hand grenades which began to blaze furiously. Although the shelling continued and the grenades as well as the other ammunition might have exploded at any moment, Private Hindley rushed to the blazing cases and beat out the flames. Private Hindley's courage and spirit of self-sacrifice prevented the destruction of the vital ammunition supply as well as safeguarding the lives of nearby soldiers. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade CARROLL H. JANICKE, 38 453 135, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 14 November 1944 in the vicinity of Embermenil, France. When an advance element ran into an enemy minefield and suffered six casualties, Technician Janicke accompanied three comrades into the minefield and, while the area was being subjected to intense mortar, machine-gun and small-arms fire, proceeded to aid the wounded. After he had treated three of the casualties, he was himself seriously wounded by an enemy mine. Technician Janicke's heroic self-sacrifice and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Odem, Texas.

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: (Continued)

First Lieutenant ROBERT G. STANLEY JR., 01 032 052, (then Second Lieutenant) * * * Cavalry, Reconnaissance Troop. For gallantry in action on 16 and 18 November 1944 in eastern France. On 16 November, when the lead vehicles of his platoon were halted by enemy automatic fire on the outskirts of a town, Lieutenant Stanley immediately dismounted from his armored car and proceeded on foot to the scene of the fire-fight. Though twice grazed by enemy bullets, he continued to direct his men and completed his mission of determining the extent of enemy forces defending the town. On 18 November, during a night move, Lieutenant Stanley's vehicle struck a mine which blew off the front right wheel. Uninjured, Lieutenant Stanley dismounted and, with others, probed the area for additional mines, uncovering six more. Without delaying to probe the entire route, Lieutenant Stanley mounted the leading vehicle and led his men for the remainder of the route. By his daring actions and coolness under fire, Lieutenant Stanley has displayed outstanding leadership which is worthy of the highest praise. Home address: Staten Island, New York.

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:

First Lieutenant JOSEPH ARRIGO, 01 309 200, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in eastern France on 15 February 1945. When it became imperative to discover the position of a concealed enemy artillery battery which was harassing Company L during the attack on Buchen Busch Woods, Lieutenant Arrigo undertook to crawl out to a ridge some distance away and radio the necessary information back. Under intense artillery fire he worked his way forward, discovered the enemy battery and relayed the information to our artillery which then silenced the enemy guns. Lieutenant Arrigo's courageous action is worthy of great praise. Home address: Lockport, New York.

Technical Sergeant ROLAN O. BELL, 38 432 562, Company I, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action near Bliesbruck Woods, France, on 9 January 1945. While on outpost duty, Sergeant Bell overheard noises just before daylight. Suspecting an enemy patrol approaching his post, but unable to determine its strength, he alerted his two companions and moved out alone to out-flank the enemy force. Moving to a position directly to their rear, Sergeant Bell observed three Germans armed with rifle, bazooka, and a machine pistol. Just as they were about to launch their attack on the station, Sergeant Bell opened fire, killing two of the enemy and wounding the other. Sergeant Bell's initiative, alertness, and daring are worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Gatesville, Texas.

Technical Sergeant DALE J. BOLLE, 36 806 664, Company B, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in eastern France on 10 December 1944. When his platoon's position became untenable and it was ordered to withdraw, Sergeant Bolle moved under a hail of small-arms and automatic fire to assist two wounded men. After carrying one to the rear, he returned and assisted the other. Sergeant Bolle's cool courage and devotion to his comrades are worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Second Lieutenant RUSSELL L. BRADEN, 02 000 751, Company C, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 18 February 1945. Home address: Virginia, Minnesota.

Private First Class ROY BUSHMAN, 36 269 712, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 26 February 1945. When shell fragments during an enemy artillery concentration struck an 8 year-old girl in the town of Hoelling, and she lay in the street as shells kept falling in the vicinity, Private Bushman ran from his cover and with another soldier carried the little girl to safety. They administered first aid and evacuated the child to an aid station. Private Bushman's heroic action at the risk of his own life is worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Appleton, Wisconsin.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Sergeant FLOYD J. GAMBY, 35 454 548, Company M, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 22 December 1944. Entered military service from New Richmond, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade CARROLL H. JANICKE, 38 453 165, Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Embarmenil, France, on 26 October 1944. When a mortar shell struck a foxhole, killing one of our soldiers and seriously wounding another, Technician Janicke moved out of his covered position in the face of continuous enemy shelling and treated the wounded man. This timely and heroic action saved the life of the wounded soldier, who had been bleeding profusely, and reflects great credit on Technician Janicke and the Service. Entered military service from Odem, Texas.

First Sergeant ROBERT E. RINKER, 32 243 124, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 17 November 1944. Leading a combat patrol into Rechicourt to clear a section of the town, Sergeant Rinker and his men moved under fire from house to house, discovered enemy snipers, killed nine of them, and enabled the battalion to advance rapidly through the remainder of the town with a minimum of casualties. Then, turning his patrol over to another soldier, Sergeant Rinker made his way alone across a known enemy minefield to make contact with the adjoining battalion. Sergeant Rinker's dauntless fighting spirit and aggressive leadership are worthy of the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from West Berlin, New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade LEROY F. SCHULTZ, 36 321 792, Cannon Company, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 26 February 1945. When shell fragments during an enemy artillery concentration struck an 8 year-old girl in the town of Hoelling, and she lay in the street as shells kept falling in the vicinity, Technician Schultz ran from his cover and with another soldier carried the little girl to safety. They administered first aid and evacuated the child to an aid station. Technician Schultz' heroic action at the risk of his own life is worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Second Lieutenant CHARLES E. SMITH, 02 000 743, Company E, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 16 February 1945. When the enemy staged a desperate counterattack to relieve the pressure on the town of Eppingen, France, they surrounded and cut off the Third Platoon of Company E, which occupied an outpost astride the main highway leading into the town. Lieutenant Smith led his platoon over open terrain in the face of heavy mortar fire which inflicted nine casualties on his men and assaulted the enemy from the rear and left flank, driving them back and relieving the beleaguered Third Platoon. Lieutenant Smith's courageous leadership and devotion to duty merit the highest praise. Home address: Aliceville, Alabama.

Technician Fourth Grade HAROLD VAN SWEDEN, 36 452 260, Company G, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on the night of 17 November 1944. When an enemy force on the side of the road opened fire on the column of the Second Battalion, Sergeant Van Sweden, at the head of the column, quickly located the enemy, tossed a grenade at their position and then opened fire with his BAR, silencing the enemy fire. Sergeant Van Sweden's quick thinking and decisive action prevented the entire column from being ambushed and are worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Byron Center, Michigan.

