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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION
CAMP CHAFFEE, ARKANSAS

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 274

6 November 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER # 242

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, the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations is awarded to the following-named individuals:

Sergeant RALPH B. ANDERSON, 35 601 [illegible], Headquarters Battery, 217th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

Private First Class RICHARD J. BAME, 35 546 206, Company A, 71st Infantry, from 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Findlay, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant LOUIS BELENSKI, 20 225 183, Company D, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Second Lieutenant EUGENE E. BERG, 01 325 858, Company C, 324th Infantry, from 27 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Home address: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade NICHOLAS CARRETTA, 20 238 599, Antitank Company, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant DALE H. FINDLAY, O 390 866, Company C, 324th Infantry, from 18 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Home address: Beverly Hills, California.

Private First Class CARL J. HELM, 36 644 365, Company H, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD ISAACS, 38 432 726, Company D, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Commerce, Texas.

First Lieutenant HENRY T. LOHRMANN, 01 542 301, I. & E. Team #67 (Attached to Headquarters, 44th Infantry Division), from 16 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Home address: Altamont, Illinois.

Second Lieutenant EDWARD MC TIGUE, 01 998 123, Company C, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Home address: Troy, New York.

Staff Sergeant PAUL E. MONCRIEF, 32 070 059, Antitank Company, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Blackwood, New Jersey.

Sergeant MICHAEL ORLOSKY, 33 617 165, Company H, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Kaska Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant LEONARD A. RIEPE, 01 327 664, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 114th Infantry, from 13 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Home address: Metropolis, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM E. ROGERS, 34 722 723, Company D, 324th Infantry, from 23 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Prospect, Tennessee.

Sergeant BERNARD T. SEITZ, 32 037 683, Company B, 324th Infantry, from 28 January 1945 to 7 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

Corporal EUGENE M. SHOOP, 33 070 262, Company H, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant SAMUEL T. GEDEON, 32 056 564, Company B, 324th Infantry, from 24 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant ROBERT K. WEEKES, 01 963 059, Company B, 324th Infantry, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Home address: Santa Monica, California.

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, the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations is awarded to the following-named officer:

Major WILLYS H. PEARSON, 022 660, Headquarters, 71st Infantry, from 7 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Home address: Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL BELDERLINDEN:

GEORGE E. MARTIN
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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION
CAMP CHAFFEE, ARKANSAS

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6 November 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER

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

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

Second Lieutenant JAMES A. BENNETT, 02 005 995, (then Technical Sergeant) Company I, 71st Infantry. For gallantry in action on 19 December 1944 near Singerhof Fort, France. When his company's advance was halted by heavy enemy machine-gun fire, Lieutenant Bennett crawled forward under intense enemy fire to render aid to his lead scout who was wounded. For his courage and concern for his comrade, Lieutenant Bennett merits high praise. Home address: Mount Morris, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class HAROLD E. FALLER JR, 18 246 924, Company E, 71st Infantry. For gallantry in action on 29 March 1945 near Rhineau, Germany. When Private Faller and six others became separated from their company and found themselves behind enemy lines, they decided to cause as much damage as possible to the enemy and formed an aggressive combat patrol. In the subsequent action, Private Faller played an important part in the neutralization of twelve enemy machine guns and the capture of 27 prisoners. Private Faller's courage and fighting spirit are in keeping with the finest traditions of our Armed Forces. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Private First Class WARNER N. LINDSEY, 35 835 827, Company E, 71st Infantry. For gallantry in action on 29 March 1945 near Rhineau, Germany. When Private Lindsey and six others became separated from their company and found themselves behind enemy lines, they decided to cause as much damage as possible to the enemy and formed an aggressive combat patrol. In the subsequent action, Private Lindsey played an important part in the neutralization of twelve enemy machine guns and the capture of 27 prisoners. Private Lindsey's courage and fighting spirit are in keeping with the finest traditions of our Armed Forces. Entered military service from Marion, Kentucky.

Private First Class JAMES R. MURPHY, 36 983 374, Company M, 71st Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 May 1945 near Fern Pass, Austria. When the forward observer of the 81 mm mortars was wounded, Private Murphy, who was operating the radio for the observer, left his covered position to direct mortar fire on the enemy. Then, while friendly shells were landing on the enemy, he went forward to render aid and carry his wounded comrade to a place of safety. For his courage and spirit of self-sacrifice, Private Murphy merits high praise. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant BERNARD P. SHINDER, 33 463 903, (then Sergeant) Company E, 71st Infantry. For gallantry in action on 29 March 1945 near Rhineau, Germany. When Sergeant Shinder and six others became separated from their company and found themselves behind enemy lines, they decided to cause as much damage as possible to the enemy and formed an aggressive combat patrol. In the subsequent action, Sergeant Shinder played an important part in the neutralization of twelve enemy machine guns and the capture of 27 prisoners. Sergeant Shinder's courage and fighting spirit are in keeping with the finest traditions of our Armed Forces. Entered military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

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 First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to the following-named individuals:

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First Sergeant WILLIAM H. CONKLIN, 32 000 66?, Company E, 71st Infantry. For gallantry in action on 29 March 1945 near Rhineau, Germany. When Sergeant Conklin and six others became separated from their company and found themselves behind enemy lines, they decided to cause as much damage as possible to the enemy and formed an aggressive combat patrol. In the subsequent action, Sergeant Conklin played an important part in the neutralization of twelve enemy machine guns and the capture of 27 prisoners. Sergeant Conklin's courage and fighting spirit are in keeping with the finest traditions of our Armed Forces. Entered military service from Rockland, New York.

Second Lieutenant LEON M. SCHIENDELMAN, 02 000 776, Company L, 114th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 26 April 1945 near Lambos, Austria. Lieutenant Schiendelman, a platoon leader, was given the mission of securing a town with a reinforced platoon. In the approach he led assaults on a number of road blocks to capture 21 prisoners and the commander of an antiaircraft battalion. By convincing the enemy officer that he could call for artillery fire on the town, he effected the surrender of the enemy battalion of nearly 700 men. He then achieved their assembly with his own scant force. For his outstanding leadership, courage and initiative, Lieutenant Schiendelman merits high praise. Home address: Cathlamet, Washington.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL BEIDERLINDEN:

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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 First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to the following-named officers:

First Lieutenant DONALD A. BOURNE, O 406 769, Company E, 71st Infantry. For gallantry in action on 29 March 1945 near Rhineau, Germany. When Lieutenant Bourne and six others became separated from their company and found themselves behind enemy lines, they decided to cause as much damage as possible to the enemy and formed an aggressive combat patrol. In the subsequent action, Lieutenant Bourne played an important part in the neutralization of three enemy machine guns and a pillbox, and the capture of ten prisoners. Lieutenant Bourne's courage and fighting spirit are in keeping with the finest traditions of our Armed Forces. Home address: Portland, Oregon.

Captain HOWARD F. GOLDSMITH JR, O 319 849, Company E, 71st Infantry. For gallantry in action on 29 March 1945 near Rhineau, Germany. When Captain Goldsmith and six others became separated from their company and found themselves behind enemy lines, they decided to cause as much damage as possible to the enemy and formed an aggressive combat patrol. In the subsequent action, Captain Goldsmith played an important part in the neutralization of twelve enemy machine guns and the capture of 27 prisoners. Captain Goldsmith's courage and fighting spirit are in keeping with the finest traditions of our Armed Forces. Home address: Omaha, Nebraska.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL BEIDERLINDEN:

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CAMP CHAFFEE, ARKANSAS

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 282

10 November 1945

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

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

First Lieutenant WILLARD C. CRAIK, 01 184 637, Headquarters, 44th Division Artillery. For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 23 October 1944 to 9 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Lynn, Massachusetts.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following-named enlisted men for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM J. NUNAN, 13 127 025, Headquarters, 44th Infantry Division, wounded 18 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

Private KENNETH H. WIGGINS, 33 871 909, Company I, 114th Infantry, wounded 20 September 1944 in Italy. Entered military service from Paradise, Pennsylvania.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL BEIDERLINDEN:

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Lieutenant Colonel, AGD
Acting Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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NUMBER 286

15 November 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART
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, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Master Sergeant GLENDEL H. CHASE, 39 201 352, Service Company, 71st Infantry. For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 13 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following-named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Second Lieutenant ROBERT [illegible]. BURTON, 02 006 022, Hq, 16th Hq & Hq Det, Sp Trs, Second Army, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. (Then Sergeant, Company H, 324th Infantry) Wounded in France on 29 December 1944. Home address: Richmond, Illinois.

Corporal IRWIN H. KLEINER, 12 111 040, Company A, 71st Infantry. Wounded in Germany on 24 December 1944. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

III. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS: So much of Section I, General Orders 272, this Hq, 5 Nov 45, awarding a Bronze Star Medal to Second Lieutenant KENNETH VAN DUNELL, 02 006 941, Company A, 71st Infantry, is amended to award him the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal instead.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL DULANEY:

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION
CAMP CHAFFEE, ARKANSAS

ORIGINAL ORDER

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 287

16 November 1945

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Captain GEORGE N. MANUKAS, O 323 167, Headquarters, 44th Infantry Division, (then Headquarters, Second Battalion, 324th Infantry). For meritorious service in direct support of military operations against the enemy from 16 March 1945 to 7 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Home address: Trenton, New Jersey.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

Private First Class ROBERT J. BURGESS, 36 976 413, 715th Air Materiel Squadron, 473d Air Service, APO 744, c/o Postmaster, N. Y., (then Company G, 71st Infantry.) Wounded in France on 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Corporal GARRETT L. CONNERS JR, 35 530 711, 71st Infantry, (then 23d Tank Battalion, APO 262, c/o Postmaster, N. Y.) Wounded in Germany on 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Youngstown, Ohio.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL DULANEY:

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following-named officer for wounds received in action against the enemy:

First Lieutenant JACK L. ABBE, 01 323 080, Company I, 114th Infantry. Wounded in France on 9 December 1944. Entered military service from Lafayette, Louisiana.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL DULANEY:

E. DOHERTY
Lieutenant Colonel, AGD
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20 November 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Captain LAWRENCE P. MELTESEN, 01 307 279, Company K, 114th Infantry. For gallantry in action on 15 February 1945 in the vicinity of Bronerfinghouse Farm, France. When a strong enemy counterattack forced the unit on his right to give ground, Captain Meltesen, commanding Company K, realizing that it would be extremely detrimental to the defense if he moved his company back, went forward with total disregard for his own safety, walked the entire length of his front line and encouraged his men to remain in position and fight it out. At several places he picked up discarded weapons from wounded men of his company and fired upon the enemy, killing a number of Germans. His heroic actions enabled the unit on his right to regain its position and prevented the enemy from rolling the flank of his regiment as they had planned. Captain Meltesen's outstanding leadership and courage are in keeping with the finest traditions of our fighting men.

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

First Lieutenant LYLE R. KELLSTROM, 01 318 442, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 71st Infantry. For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 13 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Auburn, Washington.

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

Private First Class JEROME REITMAN, 32 975 758, Company I, 71st Infantry (then Company I, 324th Infantry). Wounded in Germany on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, N. Y.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL DULANEY:

CHARLES R. RAIN
Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry
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ORIGINAL ORDER

23 November 1945

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant SOL M. SAMAZIN, Cl 314 555, Company A, 114th Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944 in the vicinity of Enchenberg, France. When the enemy, who had direct observation from the adjacent town of Bemberg, subjected his company to a merciless artillery barrage which threatened to halt our attack on Enchenberg, Lieutenant Samazin rallied and led his men forward with utter disregard for his own safety. Lieutenant Samazin's outstanding leadership and courage under fire played an important part in the success of this attack and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL DULANEY:

CHARLES R. RAIN
Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry
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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 297

26 November 1945

AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following-named enlisted man for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class HAROLD F. L. WONG, 30 111 559, Company A, 324th Infantry. Wounded a second time on 4 May 1945 in Austria. Entered military service from Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaii.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL DULANEY:

CHARLES R. RAIN
Lieutenant Colonel, Inf
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

E. DOHERTY
Lieutenant Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION
CAMP CHAFFEE, ARKANSAS

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29 November 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officers:

Captain (Chaplain) ARTHUR H. BROWN JR, O 535 446, Headquarters, 44th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 23 October 1944 to 9 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Home address: Stony Creek, Virginia.

Major WILLIAM D. BROWN, O 358 300, DC, Headquarters, 44th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 23 October 1944 to 9 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Home address: Gloucester, New Jersey.

Major THEODORE P. SURATT, O 483 448, MC, Headquarters, 44th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 23 October 1944 to 9 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from North Carolina.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL DULANEY:

CHARLES R. RAIN
Lieutenant Colonel, Inf
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

E. DOHERTY
Lieutenant Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION
CAMP CHAFFEE, ARKANSAS

GENERAL ORDERS
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29 November 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officers:

Lieutenant Colonel EDWARD DOHERTY, O 303 412, Adjutant General's Department, Headquarters, 44th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 March to 7 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

Lieutenant Colonel RUSSELL C. HARDEE, O 205 230, General Staff Corps, Headquarters, 44th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 March to 7 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL DULANEY:

CHARLES R. MAIN
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Maj. Lee R. G. Ward, AGD.

HEADQUARTERS
FORTY FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 45, U.S. ARMY

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5 August 1943

Subject: Award of the Purple Heart.

To : Each Individual Concerned.

1. Announcement is made of the award of the Purple Heart as follows:

NIF — Pvt Junior R. Jones 17074764 MP Platoon, 45th Inf Div, for wounds received in action near Vittoria, Sicily, 16 July 1943. (Medal Number 111442)

Pvt Roy B Turner 34315857 MP Platoon, 45th Inf Div, for wounds received in action during the campaign of Sicily, 22 July 1943. (Medal Number 111484).

NIF — Pvt Robert Kish 32332169 45th Cav Rcn Trp, for wounds received in action during the campaign of Sicily, 11 July 1943. (Medal Number 134359)

Pvt Thomas E. Turner 20824935 45th Cav Rcn Trp, for wounds received in action during the campaign of Sicily, 10 July 1943. (Medal Number 134368)

Pvt Gilbert J. White 20829718 45th Cav Rcn Trp, for wounds received in action during the campaign of Sicily, 15 July 1943. (Medal Number 134281)

By command of Major General MIDDLETON:

RALPH L. DRY
Captain, AGD
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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FORTY FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 45, U.S. ARMY

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7 August 1943

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Subject: Award of the Purple Heart.