IV. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant ARLIN G. COCKE, 37 469 728, (then Sergeant) Company H, * * * Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action in eastern France on 22 December 1944. Entered military service from Waco, Nebraska.

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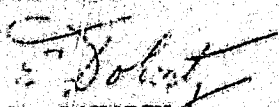
V. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over eastern France is awarded to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant WILLARD C. CRAIK, O1 184 637, Headquarters, * * * Division Artillery, from 6 November 1944 to 18 March 1945. Home address: Lynn, Massachusetts.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL DEAN:

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APO 44, U. S. ARMY

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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 62

ORIGINAL ORDER

8 April 1945.

- I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.
- II. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.
- III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- IV. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR.
- V. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR 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 enlisted men:

Sergeant OLEN O. NATION, 37 151 428, Company A, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action on 28 March 1945 in the city of Mannheim, Germany. When infantry elements were prevented from entering a heavily defended street in this city, Sergeant Nation boldly directed the movement of his tank destroyer into this street and then, in the full face of intense enemy small-arms fire, he stood upright in plain view of the enemy and brought extremely effective fire from his .50 caliber machine gun to bear upon the hostile positions. Sergeant Nation's intrepid action made it possible for the infantry to clear the street and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Mound City, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant BENJAMIN F. MASTERS, 6 973 330, (then Sergeant) Company G, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action on 19 February 1945 in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When his platoon was called upon to repulse an enemy tank attack, Sergeant Masters accompanied his platoon leader on a foot reconnaissance for approximately 800 yards under intense enemy fire to determine the best possible positions for their guns. Upon returning, the platoon leader was wounded severely by a shell fragment. Despite the continuing fire, Sergeant Masters dragged his officer to a place of safety and, after rendering first aid, searched for and procured medical assistance. He then took command of his platoon and placed his destroyers in such positions that the enemy armor was unable to successfully attack our lines. His courage and concern for the welfare of his companion reflect great credit on Sergeant Masters and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Cottonwood, Alabama.

II. AWARD OF THE 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:

Technician Fourth Grade TOMMY PETERSON, 37 081 762, Company B, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism at Grundviller, France, on 24 March 1945. While Technician Peterson was on duty in a kitchen truck, the gasoline exploded causing a fire which spread very rapidly due to a broken gas line. Although burned painfully by the explosion, Technician Peterson scoured a fire extinguisher and began fighting the flames. Realizing the urgency of removing the blazing burner, he fastened a wire to the unit and accomplished this. Procuring another fire extinguisher, he returned to the burning truck and succeeded in putting out the fire. Technician Peterson's heroic action while suffering from severe burns is worthy of great praise. Entered military service from Columbus, North Dakota.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: 1. 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:

Technician Fifth Grade DANIEL H. CROUGH, 37 329 678, Company G, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Schriesheim, Germany, on 29 March 1945. Upon learning that his gun commander had been wounded by enemy artillery fire and was lying in an exposed position, Technician Crough immediately went to his aid. Moving under artillery and small-arms fire, he removed the wounded man to a less dangerous area, applied first aid and, still under fire, evacuated him. Technician Crough's courage and devotion to a fellow soldier reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Red Cliff, Colorado.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: 1. (Continued)

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Private First Class RUSSELL V. NYVALL, M 050 360, Company C, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic service in action in the vicinity of Schriesheim, Germany, on 29 March 1945. Upon learning that his gun commander had been wounded by enemy artillery fire and was lying in an exposed position, Private Nyvall immediately went to his aid. Moving under artillery and small-arms fire, he removed the casualty to a less dangerous area, applied first aid and, still under fire, evacuated him. Private Nyvall's courage and devotion to a fellow soldier reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Longville, Minnesota.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in action in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant KENNETH O. BENSON, 20 227 430, Service Company, 71st Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from Queens, New York.

First Lieutenant WALTER A. BROTHERS, 01 315 777, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 71st Infantry, from 1 November 1944 to 15 January 1945. Home address: Indiana, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM R. BROWN, 01 543 558, Medical Detachment, 71st Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 18 March 1945. Home address: Portland, Oregon

Major JOSEPH D. BURKE, O 353 098, Service Company, 71st Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 19 March 1945. Home address: Washougal, Washington.

Private First Class GEORGE E. COLVIN, 35 629 040, Company D, 71st Infantry, from 1 November 1944 to 16 March 1945. Entered military service from Mansburg, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD G. FLYD, 36 807 526, Medical Detachment, 71st Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Racine, Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant MILO M. LANDES, 02 048 375, Medical Detachment, 71st Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 18 March 1945. Entered military service from Atlanta, Indiana.

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* Second Lieutenant WILLIAM G. LANE JR, 02 006 004, Company I, 71st Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 21 February 1945. Home address: Hustontown, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class NICHOLAS MARTINO, 32 243 220, Headquarters Company, 71st Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Woodbine, New Jersey.

Sergeant EARL M. STANLEY, 32 028 122, Company I, 71st Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 21 February 1945. Entered military service from Meridian, New York.

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 officer:

Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT L. WADLINGTON, O 170 222, Headquarters, Third Battalion, 71st Infantry. For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France on 15 February 1945. Home address: St Martinsville, Louisiana.

V. 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 third bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant VAUGHN KOCHAKIAN, 01 174 342, Service Battery, 693d Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 5 January to 7 March 1945, over eastern France. Home address: Haverhill, Massachusetts.

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO #44, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 63 *7*

ORIGINAL ORDER

10 April 1945

- 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 man:

Private First Class JOHN W. PITRE, 36 662 189, Company F, 114th Infantry, France, 6 December 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Elizabeth Pitre (Mother), 2608 S. Central Park Ave., Chicago, 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 a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

Staff Sergeant ODIS I. CRUMP, 38 684 649, Company B, 71st Infantry, Germany, 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Denison, Texas.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM F. WISE, 32 012 688, Company K, 71st Infantry, France, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Maspeth, New York.

Private First Class CLARENCE M. ASHTON, 36 575 534, Company F, 71st Infantry, Germany, 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class TOM CROWSON, 34 675 260, Company C, 71st Infantry, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Jonesboro, North Carolina.

Private First Class CARL V. FITZGERALD, 33 540 935, Company C, 71st Infantry, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Waynesboro, Virginia.