To : Individual Concerned.

1. Announcement is made of the award of the purple heart as follows:

CHAPLAIN (Lt Col) WILLIAM E KING 0268277 Hq 45th Inf Div, for wounds received as a result of enemy action near Finale, Sicily, 25 July 1943. (Medal Number 217867)

By command of Major General MIDDLETON:

RALPH L. DRY
Captain, AGD
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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FORTY FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION

APO 45, c/o Postmaster,
New York, New York,
11 August 1943.

SUBJECT: Award of Soldier's Medal.

TO: Staff Sergeant James C. DePury, 34025110, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

James C. DePury, 34025110, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not in action 27 July 1943, West of Lasiori, Sicily. Upon seeing an observation type aircraft crash into the sea about 1000 yards off shore, Staff Sergeant DePury voluntarily and with utter disregard for his own safety, went to the assistance of two soldiers who had managed to clear the sinking aircraft, both of whom were slightly injured and near exhaustion. Staff Sergeant DePury with the assistance of an officer and by using empty water cans as life preservers, succeeded in bringing the drowning men safely to shore, thereby saving their lives. The courage and prompt action displayed by Staff Sergeant DePury on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Residence at induction: Tampa, Florida. (Medal Number 4313)

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TROY H. MIDDLETON,
Major General, U.S. Army,
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HEADQUARTERS
FORTY FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION

APO 45, c/o Postmaster,
New York, New York,
11 August 1943.

SUBJECT: Award of Soldier's Medal.

TO: SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES J. KESSMIER, 01173328, FA, 158th Field Artillery Battalion.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named officer:

CHARLES J. KESSMIER, 01173328, Second Lieutenant, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not in action on 27 July 1943, West of Lascari, Sicily. Upon seeing an observation type aircraft crash into the sea about 1000 yards off shore, Second Lieutenant Kessmier unhesitatingly, and without regard for his personal safety, went to the assistance of two soldiers who had managed to clear the sinking aircraft, both of whom were slightly injured and near exhaustion. Second Lieutenant Kessmier with the assistance of an enlisted man and by using empty water cans as life preservers, succeeded in bringing the drowning men safely to shore, thereby saving their lives. The heroism displayed by Second Lieutenant Kessmier on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Newark, Ohio. (Medal Number 4319)

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APO 45, U.S. [illegible]

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210.5

13 August 1943

Subject: Award of the Purple Heart.

To : Individual concerned.

1. The award of the Purple Heart (Medal Number 111442) to Private Junior E. Jones 17[illegible]76, HP Platoon, 45th Inf Div, as announced in Letter, this Headquarters, file AG 210.5, Subject, Award of the Purple Heart, is hereby revoked.

By command of Major General MIDDLETON:

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HEADQUARTERS
FORTY FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION

APO 45, c/o Postmaster
New York New York
14 August 1943

AG 200.6

SUBJECT: Award of Silver Star Medal.

TO : Officers and Enlisted Men Concerned.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

HILSTON T. KILCOLLINS, 01165887, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on the 19th and 20th of July 1943, near S. Caterina, Sicily. Lieutenant Kilcollins, obtained permission to, and conducted, a party of three volunteers that started on foot across extremely mountainous terrain at sundown 19 July 1943 to an observation point ten miles within enemy territory. They captured six prisoners, and at dawn were approximately 300 yards from an enemy observation post. By relaying commands, effective fire was adjusted on enemy installations. When discovered and fired upon by small arms, the party returned the fire, inflicted casualties upon the enemy, then continued to a more advanced observation post. When driven from there by automatic fire to covered positions, they remained in observation of enemy operations and communicated with their Command Post until dark. The rugged courage, initiative and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Kilcollins, exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Mapleton, Maine. (Medal Number 35984)

Stanley Dachowski, 33185263, Private, Medical Detachment, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action, 28 July 1943, at Cefalu, Sicily. During a heavy bombardment by enemy artillery, Private Dachowski saw a wounded soldier lying in a position which was continually being swept by fire, left his sheltered position, crawled into the open under fire, administered first aid to the seriously wounded soldier and later evacuated him to safety. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Dachowski reflects great credit upon himself and his organization and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Reading, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 35880)

Charles E. Stewart, 37074665, Private First Class, Battery C, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action east of Cefalu, Sicily, 25 July 1943. The wire truck in which Private First Class Stewart was riding was hit by enemy artillery fire, killing three men and seriously wounding others. Private First Class Stewart reached a sheltered position but some wounded were unable to reach safety. Voluntarily, and during continuance of the artillery fire, Private First Class Stewart and two other enlisted men, left their shelter to remove the injured men from their exposed positions. While aiding in removing one mortally wounded man, Private First Class Stewart was struck by shrapnel. The gallant action and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by Private First Class Stewart reflects great credit upon himself and his organization and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mondamin, Iowa. (Medal Number 35928)

JULIAN A. YOCOM, 0469869, First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, 120th Engineer Battalion, for gallantry in action 10 July 1943, near Scoglitti, Sicily. While landing for the invasion of Sicily, aninfantry company was held down by fire from a strongly fortified machine gun emplacement. Lieutenant Yocom, accompanied by a soldier of his command, crept to within 35 feet of the emplacement and by rifle fire and grenades, killed 2 of the enemy, wounded 5, and took 9 prisoners, thereby putting the machine gun out of action and allowing the infantry to proceed. The gallant action and complete disregard of personal danger displayed by Lieutenant Yocom instilled confidence in his fellow soldiers and materially aided our forces. Entered military service from Napolean, Ohio. (Medal Number 35923)

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Chester J. Goralski, 36616156, Private, Battery C, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on the 19th and 20th of July 1943, near S. Caterina, Sicily. Private Goralski was a member of a party of three volunteers that started on foot across extremely mountainous terrain at sundown 19 July 1943 to an observation point ten miles within enemy territory. They captured six prisoners, and at dawn were approximately 300 yards from an enemy observation post. By relaying commands, effective fire was adjusted on enemy installations. When discovered and fired upon by small arms, the party returned the fire, inflicted casualties upon the enemy, then continued to a more advanced observation post. When driven from there by automatic fire to covered positions, they remained in observation of enemy operations and communicated with their Command Post until dark. The rugged courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Goralski exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois. (Medal Number 35900)

Chester Maykowski, 32219409, Private First Class, Company A, 180th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 14 July 1943, at Biscari Airport, Sicily. When his company was held up by enemy fire, Private First Class Maykowski volunteered to accompany and assist Private Langillo, Company B, 180th Infantry to work their way, under fire, to within 30 yards of two enemy 20mm guns. Still under fire Private First Class Maykowski loaded, and Private Langille fired two rounds from a rocket launcher, scored direct hits which knocked both guns out and killed or wounded the enemy crews that manned them, thus greatly assisted in driving off the enemy. These heroic actions exemplify the high ideals and traditions of the service. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York. (Medal Number 35920)