Private First Class MYRON D. MCLANDER, 37 315 873, Company A, 71st Infantry, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Bemidji, Minnesota.

Private First Class JAMES H. FITTILLO JR, 18 214 575, Company F, 71st Infantry, France, 2 December 1944. Entered military service from Waco, Texas.

Sergeant GORDON G. FLETCHER, 36 737 290, Company C, 324th Infantry, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant FRANK GOLDNER, 32 223 740, Company F, 324th Infantry, Germany, 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Corporal LOUIS BEICH, 36 237 096, Company M, 324th Infantry, Germany, 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Portage, Wisconsin.

Private First Class FRANCIS H. RICHARDSON, 39 215 887, Company B, 324th Infantry, Germany, 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Port Gamble, Washington.

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

Second Lieutenant SPUD A. BELLUCCI, 02 011 563, Company K, 114th Infantry, Germany, 30 March 1945. Home Address: Mount Union, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant GORDON G. FLETCHER, 36 737 290, Company C, 324th Infantry, Germany, 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER): (continued)

Private First Class ALBERT W. BUSH, 34 710 379, Company B, 324th Infantry, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from South Carthage, Tennessee.

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

Staff Sergeant HOWARD H. HAMPTON, 36 576 393, Company C, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Wyandotte, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant ANDREW J. HOFFMAN, 39 203 594, Company B, France, 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

Staff Sergeant MICHAEL J. SMOLNERY, 33 438 062, Company M, France, 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant ALPHA J. JONES, 35 725 048, Company A, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Petersburg, Indiana.

Private First Class JOHN C. HARRISON, 33 501 827, Company F, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Red Lion, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class WALTER F. HICKEY, 35 546 540, Company C, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Adrian, Michigan.

Private First Class EDWARD H. KOQYUMJIAN, 36 736 862, Company D, Germany, 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class THEODORE W. MAC FARLANE, 39 194 592, Medical Detachment, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

Private First Class GEORGE PCOLAR, 33 438 076, Company A, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ELBERN H. PHILLIPS, 35 783 008, Company C, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Belington, West Virginia.

Private First Class WILLIAM P. PUTTKAMER, 42 115 007, Company K, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Lafayette, New York.

Private First Class BENJAMIN ROSENTHAL, 32 918 604, Company G, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class DAVID H. STANSBERRY, 35 072 622, Company A, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Findlay, Ohio.

Private CHARLES O. CONZALES JR, 34 934 121, Company G, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Tampa, Florida.

Private GEORGE W. WATTS, 38 525 991, Company F, Germany, 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Vicksburg, Mississippi.

114th Infantry

First Lieutenant PHILIP M. HRYSENKO, 01 302 632, Company I, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: Elizabeth, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant JOHN L. RHODES, 01 302 709, Cannon Company, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: Greensboro, North Carolina.

Second Lieutenant LAWRENCE H. KURTIS, 02 011 561, Headquarters Company Third Battalion, Germany, 1 April 1945. Home address: New York, New York.

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III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (continued)

114th Infantry

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH P. ROMANO, 32 243 646, Company K, Germany, 29 March 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Private First Class WILLIAM C. BERLEIN, 36 525 234, Company B, Germany, 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Saginaw, Michigan.

Private First Class RAYMOND GRAHAM, 36 774 189, Company A, Germany, 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class MICHAEL LAZORISAK, 33 438 000, Company K, Germany, 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class WILLIAM F. WINSTON, 35 629 591, Company B, Germany, 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

Private HOWARD H. GIBSON, 20 225 616, Company F, France, 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

Private First Class MICHAEL G. HORVATH, 35 112 230, Company K, Germany, 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

Private First Class CECIL M. HUNT, 36 576 636, Company I, Germany, 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class DANIEL R. LANNO, 31 471 730, Company K, Germany, 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Malden, Massachusetts.

Private RAYMOND J. STEPNIENSKI, 33 463 897, Company F, France, 6 December 1944. Entered military service from Binghamton, New York.

324th Infantry

First Lieutenant LEO F. PHILLIPS, 01 307 071, Headquarters Third Battalion, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: Washington, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH ARGENTIERI, 32 055 573, Company E, Germany, 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Preakness, New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant PHILIP D'ALLSANDRO, 32 000 509, Headquarters Second Battalion, Germany, 29 March 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Staff Sergeant ALFONSO ANZURETTA, 20 238 342, Headquarters Second Battalion, Germany, 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Freehold, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant VINCENT RUIZ, 32 002 236, Company K, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade CARL W. DAVES, 35 724 964, Medical Detachment, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Sullivan, Indiana.

Private First Class LELAND F. BRUBAKER, 15 360 111, Headquarters Second Battalion, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Ashland, Ohio.

Private First Class BURL F. COKER, 38 697 140, Company H, Germany, 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Hugo, Oklahoma.

Private First Class SAMUEL K. DEIBERT, 33 624 637, Headquarters Second Battalion, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class RALPH F. LAMMERS, 35 546 800, Company F, France, 24 October 1944. Entered military service from Lima, Ohio.

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III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: (continued)

324th Infantry

Private First Class LOUIS L. MADDOX, 37 551 876, Company R, France, 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

Private First Class KENNETH J. SHOULDICE, 36 808 118, Company H, Germany, 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class JULIAN A. SIEGEL, 31 330 366, Company G, Germany, 30 March 1945. Entered military service from New Haven, Connecticut.

Private First Class JAMES A. WEDMORE, 16 068 330, Headquarters First Battalion, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class OLIVER WILLIS, 36 453 695, Company F, Germany, 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Ludington, Michigan.

Private WILLIAM GROCE, 32 355 957, Company C, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

Private DANIEL B. KRELOFF, 32 221 844, Headquarters Third Battalion, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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156th Field Artillery Battalion

Corporal MALCOLM D. GRAHAM, 34 134 325, Battery B, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Conehatta, Mississippi.

217th Field Artillery Battalion

Corporal ELBERT F. RICE JR, 39 908 207, Battery B, Germany, 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Pocatello, Idaho.

220th Field Artillery Battalion

First Lieutenant JOSEPH L. MATSON, 01 174 639, Headquarters, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: Mount Pleasant, Utah.

Private First Class ULAS L. MASSINGILL, 35 786 835, Headquarters Battery, Germany, 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Middlesboro, Kentucky.

63d Engineer Combat Battalion

Staff Sergeant EDWARD J. PEEHAN, 32 711 177, Company C, Germany, 2 April 1945. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Private First Class LAWRENCE D. MILLER, 36 897 823, Company C, Germany, 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Muskegon, Michigan.