Swinby E. Hayes, 34093170, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery C, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on the 19th and 20th of July 1943, near S. Caterina, Sicily. Technician Fifth Grade Hayes was a member of party of three volunteers that started on foot across extremely mountainous terrain at sundown 19 July 1943 to an observation point ten miles within enemy territory. They captured six prisoners, and at dawn were approximately 300 yards from an enemy observation post. By relaying commands, effective fire was adjusted on enemy installations. When discovered and fired upon by small arms, the party returned the fire, inflicted casualties upon the enemy, then continued to a more advanced observation post. When driven from there by automatic fire to covered positions, they remained in observation of enemy operations and communicated with their Command Post until dark. The rugged courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Hayes exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Lakeview, South Carolina. (Medal Number 35863)

Frank E. D'Orazio, 33338910, Private, Battery C, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on the 19th and 20th of July 1943, near S. Caterina, Sicily. Private D'Orazio was a member of a party of three volunteers that started on foot across extremely mountainous terrain at sundown 19 July 1943 to an observation point ten miles within enemy territory. They captured six prisoners, and at dawn were approximately 300 yards from an enemy observation post. By relaying commands, effective fire was adjusted on enemy installations. When discovered and fired upon by small arms, the party returned the fire, inflicted casualties upon the enemy, then continued to a more advanced observation post. When driven from there by automatic fire to covered positions, they remained in observation of enemy operations and communicated with their Command Post until dark. The rugged courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private D'Orazio exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 35904)

George T. Fincher, 38116011, Private First Class, Company A, 120th Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action 29 July 1943, near Castel di Tusa, Sicily Private First Class Fincher had a protected position during a heavy artillery concentration during which several men were seriously wounded and disabled by shell fragments. Without regard for his personal safety, Private First Class Fincher, while the bombardment continued, crawled to where the wounded men had fallen, dressed their wounds and assisted them to places of safety. The gallant action and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Fincher reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Dallas, Texas. (Medal Number 36025)

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Jesse W. Shanks, 37200928, Private, Headquarters Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 10 July 1943, at Vittoria, Sicily. Private Shanks aided in evacuating a seriously wounded soldier while his organization was engaged in street fighting in Vittoria, Sicily. While under heavy rifle fire, and without regard for personal safety, Private Shanks voluntarily went forward with a motor vehicle, where, with the assistance of a medical aid man, removed and evacuated the wounded man to safety. The gallant action of Private Shanks is an inspiring example for his organization and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Clinton, Missouri. (Medal Number 35930)

Lincoln A. Shoff, 33085310, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery C, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action east of Cefalu, Sicily, 25 July 1943. The wire truck in which Technician Fifth Grade Shoff was riding was hit by enemy artillery fire, killing three men and seriously wounding others. Technician Fifth Grade Shoff reached a sheltered position but some wounded were unable to reach safety. Voluntarily, and during continuance of the artillery fire, Technician Fifth Grade Shoff and two other enlisted men, left their shelter to remove the injured men from their exposed positions. While aiding in removing one mortally wounded man, Technician Fifth Grade Shoff was struck by shrapnel. The gallant action and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Shoff reflects great credit upon himself and his organization and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Portage, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 36011)

Angelo M. Vaughn 20833867, Corporal, Battery C, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action east of Cefalu, Sicily, 25 July 1943. The wire truck in which Corporal Vaughn was riding was hit by enemy artillery fire, killing three men and seriously wounding others. Corporal Vaughn reached a sheltered position but some wounded were unable to reach safety. Voluntarily, and during continuance of the artillery fire, Corporal Vaughn and two other enlisted men left their shelter to remove the injured men from their exposed positions. While aiding in removing one mortally wounded man, Corporal Vaughn was struck by shrapnel. The gallant action and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by Corporal Vaughn reflects great credit upon himself and his organization and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Blackwell, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 35983)

Lytton J. Oille 15099987, Private First Class, Company B, 120th Engineer Battalion, for gallantry in action 10 July 1943, near Scoglitti, Sicily. While landing for the invasion of Sicily, an infantry company was held down by fire from a strongly fortified machine gun emplacement. Private First Class Oille, accompanying his platoon leader, crept to within 35 feet of the emplacement and by rifle fire and grenades, killed 2 of the enemy, wounded 6, and took 9 prisoners, thereby putting the machine gun out of action and allowing the infantry to proceed. Private First Class Oille's gallant action and courage under heavy fire reflects great credit upon himself and his organization, and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

Harvey H. Durr, 36074083, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry, for gallantry in action, 14 July 1943, south of Castiglione, Sicily. During the advance upon Pistori [illegible] by Company C, 179th Infantry, the company was pinned down by artillery fire and a number of men were wounded by shrapnel. Several of these men were so seriously wounded that they could not crawl out of danger. Private First Class Durr with complete disregard for his own safety and while under heavy enemy fire, crawled to the exposed men and treated their wounds. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Durr exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Residence at time of induction: Griggsville, Illinois. (Medal Number 35886

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Samuel F. Jenkins, 38018300, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry, for gallantry in action south of Castiglione, Sicily, 14 July 1943. During the advance upon Pistori Ridge by Company A, 179th Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade Jenkins was assigned as a company medical aid man. Several men of the company were wounded by shrapnel and the company was pinned down by artillery fire. The wounded men were so exposed and seriously wounded that they could neither crawl out of danger nor be evacuated. Despite a wound he had received and dressed, Technician Fifth Grade Jenkins, with utter disregard for his personal safety, left a protected position, crawled to the exposed men during the enemy firing, and treated their wounds. The courage and perseverance displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Jenkins gallant action is an inspiring example to his organization and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence at time of induction: Seminole, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 36010)

Ralph B. Brown, 38016843, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry, for gallantry in action south of Castiglione, Sicily, on 14 July 1943. Company C, 179th Infantry was advancing on high ground south of Castiglione, Sicily, when they were stopped by an artillery concentration. Private First Class Brown had moved to a position of safety when he learned that a wounded soldier was still under fire. Private First Class Brown, without regard for his safety, crawled across the exposed area at the height of the artillery fire, located the soldier who was so seriously wounded he could not move, then carried him out of danger. The gallant action and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Brown reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Residence at time of induction: Yurnby, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 35954)

By command of Major General MIDDLETON:

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HEADQUARTERS
FORTY FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 45, US ARMY

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AG 200.6

24 August 1943

Subject: Award of the Purple Heart.

To : Each Individual Concerned.

1. Announcement is made of the award of the Purple Heart as follows:

Pvt Leo H. Jalette 31067729 MP Platoon, 45th Inf Div, for wounds received in action during the Sicilian campaign, 11 July 1943. (Medal Number 147299)

Pvt J. C. Gouge 34509605 45th Signal Company, for wounds received in action near San Stefano, Sicily, 7 August 1943. (Medal Number 111443)

Pvt William B. Korte 12128300,45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for wounds received in action during the campaign of Sicily, 15 July 1943. (Medal Number 111418)

Pvt Alfred W. Reichen 17043179, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for wounds received in action during the campaign of Sicily, 20 July 1943. (Medal Number 133964)

By command of Brigadier General McLAIN:

RALPH L. DRY
Captain, AGD
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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HEADQUARTERS
FORTY FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION

APO 45, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York
31 August 1943

AG 200.6

SUBJECT: Award of Silver Star Medal.