744th Ordnance LM Company

Lieutenant Colonel RAY A. PILLIVANT, 019 761, Germany, 2 April 1945. Home address: Wellington, Ohio.

44th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop

Private First Class DONALD M. KLEIN, 33 463 947, Germany, 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

IV. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS: 1. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 3, this Headquarters, 4 March 1945, awarding Purple Heart to officers and enlisted men, as pertains to Private CHARLES R. BAGLEY, 35 094 459, Company H, 71st Infantry, is rescinded.

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IV. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS: (continued)

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2. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 54, this Headquarters, 28 March 1945, awarding Purple Heart to officers and enlisted men, as pertains to Private First Class ALEXANDER GUZIK, 36 590 087, Battery A, 156th Field Artillery Battalion, is rescinded.

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 64

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ORIGINAL ORDER

- I. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS.
- II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS.
- III. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.
- IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

I. 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, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant JOHN BALKONIS, 36 321 369, Company M, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in the Breiterwald Woods, Germany, on 22 December 1944. When the enemy launched a strong assault and penetrated the lines of Company L, Sergeant Balkonis, on the flank of the adjoining company, seized a BAR and, directing two other men to accompany him, moved into the gap between the two companies to engage the enemy. On three separate occasions, Sergeant Balkonis and his two comrades maneuvered in this gap, killing ten, wounding two, and capturing three of the enemy. As a result of this intrepid action, the enemy attempt to penetrate through the gap was thwarted and the pressure on Company L was relieved. Sergeant Balkonis' courage and aggressive fighting spirit are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Military Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Jean Balkonis (Wife), 1534 North Fairfield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

II. 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:

Private First Class WALLACE G. KROLL, 38 061 410, Company G, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action near Maisthoff, France, on 10 December 1944. While Private Kroll was accompanying his company commander on a reconnaissance, three enemy soldiers ran forward intent on capturing the officer. Private Kroll leaped forward firing and downed one of the three. He then closed with the other two in such a ferocious manner that they fled. Scooping up his rifle which had been knocked from his grasp in the scuffle, he fired at the fleeing enemy and killed them both. Private Kroll's gallant defense of his commanding officer and his aggressive fighting spirit are worthy of the finest traditions of the Military Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Selma Kroll (Mother), PO Box 68, Robstown, Texas.

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 officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class PERRY F. ABBIATTI, 37 497 548, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 15 February 1945. While on a mine clearing mission before dawn, Private Abbiatti and five companions were suddenly fired upon by an enemy automatic weapon. As the others took cover, Private Abbiatti crawled forward in the darkness, alone, and silenced the hostile weapon with his BAR. Then, although his companions withdrew, Private Abbiatti decided to remain behind until dawn. At daybreak, he boldly moved forward in the face of an unknown number of the enemy, inflicted six more casualties and forced others to flee. He then moved to a commanding position in the enemy minefield and remained there to warn friendly tanks of the mines. Private Abbiatti's aggressive fighting spirit and personal bravery exemplify the finest qualities of our fighting men. Entered military service from Miller, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD M. GRIFFIS, 37 474 767, Company C, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 10 February 1945 in Rimling, France. When a combat patrol met heavy resistance from several enemy machine guns, one of which was so close that it prevented further movement of the patrol, Sergeant Griffis, as lead scout, crawled forward under the enemy fire to within 30 feet of the hostile position. He then rose suddenly, fired a long burst of his sub-machine gun into the position and silenced the gun, killing two and wounding another of the crew. Sergeant Griffis' intrepid action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Edgemont, South Dakota.

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III. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: (Continued)

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Captain HOWARD F. GOLDSMITH JR, O 319 849, Company E, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 1 January 1945 in the vicinity of Rimling, France. When the enemy launched a heavy attack before daybreak and forced his company back, Captain Goldsmith dispersed the attack by directing artillery fire upon his former positions. When the enemy attacked again shortly afterward in even greater strength, supported by four tanks, Captain Goldsmith rallied his men and, while directing artillery fire over the phone, continued firing his weapons upon the hostile force. Later, he organized and led a successful counterattack. Throughout the day, he moved freely among his men with complete disregard for enemy fire all around him and improved their positions. Captain Goldsmith's inspiring leadership and courage merit the highest praise. Home address: Omaha, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant ADAM HARRIS, 35 278 824, Company E, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action in eastern France on 2 December 1944. When his squad was caught in the cross fire of two enemy machine guns, Sergeant Harris fearlessly advanced toward one of the guns. Although wounded in the shoulder by this gun, he continued forward and destroyed the hostile position with rifle grenades. He then moved toward the second machine gun, but upon seeing enemy tanks and infantry approaching, he took cover with his men in a nearby barn. When the enemy fire on the barn became too intense, he led his men out through the rear, captured three Germans and threw them to his company's position. Only then did Sergeant Harris allow his wound to be treated. Sergeant Harris' cool courage and intrepid leadership are worthy of the finest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Wheeling, West Virginia.

Private First Class JOSEPH L. MERKEL, 35 908 135, Company E, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 March 1945 near Rimling, France. Private Merkel was given the mission of covering his patrol leader in an attack on enemy positions. When the enemy suddenly opened up with a furious barrage, the entire patrol was gravely imperilled and the leader and two of his comrades were caught behind enemy positions. Disregarding an order to withdraw, Private Merkel moved up behind his trapped companions and, standing up in the face of the intense enemy fire, threw six grenades into the enemy positions. This fearless action stopped the enemy fire momentarily and made it possible for the majority of the patrol to return with valuable information. Entered military service from Celestine, Indiana.

Sergeant ROY C. NOYES, 32 234 745, Company C, * * * Tank Battalion. For gallantry in action on 29 March 1945 near Emnigen, Germany. While supporting an attack by the * * * Infantry, Sergeant Noyes' tank was struck by an enemy 88 mm shell which set the tank on fire, killed two of his crew and wounded two others. Although he realized that the tank might explode at any moment, Sergeant Noyes, at the risk of his life, helped the two wounded men out of the tank and away from the artillery concentration. Sergeant Noyes' courageous action is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Armored Forces. Entered military service from Carthage, New York.