TO: Officers and Enlisted Men Concerned.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Elmo F. Cromer, 20638694, First Sergeant, Company C, 157th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 28 July 1943, west of San Stefano, Sicily. When the need for ammunition, food, and water for his company became desperate, First Sergeant Cromer organized carrying parties to relieve the situation. He Himself worked unceasingly without sleep or rest for a 30-hour period, carrying heavy loads over a two-mile route, up steep and mountainous terrain all the while being continually exposed to enemy snipers and hand grenades. At times he was forced to drop his load of supplies and eliminate snipers at point blank range, but he maintained a continuous flow of supplies to his company until the enemy were driven from their positions. The driving leadership and unfaltering courage of First Sergeant Cromer's gallant action exemplifies the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Fort Collins, Colorado. (Medal Number 35939)

CHARLIE L. BENNETT, 01287651, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 157th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 28 July 1943, near Tusa, Sicily. When his platoon was subjected to an hour-long enemy artillery barrage killing one man and wounding 15 others; Lieutenant Bennett, although himself wounded, directed the evacuation of these casualties, refusing to accept medical aid until his last man had been treated. Although greatly weakened by his wound, he reorganized his scattered platoon and successfully led it against enemy positions and continued to remain in action with his men until ordered to the rear. The courage and unswerving determination displayed by Lieutenant Bennett's gallant act reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Hugo, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 36034)

JAMES H. CRUICKSHANK, 01283380, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 179th Infantry, for gallantry in action 10 July 1943, near Vittoria, Sicily. While leading his platoon during the advance on Vittoria, Sicily, the platoon encountered hostile fire from two 20mm guns and small arms. Lieutenant Cruickshank scrambled to the rooftops of nearby small buildings, located the enemy positions, and, although subjected to fire of enemy grenades and small arms, he fired upon the enemy, wounding two, and so disorganized the remainder that they withdrew leaving their guns behind. The courage and initiative displayed by Lieutenant Cruickshank is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York, New York. (Medal Number 35976)

A. G. Crain, 38177123, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry, for gallantry in action 14 July 1943, near Mt Ramione, about seven kilometres southeast of Caltagirone, Sicily. Private First Class Crain assisted in giving first aid and evacuating an enlisted man seriously wounded by enemy small arms fire while at his machine gun position on the forward slope of a hill. In the face of heavy machine gun and automatic rifle fire, Private First Class Crain, accompanied by other enlisted men, left their place of shelter, crawled forward to the exposed position of the wounded soldier, rendered first aid and evacuated him to safety. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Crain on this occasion is worthy of the highest praise. Residence at time of induction: El Dorado, Arkansas. (Medal Number 35938)

Thomas H. McDonough, 33262116, Private, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry, for gallantry in action 14 July 1943, near Mt Ramione, about seven kilometres southeast of Caltagirone, Sicily. Private McDonough assisted in giving first aid and evacuating an enlisted man seriously wounded by enemy small arms fire while at his machine gun position on the forward slope of a hill. In the face of heavy machine gun and automatic rifle fire, Private McDonough, accompanied by other enlisted men, left their place of shelter, crawled forward to the exposed position of the wounded soldier, rendered first aid and evacuated him to safety. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private McDonough on this occasion is worthy of the highest praise. Residence at time of induction: North Braddock, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 36003)

Marcus Lichtenstein, 32229124, Private, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry, for gallantry in action 14 July 1943, near Mt Ramione, about seven kilometres southeast of Caltagirone, Sicily. Private Lichtenstein assisted in giving first aid and evacuating an enlisted man seriously wounded by enemy small arms fire while at his machine gun position on the forward slope of a hill. In the face of heavy machine gun and automatic rifle fire, Private Lichtenstein, accompanied by other enlisted men, left their place of shelter, crawled forward to the exposed position of the wounded soldier, rendered first aid and evacuated him to safety. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Lichtenstein on this occasion is worthy of the highest praise. Residence at time of induction: Bronx, New York. (Medal Number 36012)

Kastian J. Adams, 31060219, Sergeant, Company D, 180th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 14 July 1943, at the Biscari Airport, Biscari, Sicily. During the advance of a reinforced rifle company on Biscari Airport, it ran into a tremendous field of crossfire from enemy machine guns and an enemy 20mm gun which halted and pinned the company to the ground. Sergeant Adams, member of a reconnaissance patrol on the right flank of the company, voluntarily and on his own initiative, accompanied by two other enlisted men, crossed 50 yards of open ground which was under continual heavy enemy fire, climbed the heights to the enemy positions, and with accurate rifle fire assisted in destroying all of the enemy gun crews. The initiative and gallant action of Sergeant Adams made it possible for this company to advance and successfully accomplish its mission. Home address: Brighton, Massachusetts. (Medal Number 35847)

Samuel D. Levin, 33311007, Private First Class, Company D, 180th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 14 July 1943, at the Biscari Airport, Biscari, Sicily. During the advance of a reinforced rifle company on Biscari Airport, it ran into a tremendous field of crossfire from enemy machine guns and an enemy 20mm gun which halted and pinned the company to the ground. Private First Class Levin, member of a reconnaissance patrol on the right flank of the company, voluntarily and on his own initiative, accompanied by two other enlisted men, crossed 50 yards of open ground which was under continual heavy enemy fire, climbed the heights to the enemy positions, and with accurate rifle fire assisted in destroying all of the enemy gun crews. The initiative and gallant action of Private First Class Levin made it possible for this company to advance and successfully accomplish its mission. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 35846)

Charles Stone, 32212146, Private First Class, Company B, 180th Infantry, for gallantry in action near Biscari, Sicily, 10 July 1943. During an enemy attack preceded by 3 German Mark VI tanks, and as anti-tank weapons were not immediately available, Private First Class Stone, accompanied by two other enlisted men, set up their 60mm mortar while under continual enemy machine gun, mortar, and sniper fire, and commenced to fire on the advancing tanks. Although their mortar was hit several times by machine gun fire, and he himself was wounded by a shell burst, they continued to fire on the tanks until their mortar was knocked out. This courageous action delayed the enemy attack sufficiently to allow their own elements to maneuver to a more secure position. The courage and perseverance displayed by Private First Class Stone is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence at time of induction: Pultney, New York. (Medal Number 36021)

Homer C. Roberts, 20326436, Private, Company D, 180th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 14 July 1943, near Biscari, Sicily. While engaging in the attack on Biscari Airport, the heavy machine gun that Private Roberts was firing was destroyed by a shell burst from an enemy mortar. Although subjected to enemy machine gun, artillery, and anti-tank fire, Private Roberts secured a light machine gun abandoned by its crew nearby, and by carrying it in his arms, he advanced on the enemy, firing as he walked. Although his hands were severely burned by the hot barrel of his machine gun, he continued to advance on the enemy, firing all the time, succeeding in killing several of the enemy and forcing the remainder to withdraw. In performing this valorous deed, Private Roberts crossed approximately one hundred yards of open ground and climbed a fifty foot hill while under continuous heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire. The exceptional courage and initiative shown by Private Roberts in his gallant action upholds the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Okemah, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 26064)