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:

Sergeant ROBERT BAUMGARTNER, 35 788 828, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 15 February 1945 in eastern France. When a rifle company ran into heavy opposition during an attack, Sergeant Baumgartner, radio operator for a Forward Observer Party, moved forward over an exposed area and assisted in establishing an artillery observation post. Although enemy fire fell around his position, he transmitted fire missions for his observer which neutralized the hostile opposition and permitted the company to continue its advance. Sergeant Baumgartner's fearlessness under fire and devotion to duty are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

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IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL; (Continued)

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* Private STANLEY E. BERNARD, 35 239 887, Company B, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945 near Rimling, France. Private Bernard was acting squad leader on a dangerous patrol mission when the enemy suddenly opened up with heavy automatic fire at close range. He deployed his men skillfully and, moving forward, killed a German in position. Then, in spite of enemy machine-gun bullets hitting all around him, he continued firing upon the enemy with his rifle until he ran out of ammunition. Private Bernard's outstanding leadership and courage under fire merit high praise. Entered military service from Minster, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant JUNE CROWE, 35 683 002, Company E, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945 near Rimling, France. While executing his assignment on a dangerous patrol mission, Sergeant Crowe was suddenly subjected to intense hostile automatic fire. He continued toward the enemy positions until he was close enough to use his rifle effectively. After he had exhausted his ammunition, he closed to within 40 yards of the enemy positions and throw his hand grenades before he withdrew. Sergeant Crowe's fighting spirit and courage under fire are in keeping with the finest traditions of our fighting men. Entered military service from Locust Branch, Kentucky.

First Lieutenant PAUL G. DEAN, O 532 126, Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 16 February 1945. Although subjected to intense mortar and artillery fire during an enemy counterattack, Lieutenant Dean, an artillery forward observer, remained at his post directing fire on the enemy even when they had outflanked the company on the right. He skillfully organized his party so that supporting fires could be brought on the enemy to his front and flank at the same time, thus materially assisting in the final repulse of the attack. Lieutenant Dean's personal bravery and outstanding leadership are worthy of great praise. Home address: Coy, Alabama.

First Lieutenant KALTER E. GODFREY, O 464 645, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic service in action in eastern France on 6 January 1945. While his assistant and his radio operator were establishing radio communication in order to adjust artillery fire on enemy positions, the operator was seriously wounded and required evacuation. Crawling over ground which was exposed to enemy observation and fire, Lieutenant Godfrey reached the injured man, applied first aid and then, still under fire, carried him to an aid man in a defiladed position. Lieutenant Godfrey's courage under fire and his devotion to one of his men are worthy of the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Home address: New York, N. Y.

Technician Fifth Grade RUSSELL D. KERSHAW, 36 447 591, Company C, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 24 February 1945 in eastern France. When a truck directly in front of his was struck by an enemy shell causing the driver to take cover, Technician Kershaw left his own vehicle in the midst of continuous enemy shelling and persuaded the driver to return to his vehicle. After he had helped to get the damaged truck started, Technician Kershaw returned to his vehicle and, just as he began to move, an enemy shell hit the body of his truck. Technician Kershaw courageously continued driving until he had reached a position which was safe from enemy observation. Technician Kershaw's courageous actions and devotion to duty saved two trucks from total destruction and merit high praise. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

Sergeant CARL J. KJAR, 17 041 145, Company B, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 28 March 1945 in the vicinity of Weinheim, Germany. When a round became stuck in the chamber of his tank gun and all attempts to remove it from inside the tank had failed, Sergeant Kjar dismounted in the face of heavy enemy fire from bazookas, automatic weapons, and 2 1/2 mm guns assembled a rammer staff, and removed the stuck round. Sergeant Kjar's fearless action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Lexington, Nebraska.

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IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

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Sergeant JAMES ROUSH, 36 447 490, Company C, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action in eastern France on 14 December 1944. Though frequently interrupted by heavy mortar and 88 mm artillery fire, Sergeant Roush directed his men in the repair of a vitally important bridge. Using whatever materials were available in the immediate vicinity, and working within 300 yards of the enemy's positions, Sergeant Roush and his squad completed their mission. Sergeant Roush's courage, leadership and ingenuity in the performance of this task are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

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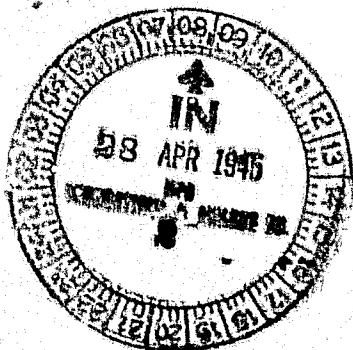
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12 April 1945
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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in action in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class HOWARD M. BLACKMAN, 13 125 951, Headquarters Company, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 22 March 1945. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

Private First Class STALLEY J. MURKART, 35 788 505, Cannon Company, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from Hamilton, Ohio.

Sergeant CLARENCE E. DAVIS, 32 058 608, Battery B, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 20 November 1944 to 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Franklin, New Jersey.

Private First Class SAM A. DINARDO, 35 535 396, Battery C, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 26 March 1945. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

First Lieutenant WALTER J. DREYFUS JR, 01 551 606, 744th Ordnance LM Company, from 18 October 1944 to 18 February 1945. Home address: Mattiesburg, Mississippi.

Technician Fifth Grade ANDREW J. FARKAS, 35 617 040, Medical Detachment, 71st Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 21 February 1945. Entered military service from Northampton, Pennsylvania.

Technician Third Grade ANTHONY J. FRASCA, 32 006 501, 744th Ordnance LM Company, from 18 October 1944 to 18 February 1945. Entered military service from New Rochelle, New York.

Sergeant ANDREW GOFFINET, 35 039 487, Company B, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from Dexter, Indian

Sergeant CARLTON W. HUGHES, 35 559 265, Headquarters Battery, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 1 January 1945 to 7 January 1945. Entered military service from Rockville, Maryland.

Technical Sergeant ESBERT J. HOLDRIDGE, 34 150 127, 744th Ordnance LM Company, from 18 October 1944 to 18 February 1945. Entered military service from Burnside, Louisiana.

Technical Sergeant DONALD L. LEE, 35 546 199, Company G, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from Mount Blanchard, Ohio.

Corporal EVERETT R. LIGHTNER, 35 628 995, Battery C, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 26 March 1945. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

First Lieutenant JAMES A. MAC GREGOR, 01 302 490, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 21 March 1945. Home address: Portland, Oregon.

Technical Sergeant RALPH G. MC MURE, 35 039 418, Company G, 324th Infantry from 24 October 1944 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from Charlestown, Indiana.