Ralph L. Greiger, 32245446, Corporal, Company C, 180th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 11 July 1943, near Biscari, Sicily. When his company and adjacent units which had taken positions upon a hill, were attacked by a number of enemy light tanks, Corporal Greiger, unhesitatingly and in the face of heavy machine gun fire, armed with a rocket launcher, advanced alone down the hill to within 60 feet of one tank, fired his launcher, setting the tank on fire, and causing the remainder of the tanks to withdraw. The rugged courage and alertness displayed by Corporal Greiger is in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Myerstale, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 35980)

JEAN R. REED, 0379866, Captain, Infantry, 180th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 14 July 1943, near Caltagirone, Sicily. When the battalion of which Captain Reed's company was a part, was attacked by six Mark VI tanks, four light tanks, and accompanied by a large infantry force, Captain Reed personally directed the fire of his company's weapons, continually moving from one position to another while under enemy small arms, mortar, and artillery fire. At one time he personally manned a .50 caliber machine gun mounted on a half track; then leaving his runner to man the gun, he got the crew of this vehicle to place covering fire while a 57mm gun was set into position. Even when an 88mm shell from a Mark VI tank burst near his head, completely demolishing a rock wall to his rear, Captain Reed moved forward to a 37mm gun and directed its fire so successfully that one shell went down the gun barrel of an enemy tank, exploded, and set the tank on fire, burning it up completely. Captain Reed's valorous efforts materially assisted in stopping the enemy attack, and in the capture of large stores of enemy materiel and supplies. The courage, decisive thinking, and initiative displayed by Captain Reed set an inspiring example to his troops and is in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Wagoner, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 35893)

Fred J. Olsen, 36347001, Private, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 15 July 1943, near Caltagirone, Sicily. When part of Company B, 180th Infantry withdrew from the forward slope of a hill, several seriously wounded men were left behind. Private Olsen, Company aid man, without regard for personal safety and with full knowledge of the danger involved, went up past the front lines through a field of heavy machine gun and mortar fire, located, administered first aid, and evacuated two of the wounded men to safety. He then returned back through the heavy enemy fire, rendered first aid to two other seriously wounded men, and was on his way to help another wounded soldier when he was killed. Private Olsen's devotion to duty and exemplary performance of a hazardous service upholds the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois. Next of kin: Mary Olsen (Widow), 5920 Shubert Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

John H. Lepine, 15078343, Private, Company C, 180th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 10 July 1943 in the vicinity of Biscari, Sicily. While on a patrol mission, the squad of which Private Lepine was member, was suddenly pinned down by heavy enemy fire from a coordinated attack of the enemy using artillery, mortars, and tanks. Private Lepine, armed with a rocket launcher and accompanied by another enlisted man, unfaltering and displaying outstanding calmness and determination, moved across open ground under the direct fire of enemy machine guns and small arms, to a point within 50 feet of the enemy positions, fired his rocket launcher and succeeded in destroying an enemy tank, thereby stopping the tank attack and saving the patrol from heavy losses. Private Lepine was later killed by machine gun fire while engaged in clearing out enemy snipers from buildings. The unfaltering devotion to duty and dauntless courage displayed by Private Lepine is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kensington, Ohio. Next of kin: Anna F. Lepine (Mother), RD 2, Kensington, Ohio.

Billy L. Bolton, 20827654, Private, Company C, 180th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 10 July 1943 in the vicinity of Biscari, Sicily. While on a patrol mission, the squad of which Private Bolton was a member, was suddenly pinned down by heavy enemy fire from a coordinated attack of the enemy using artillery, mortars, and tanks. Private Bolton, armed with a rocket launcher and accompanied by another enlisted man, unfaltering and displaying outstanding calmness and determination, moved across open ground under the direct fire of enemy machine guns and small arms, to a point within 50 feet of the enemy positions, fired his rocket launcher and succeeded in destroying an enemy tank, thereby stopping the tank attack and saving the patrol from heavy losses. Private Bolton was later killed by machine gun fire while engaged in clearing out enemy snipers from buildings. The unfaltering devotion to duty and dauntless courage displayed by Private Bolton is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Muskogee, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Gladys Bolton (Mother), 220½ North 3rd Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Gerald F. McCarthy, 32204703, Private First Class, Company B, 180th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 14 July 1943, at the Biscari Airport, Biscari, Sicily. During the advance of a reinforced rifle company on Biscari Airport, it ran into a tremendous field of crossfire from enemy machine guns and an enemy 20mm gun which halted and pinned the company to the ground. Private First Class McCarthy, member of a reconnaissance patrol on the right flank of the company, voluntarily and on his own initiative, accompanied by two other enlisted men, crossed 50 yards of open ground which was under continual heavy enemy fire, climbed the heights to the enemy positions, and with accurate rifle fire assisted in destroying all of the enemy gun crew. The initiative and gallant action of Private First Class McCarthy made it possible for this company to advance and successfully accomplish its mission. Home address: New York, New York. (Medal Number 86010)

Richard V. Ellison, 31205006, Private, Company H, 180th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 15 July 1943, near Caltigerone, Sicily. Private Ellison, undaunted and disregarding the fact that all other members of the ammunition crew had been mortally wounded in attempting to keep their gun supplied with ammunition, continued to make trip after trip across open terrain that was continually subjected to enemy small arm, mortar, and intense artillery fire, to keep his gun supplied with ammunition. By his courage and devotion to duty he aided materially in preventing an enemy flanking movement against the battalion and contributed to the success of the battalion in attaining its immediate objective. Home address: Salem, Massachusetts. (Medal Number 85867)

William Fillman, 20327641, Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 15th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 13 July 1943, near Biscari, Sicily. When counterattacking, superior enemy forces drove the combat elements of an infantry battalion from its position, Staff Sergeant Fillman formed a group of 8 other aid men, remained in the position, and proceeded to take care of wounded American troops in the vicinity. He found hiding places for the wounded, attended to their wounds, and procured food and water for them from native sources. At times the enemy, who were in the process of withdrawing, entirely surrounded Staff Sergeant Fillman and his party, and were close enough to be heard talking. At nightfall, although handicapped by 7 wounded men of which 3 were litter cases, Staff Sergeant Fillman succeeded in evacuating his entire group through enemy patrols for a distance of 1 mile and a half without losing a man. Staff Sergeant Fillman's courageous action began at 0930 and continued throughout the day till nightfall and resulted in the saving of 15 men from certain capture or death. His quick thinking, resourcefulness, and indomitable courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Fillman is an inspiring example to his organization and is in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Purcell, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 36004)

Edward K. Massey, 20329478, Sergeant (then Private), Company B, 30th Infantry, for gallantry in action 10 July 1943, near Biscari, Sicily. When his company came under effective enemy machine gun, sniper, and mortar fire on the sand dunes just off the beach, Sergeant Massey without regard for his personal safety, advanced to within 30 yards of an enemy pill box, threw a hand grenade into it and destroyed it completely. Transferring his efforts to an enemy mortar position, he assisted in knocking it out of action; thus aiding materially in the advance of our troops at a critical moment. The intrepidity and initiative displayed by Sergeant Massey in his gallant action is in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Residence at time of induction: Enorne, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 35943)

John F. Gough, 13074545, Corporal (then Private), Company C, 30th Infantry, for gallantry in action 14 July 1943, near Biscari Airport, Sicily. Corporal Gough with two other enlisted men, proceeded, while under continual enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire, to remove ten seriously wounded men from a grain field which had been set afire by enemy tracer bullets. He carried many, including one on an improvised litter, and assisted others to covered positions in the rear. He then made repeated trips through the fire swept area to secure first aid packets and medical supplies from the abandoned packs of the men, in order to administer first aid. The unfaltering courage and indefatigable spirit displayed by Corporal Gough is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Camden, New Jersey. (Medal Number 35948)

William G. LeDeau, 12067156, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company C, 30th Infantry, for gallantry in action 14 July 1943, near Biscari, Airport, Sicily. Corporal LeDeau with two other enlisted men, proceeded, while under continual enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire, to remove ten seriously wounded men from a grain field which had been set afire by enemy tracer bullets. He carried many, including one on an improvised litter, and assisted others, to covered positions in the rear. He then made repeated trips through the fire swept area to secure first aid packets and medical supplies from the abandoned packs of the men, in order to administer first aid. The unfaltering courage and indefatigable spirit displayed by Corporal LeDeau is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Northside Schoen, New York. (Medal Number 35946)

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Ellis C. Christie, 20828233, Corporal, Company C, 180th Infantry, for gallantry in action 14 July 1943, near Biscari Airport, Sicily. Corporal Christie with two other enlisted men, proceeded, while under continual enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire, to remove ten seriously wounded men from a grain field which had been set afire by enemy tracer bullets. He carried many, including one on an improvised litter, and assisted others, to covered positions in the rear. He then made repeated trips through the fire swept area to secure first aid packets and medical supplies from the abandoned packs of the men, in order to administer first aid. The unfaltering courage and indefatigable spirit displayed by Corporal Christie is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Hulbert, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 35844)

James L. Moleroy, 20818019, First Sergeant, Company B, 180th Infantry, for gallantry in action 10 July 1943, near Biscari, Sicily. When elements of his company were trapped by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire; in order to effect the withdrawal of his men toward more secure positions, First Sergeant Moleroy, armed with a Thompson sub-machine gun, advanced toward the enemy, keeping up such a heavy fire on the enemy positions that he caused their fire to temporarily cease. Not until all his men were safe did he crawl back and rejoin his men. The courage and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by First Sergeant Moleroy reflects the highest traditions of the armed forces. Home address: Atoka, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 35860)

Clarence E. Atkission, 20829268, Private First Class, Company E, 180th Infantry, for gallantry in action 10 July 1943, near Piume Acate, Sicily. Private First Class Atkission of his own volition crawled up a draw toward an enemy machine gun which was endangering the removal of troops and supplies to new positions, and at close range, threw two hand grenades into the enemy position, silencing it. The courage and initiative displayed by Private First Class Atkission is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Tahlequa, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 35931)

Champ C. Holton, 20828876, Private First Class, Company F, 180th Infantry for gallantry in action on 25 July 1943 near C. Malsigolta Telegrapho, Sicily. When an infantry advance guard became pinned down by machine gun fire from an enemy pill box, Private First Class Holton, in the face of the heavy fire, charged the enemy position from a distance of 75 feet and destroyed the enemy gun with hand grenades. This action enabled our troops to continue their progress unimpeded and to make use of well prepared mortar and machine gun positions which quite probably might have caught the advancing battalion in enfilade fire. The daring and determination displayed by Private First Class Holton's gallant act is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Hugo, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 36019)

RUSSELL DWIGHT FUNK, 0267164, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 14 July 1943, near Vizzini, Sicily. When hostile artillery and anti-aircraft fire enfiladed the positions of an infantry battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Funk with complete disregard for personal safety, made his way to a forward observation point and while under continual enemy fire, so effectively directed the fire of his battalion that all enemy fire was silenced. Lt. Colonel Funk's tenacity of purpose in securing firsthand knowledge of enemy positions and his personal direction of the fire of his organization, served as an inspiring example to the personnel of his command and contributed greatly to the successful accomplishment of assigned missions. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 36014)

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HAL L. MULDROW, JR, 0250319, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, 199th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action 27 July 1943, near Troina, Sicily. When communications with his forward observers was lost, Lieutenant Colonel Muldrow took a radio set and went forward to where contact was re-established and relayed data back to his batteries. In spite of enemy infantry patrols, covered by artillery fire, infiltering to cut off his withdrawal, he remained at his post for more than 6 hours, continuing to relay firing data and so effectively directing the fire, that it assisted in a large measure to force the enemy to retreat and our forces to continue their advance. The actions of Lieutenant Colonel Muldrow reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces. Home address: Norman, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 35974)

EDMUND L. KIMBLE, 0454364, Second Lieutenant, Cavalry, US Army, for gallantry in action on 10 July 1943, near Vittoria, Sicily. Although the scout cars usually employed on the contemplated operation had not been landed, Lieutenant Kimble proceeded with 5 enlisted men and two ¼ ton vehicles on a reconnaissance mission ahead of his troops into Vittoria, Sicily, and returned with information that there was no organized resistance. He then returned to the north side of Vittoria and captured 12 prisoners and a truckful of enemy equipment. While attempting to start the truck, two enemy armored cars approached and fired upon his exposed vehicles, killing one man and injuring 3 others. By so exposing himself and drawing enemy fire, and by his covering fire, Lieutenant Kimble enabled his section and himself to withdraw safely, returning later with reinforcements to drive the enemy from their positions. The courage, initiative, devotion to duty, and disregard of personal safety displayed by Lieutenant Kimble in the accomplishment of these reconnaissance missions, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana. (Medal Number 35998)

Fred L. Coulson, 33181396, Private First Class, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for gallantry in action on 11 July 1943, northwest of S. Caterina, Sicily. When a section of the platoon of which Private First Class Coulson was a member became trapped by crossfire from an enemy armored car and a well concealed machine gun, Private First Class Coulson, in order to bring fire on the enemy so that the trapped section could withdraw, alone and without assistance, took the receiver of a .50 caliber machine gun, crossed 100 yards through an orchard, and after climbing two rock walls and crossing another 50 yards of open ground that was under heavy fire, found that there was no cover for a machine gun. He then withdrew, dragging the .50 caliber receiver to a slight depression in front of a wall where he assembled the gun and opened fire on the armored car and machine gun. Although under heavy fire, he continued to fire upon the enemy until the trapped section had withdrawn and then he followed the platoon out. By his courageous and prompt action there were only two casualties suffered by the platoon whereas there may well have been considerably more. The courage, initiative, and determination displayed by Private First Class Coulson is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Oakland, Maryland. (Medal Number 35948)

By command of Major General MIDDLETON:

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FIRST FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO #45, US ARMY

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AG 200.6

11 September 1943.

SUBJECT: Award of the Purple Heart.

TO : Individuals Concerned.

1. Announcement is made of the award of the Purple Heart as follows:

Private First Class George Fontoyo, 36016563, Headquarters 45th Quartermaster Company, for wounds received as a result of enemy action near San Stefano, Sicily, 1 August 1943. (Medal Number 13397)

Private Robert H. Baker, 16092078, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for wounds received as a result of enemy action near Biscari, Sicily, 13 August 1943. (Medal Number 13393)

By command of Major General KEISLER:

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FORTY FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 45, U.S ARMY

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AG 200.6

6 October 1943

Subject: Award of the Purple Heart

To : Each Individual Concerned.