Captain NORMAN H. MENSING, 01 306 623, Company H, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 21 March 1945. Home address: Los Angeles, California.

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Staff Sergeant CHARLES H. CANTLER, 54 116 705, Battery C, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 7 December to 12 December 1944. Entered military service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

Private First Class CHARLES R. PEASE, 36 740 192, Cannon Company, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from St Charles, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH PIKE, 32 002 396, Cannon Company, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

Captain EARL E. SAUNDERS, OI 556 347, 744th Ordnance LM Company, from 18 October 1944 to 18 February 1945. Home address: Bismark, North Dakota.

Technical Sergeant EDWARD H. SKOU, 36 236 994, 744th Ordnance LM Company, from 18 October 1944 to 18 February 1945. Entered military service from Luck, Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant JOHN B. SLOWIK, 32 027 279, Company G, 324th Infantry, from 18 November 1944 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

Staff Sergeant J. A. TAYLOR, 38 350 671, Company B, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Raton, New Mexico.

Technician Fourth Grade JAMES M. THOMPSON, 35 788 878, Headquarters Company, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 22 March 1945. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM H. WHITTLE, 34 096 359, Company I, 71st Infantry, from 13 November 1944 to 21 February 1945. Entered military service from Westminster, South Carolina.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

13 April 1945

- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- II. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-15, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in action in eastern France is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH ARGENTIERI, 32 055 673, Company B, 324th Infantry from 24 October 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Passaic, New Jersey.

Private First Class JOHN CANJAR, 36 576 627, Headquarters Company, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 22 March 1945. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class JOHN T. CANTLIN, 32 243 157, Medical Detachment, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Laurel Springs, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant MICHAEL J. CAVANAGH, 01 308 472, Headquarters Company, 324th Infantry, from 20 November 1944 to 21 March 1945. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Corporal ROBERT G. DAVE, 36 736 797, Headquarters Company, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 22 March 1945. Entered military service from Louisville, Illinois.

Captain KENNETH E. DILKS, 0 410 771, Battery C, 157th Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 October 1944 to 19 March 1945. Home address: Gloucester, New Jersey.

Captain CHARLES C. FITZMORRIS JR, 0 306 858, Headquarters Battery, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 20 March 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

First Lieutenant FRANCIS A. GUICHETEAU, 01 290 066, Antitank Company, 71st Infantry, from 22 October 1944 to 16 March 1945. Home address: Vineland, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant JAMES A. HANNIGAN, 38 501 943, Company B, 71st Infantry, from 1 November 1944 to 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Palton, Pennsylvania.

Captain EUGENE F. KERN JR, 0 475 989, Battery A, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 20 March 1945. Home address: San Francisco, California.

Sergeant ROBERT L. MAYS, 54 723 806, Company C, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from Humboldt, Tennessee.

First Lieutenant DONALD W. MULVEY, 01 309 300, Service Company, 71st Infantry, from 1 November 1944 to 1 March 1945. Home address: Lockport, New York.

Staff Sergeant LEE ROY E. OHLER, 38 155 062, Company C, 324th Infantry, from 17 November 1944 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from Fredericksburg, Texas.

Captain OSCAR R. SEARS, 01 471 349, Service Battery, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 20 March 1945. Home address: Kingston, Pennsylvania.

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

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Chaplain GEORGE STOB, (Captain) O 511 944, Headquarters, 71st Infantry, from 14 November 1944 to 21 March 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

Captain GRAHAM WITSCHIEF JR, O 404 843, Battery C, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 20 March 1945. Home address: Newburgh, New York.

II. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-15, as amended, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in action in eastern France and Germany is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

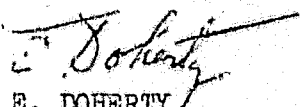
First Lieutenant JAMES E. FISHER, O 168 665, Battery A, 157th Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 October 1944 to 19 March 1945. Home address: Seattle, Washington.

Corporal EDWARD T. TERLIZZI, 32 098 234, Battery A, 157th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 20 March 1945. Entered military service from Mount Kisco, New York.

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15 April 1945.

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 JOHN P. BAUMLE, 35 544 095, Company C, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action on 29-30 March 1945 in the vicinity of Neekarhausen, Germany. When casualties resulted during bridgehead operations on the Neckar River, Private Baumle and three other members of a litter squad worked unceasingly to evacuate the wounded from a forward collecting point in Neekarhausen to the river-crossing site, a distance of 400 yards. They succeeded in evacuating eight casualties despite known enemy observation of their movements and continuing heavy hostile fire. Private Baumle's courage and unselfish devotion to duty merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Payne, Ohio.

Private ARNOLD E. BENNER, 35 629 004, Company C, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action on 29-30 March 1945 in the vicinity of Neekarhausen, Germany. When casualties resulted during bridgehead operations on the Neckar River, Private Benner and three other members of a litter squad worked unceasingly to evacuate the wounded from a forward collecting point in Neekarhausen to the river-crossing site, a distance of 400 yards. They succeeded in evacuating eight casualties despite known enemy observation of their movements and continuing heavy hostile fire. Private Benner's courage and unselfish devotion to duty merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Miamisburg, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade LUDWIG BROSKOVETZ, 36 195 384, Headquarters, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic service in action on 29 March 1945 in the vicinity of Landonberg, Germany. When his Battalion Commander was caught on foot in the midst of a heavy concentration of enemy artillery and antitank fire, Technician Broskovetz raced forward in a quarter-ton truck and carried the officer to safety. A short time later he drove a number of soldiers forward into an area which was under intense artillery fire in order to check for injured personnel in a burning tank. Technician Broskovetz' courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Crystal Falls, Michigan.

Private First Class MATHEW G. CANARIO, 31 293 410, Company C, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action on 29-30 March 1945 in the vicinity of Neekarhausen, Germany. When casualties resulted during bridgehead operations on the Neckar River, Private Canario and three other members of a litter squad worked unceasingly to evacuate the wounded from a forward collecting point in Neekarhausen to the river-crossing site, a distance of 400 yards. They succeeded in evacuating eight casualties despite known enemy observation of their movements and continuing heavy hostile fire. Private Canario's courage and unselfish devotion to duty merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Johnston, Rhode Island.

Private First Class SIDNEY V. DEPRIEST, 34 194 404, Company C, * * * Medical Battalion. For heroic service in action on 29-30 March 1945 in the vicinity of Neekarhausen, Germany. When casualties resulted during bridgehead operations on the Neckar River, Private Depriest and three other members of a litter squad worked unceasingly to evacuate the wounded from a forward collecting point in Neekarhausen to the river-crossing site, a distance of 400 yards. They succeeded in evacuating eight casualties despite known enemy observation of their movements and continuing heavy hostile fire. Private Depriest's courage and unselfish devotion to duty merit the highest praise. Entered military service from Medina, Tennessee.

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

Private First Class ARNOLD F. ELLWEIN, 37 575 695, Company C, * * * Tank Battalion. For heroic service in action on 29 March 1945 in the city of Ennigun, Germany. While in support of an infantry attack, a 75 mm tank gun ceased firing when a projectile became stuck in the bore. Private Ellwein left his tank and struggled with the shell for five minutes while exposed to heavy artillery and antitank fire, in an effort to dislodge it. The fire then became so intense that it became necessary to drive the tank astride Private Ellwein so that he could enter through the escape hatch. Private Ellwein's courage and devotion to duty merit high praise. Entered military service from Boulton, North Dakota.

First lieutenant ROBERT C. FORD, O 469 295, Battery A, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in action on 20 March 1945 in the vicinity of Limbach, Germany. Home address: Middleton, Ohio.

Sergeant PAUL E. HIGHFILL, 35 106 412, Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 16 February 1945 in eastern France. When his forward artillery observation post was subjected to intense mortar and artillery fire which preceded a strong enemy counterattack, Sergeant Highfill remained at his post and adjusted accurate artillery fire on the approaching enemy. He continued directing effective fire even though a shell fragment had pierced his clothing and the enemy threatened to flank his position. Sergeant Highfill's courage and devotion to duty were instrumental in repulsing the hostile attack and are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Riddle, Indiana.

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH A. HUGHES, 31 008 858, Headquarters Battery, * * * Antiaircraft Automatic Weapons Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Italy and France from 1 January 1944 to 30 August 1944. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

Technician Fifth Grade FRED LEIDIG, 33 586 643, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 March 1945 near Limbach, Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant ANTONIO S. LONGUEIRA, 20 227 140, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action in the vicinity of Maierhoff, France, on 11 December 1945. When intense enemy artillery fire on the road leading into Maierhoff caused the drivers of fifteen vehicles to abandon their trucks and seek shelter, the resulting roadblock made it impossible for the Medical Detachment to enter the town and set up an urgently needed aid station. Disregarding the artillery fire which was still falling, Sergeant Longueira drove all the vehicles off the road by himself. This courageous and unselfish action reflects great credit upon Sergeant Longueira and the Service. Home address: New York, N. Y.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT A. NELSON, 37 549 829, Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944. . . . During the attack on Volksberg, France, Technician Nelson, a radio operator, moved ahead of our infantry to establish an artillery observation post. Despite heavy 20 mm and small-arms fire falling in his vicinity, he remained operating his radio and transmitted effective fire missions on enemy guns. Technician Nelson's courage and devotion to duty aided materially in silencing the hostile batteries, thus enabling our troops to continue their advance. Entered military service from St Paul, Minnesota.

Sergeant MELVIN L. SILVERMAN, 32 791 291, Company A, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic service in action on 1 January 1945 in eastern France. After he had completed the laying of defensive mines in front of two infantry companies just prior to a strong enemy tank-supported infantry attack, Sergeant Silverman checked to see that all of his men were safely out of the area, and reported to his company commander. He then requested permission to remain with an infantry company and assist it in repulsing the imminent attack. He took his position in the firing line and fought off the enemy until he was ordered back to his unit. Sergeant Silverman's fighting spirit and devotion to duty are worthy of great praise. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

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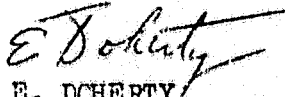
Sergeant STANLEY H. SHUSTER, 35 628 620, (then Technician Fifth Grade) Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic service in action on 2 December 1944 in the vicinity of Tieffenbach, France. After an artillery forward observation post had been set up, it was discovered that the radio batteries were too weak to reach the battalion. To obtain new batteries Sergeant Shuster returned on foot to the rear, through enemy small-arms and automatic fire, successfully eluding a hostile machine-gun position and two other strongpoints. The accomplishment of this mission made possible the adjustment of important artillery fire and reflects great credit on Sergeant Shuster and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Kottlersville, Ohio.

First Lieutenant WILLIE R. WEST, O1 176 846, Battery C, * * * Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 March 1945 in the vicinity of Mimbach, Germany. Home address: Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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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 for meritorious service in eastern France and Germany is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant ROGER G. ALEXANDER JR, O 528 736, Headquarters, 44th Division Artillery, from 17 October 1944 to 10 April 1945. Home address: West Point, New York.

First Lieutenant ROBERT W. BAUER, O1 174 498, Battery C, 217th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 9 April 1945. Home address: Longmont, Colorado.

Captain FRANK S. DICKERSON JR, O 340 199, Headquarters, 44th Division Artillery, from 29 December 1944 to 10 April 1945. Home address: Ithaca, New York.

First Sergeant CHARLES A. HOEHING, 20 233 322, Battery A, 220th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Kingston, New York.

Captain H. G. HOWARD, O 404 570, Battery B, 217th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 8 April 1945. Home address: Pleasanton, Texas.

* Private First Class ~~FRANK MORTON~~ ^{MORTON FRANK}, 34 792 828, Battery B, 217th Field Artillery Battalion, from 26 November 1944 to 16 March 1945. Entered military service from Miami, Florida. *(Name amended by Lt # 72 - Apr 21, 1945)*

Captain JERRY G. PRITZ, O 367 824, Headquarters Battery, 217th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 3 April 1945. Home address: Canton, Ohio.

Captain WILLIAM R. SMALLWOOD, O 451 290, Service Battery, 217th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 8 April 1945. Home address: Ada, Oklahoma.

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GENERAL ORDERS
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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:

Second Lieutenant FRANCIS J. MERRILL, O2 006 005, (then Private First Class) Company I, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 13 November 1944 in the vicinity of Embermenil, France. When his company was momentarily halted, Lieutenant Merrill, then the antitank man in his squad, moved forward to a position from which he could bring his fire to bear on the enemy emplacement. From this position, under continuous heavy automatic small-arms fire, he fired his anti-tank grenades until the enemy resistance at that particular point was eliminated. He then fired three more rounds on a squad of well-entrenched riflemen, causing heavy casualties. By this action, Lieutenant Merrill enabled his company to continue on in the attack. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his men and a credit to the Armed Forces. Home address: Lake Placid, New York.

First Lieutenant DONALD L. MOON, O1 307 056, Company A, * * * Infantry. For gallantry in action on 19 November 1944 in the vicinity of St. Georges, France. While employing his light machine guns as a rear guard covering one withdrawal of his company, Lieutenant Moon heard the cry for help from a wounded soldier in front of his positions. Moving forward under enemy mortar and machine gun fire to the stricken man, he administered first aid and then carried him 200 yards under fire across open terrain. Lieutenant Moon proved himself to be an outstanding leader by this act of gallantry and deserves the highest praise. Home address: Mason City, Iowa.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: 1. 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:

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM B. CARPENTER, O2 011 543, (then Staff Sergeant) Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement during the night of 2 January 1945 in eastern France. While the town of Wiesviller was undergoing a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire, Lieutenant Carpenter heard a call for help and unhesitatingly left the building where he was quartered. Outside he found a quarter-ton vehicle whose sole occupant was critically wounded. He first moved the vehicle to a position of safety and then administered first aid to the wounded man until the arrival of the medics. The cool and skillful manner in which this courageous act was accomplished has undoubtedly saved the life of a fellow soldier and is worthy of high praise. Home address: Gastonia, North Carolina.

Second Lieutenant JAMES E. KEENEY, O2 006 002, Company L, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 15 February 1945 in eastern France. During the attack on Rimling, Lieutenant Keeney's second platoon had little difficulty in taking and securing its part of the objective. However, upon discovering that the leader of the first platoon had been wounded during a heavy concentration of small-arms and mortar fire, Lieutenant Keeney took command of this platoon, which had become completely disorganized. He promptly restored order and led it on in the attack, aiding considerably in the capture of the town. Lieutenant Keeney's courage and leadership were a source of inspiration to his men and reflect credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Home address: Reisterstown, Maryland.

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II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Continued)

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in action against the enemy in eastern France is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class PAUL F. CASE, 36 108 379, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 71st Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Wheeler, Michigan.

Sergeant AUBREY T. GOGGANS, 34 706 201, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 71st Infantry, from 23 November 1944 to 19 February 1945. Entered military service from Fyffe, Alabama.

First Lieutenant RALPH H. GUTHRIE, OI 307 404, Company A, 71st Infantry, from 1 November to 26 November 1944 and from 5 January to 24 March 1945. Home address: Anthony, Kansas.

Private First Class ROMAN H. HENTGES, 37 577 701, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 71st Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 19 February 1945. Entered military service from Blackduck, Minnesota.

Private First Class ROBERT S. HOUSE JR, 33 573 571, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 71st Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 23 January 1945. Entered military service from Houstontown, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant FRED H. JUSTICE JR, 32 028 188, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 71st Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Tonawanda, New York.

Captain WALTER R. MORGAN, OI 285 088, Company H, 71st Infantry, from 1 November 1944 to 1 February 1945. Home address: Rochester, New York.

Second Lieutenant JAMES A. SWEENEY, OI 692 646, Company A, 71st Infantry, from 1 November 1944 to 1 March 1945. Home address: Washingtonville, New York.

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Reviewed by B. O. H.
17 April 1945.

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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 71

ORIGINAL ORDER 5

- I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
II. AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS.

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: 1. 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 officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class CLYDE B. BARNARD, 38 697 766, Company J, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945 near Rimling, France. Private Barnard was acting squad leader on a dangerous patrol mission when the enemy suddenly opened up with heavy automatic fire at close range. He deployed his men skillfully and, moving forward, killed a German in position. Then, in spite of enemy machine-gun bullets hitting all around him, he continued firing upon the enemy with his rifle until he ran out of ammunition. Private Barnard's outstanding leadership and courage under fire merit high praise. Entered military service from Bixby, Oklahoma.

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Private WOODROW W. BISHOP, 31 457 303, Company B, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 23 February 1945 in eastern France. When his combat patrol contacted the enemy, it came under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. Private Bishop moved promptly to a position from which he delivered effective fire with his rocket launcher. His skill and coolness under fire assisted in the capture of the enemy and merit much praise. Entered military service from Winsted, Connecticut.

Second Lieutenant DALE H. HATFIELD, 02 000 729, Company B, * * * Infantry. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in eastern France. During the night of 23 February 1945, as Lieutenant Hatfield's combat patrol, on a raiding mission, was fired upon by enemy rifles and machine guns, he unhesitatingly and skillfully maneuvered his patrol so as to eliminate all resistance. Lieutenant Hatfield's aggressiveness, courage, and devotion to duty are worthy of high praise. Home address: Lebanon, Ohio.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in action is awarded to the following-named officers:

First Lieutenant JOHN R. HOWELL JR, 01 319 901, Headquarters Company, 71st Infantry, from 1 November 1944 to 1 February 1945, in eastern France. Home address: Phoenix, Arizona.

Captain MALCOLM P. MC NAIR JR, 0 460 437, Headquarters, 156th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 20 March 1945, in eastern France and Germany. Home address: Cambridge, Massachusetts.

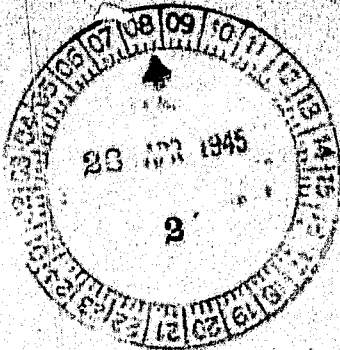
Captain GEORGE W. READE JR, 01 315 100, Company G, 71st Infantry, from 1 November 1944 to 1 February 1945, in eastern France. Home address: Riverdale, California.

First Lieutenant JAMES K. VAN FLEET, 01 307 107, Service Company, 71st Infantry, from 1 November 1944 to 1 February 1945, in eastern France. Home address: Webster City, Iowa.

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II. AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS: 1. So much of Section I, General Orders 18, this Hq, 8 Feb 45, awarding Bronze Star Medals to enlisted men, as pertains to Staff Sergeant GEORGE E. FRANKLIN, 33 435 483, Company G, 114th Infantry, is amended to award him a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal instead.

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2. So much of Section IV, General Orders 64, this Hq, 12 Apr 45, awarding Bronze Star Medals to officers and enlisted men, as pertains to Private STANLEY E. BERNARD, 35 239 887, Company E, 71st Infantry, is revoked.

GO 71, 17 Apr 45, Hq 44th Inf Div (Continued)



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