1. Announcement is made of the award of the Purple Heart as follows:

Lt Col LEWIS G FRANTZ 0256007 CE, 120th Engr Bn, for wounds received in action near Persano, Italy, 19 September 1943. (Medal Number 213753)

Pvt Frank T Gilbert 35475131 Hq Co, 45th Inf Div, for wounds received in action near S. Vito, Italy, 16 September 1943. (Medal Number 214973)

Pvt Jacob Stein 32193960 45th Signal Co, for wounds received in action near S. Vito, Italy, 15 September 1943. (Medal Number 218326)

Lt Col ROBERT W BREAKS 020273 CWS, 2nd Cml Bn, for wounds received in action near S. Stefano, Sicily, 1 August 1943. (Medal Number 111472)

1st Lt PAUL D CUMMINGS 0397647 SC, 45th Signal Co, for wounds received in action during the Italian Campaign, 23 September 1943. (Medal Number 111437)

Pfc Frank J Bruzek 13054767 45th Cav Rcn Tr, for wounds received in action during the Italian Campaign, 26 September 1943. (Medal Number 111444)

Pfc Joseph P Martenella 33265176 45th Cav Rcn Tr, for wounds received in action during the Italian Campaign, 26 September 1943. (Medal Number 134326)

T/5 Hubert A Duffin 6751629 45th Cav Rcn Tr, for wounds received in action during the Italian Campaign 15 September 1943. (Medal Number 134368)

Pvt George J Hutchison 20823694 45th Signal Co, for wounds received in action during the Sicilian Campaign 7 August 1943. (Medal Number 111410)

Pfc Melvin S Quinn 20[illegible]3717 45th Signal Co, for wounds received in action during the Sicilian Campaign 14 July 1943. (Medal Number 11[illegible]2)

T/5 Peter P Burke 33154093 45th Signal Co, for wounds received in action during the Italian Campaign 23 September 1943. (Medal Nu[illegible] 111467)

By command of Major General MIDDLETON:

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FORTY FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION LSL/mrg

APO 45, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York
19 October 1943

AG 200.6

SUBJECT: Award of Silver Star Medal and Soldier's Medal.

TO : Officers and Enlisted Men Concerned.

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following individuals:

CHARLES D. ARRINGTON, JR., 33089879, Private First Class, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near Biscari Airport, Sicily, 14 July 1943. In the face of heavy fire from an attacking Mark VI tank and accompanying infantry, Private First Class Arrington, and another soldier, armed only with rifle grenades, arose from their position, fired point blank at the tank and succeeded in driving the tank away, with the subsequent result of the annihilation of the accompanying enemy infantry. In the performance of this gallant act, Private First Class Arrington was mortally wounded. The courage and unflinching spirit displayed by Private First Class Arrington reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Covington, Virginia. Next of kin: Charles D. Arrington (Father), 104 Chestnut Street, Covington, Virginia.

LLOYD J. DEX 0409336, Captain, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 July 1943 near Gramichele, Sicily. Enemy forces composed of infantry and supporting tanks launched a strong attack in the zone defended by Company K. Captain Dex while under rifle, machine gun, and 88mm gun fire, personally conducted the successful defense of his company's position, and immediately launched a vigorous counter-attack causing the enemy to withdraw in confusion with great loss in personnel and tanks. The determination, perseverance, and aggressive leadership of Captain Dex set an inspiring example to his men, contributing materially in the success of the action. Entered military service from Abilene, Texas. Next of kin: Mary L. Dex (Wife), 2041 North 32nd Street, Abilene, Texas.

DON E. HODGES 20828490, Corporal, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 July 1943, south of Biscari, Sicily. To enable riflemen on a battalion line to withdraw to more suitable terrain, Corporal Hodges directed the fire of his machine gun squad while under the continual fire of enemy mortars, artillery, and machine guns. When he was wounded by an enemy shell burst, he refused to seek medical aid as he realized the necessity of keeping his gun in action; he then ordered his squad to withdraw and continued to fire his gun unassisted until he was killed. The self-sacrifice and devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Hodges are an inspiring example to his organization. Entered military service from Okemah, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Melvin E. Hodges (Father), 605 North 4th Street, Okemah, Oklahoma.

JAMES J. KERSEY 20827196, Corporal, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 July 1943, southwest of Chiaramonte Gulf, Sicily. When his gunner was killed and his assistant gunner was seriously wounded during a concentrated enemy attack, Corporal Kersey manned the gun alone until relieved by his section sergeant. He then administered first aid to the injured man and summoned the company aid men. Returning to his gun, he assisted in manning it until it was knocked out of action, but holding his position, he continued to assist with rifle fire until the attack was repulsed. The courage and perseverance displayed by Corporal Kersey's gallant action are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Blair, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Maggie Kersey (Mother), Route #1, Blair, Oklahoma.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual, now missing in action:

[redacted] L. FISH 38036043, Sergeant, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 July 1943, near Tusa, Sicily. In an uphill attack against enemy troops, Sergeant Fish was knocked down and temporarily stunned by a bullet piercing his helmet. Recovering quickly, he jumped up and shot the nearby enemy rifleman. Regaining control of his squad, he continued in the successful attack against numerically superior enemy troops. The courageous and aggressive leadership displayed by Sergeant Fish was largely responsible for the successful conclusion of the attack and the subsequent taking of important positions. Entered military service from Canon City, Colorado. Next of kin: Emma V. Fish (Mother), 514 Judd Avenue, Canon City, Colorado.

3. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

CLARENCE B. COCHRAN 0-25221, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 July 1943, near Finale, Sicily. When his battalion came in close contact with the enemy, Lieutenant Colonel Cochran, in the face of heavy fire from small arms, machine guns, hostile artillery, and snipers, continued to move about in the forward elements of his front line companies, giving encouragement, assistance, and personal direction to his men. When one of his companies suffered the loss of its commander and another officer, the men became disorganized and started for the rear; Lieutenant Colonel Cochran, unhesitatingly, left his observation post, rallied the men, and led them back into the firing line. The consistent concern for the welfare of his troops and his devotion to duty transcending any consideration of personal safety, were prime factors contributing to the efficiency of his command and successful accomplishment of its mission. Home address: Okemah, Oklahoma.

[redacted] L. DODD 38016820, Private, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 September 1943 near Point Sele, Italy. When an infantry company was pinned down by a heavy concentration of machine gun and artillery fire, a number of men sustained serious wounds. Under this heavy enemy fire, Private Dodd, company aid man, without regard for personal safety, continued to move among the wounded administering first aid. He then went in search of litter bearers so that the seriously wounded could be evacuated, and it was while on this mission that he was wounded. The courageous and unselfish actions of Private Dodd are exemplary of the high ideals of the military service. Home address: Sokchito, Oklahoma.

[redacted] J. [redacted] 38037172, Sergeant, Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 July 1943, southwest of Chairamonte Gulf, Sicily. When his section of heavy machine guns was strongly attacked by an enemy tank with supporting infantry aided by machine gun and artillery fire, one of his squads was put out of action by enemy fire. Sergeant Garrett while under heavy enemy fire moved to the gun position, manned the gun, and placed fire on the enemy until the gun was knocked out of action. He then moved to his other gun and personally directed its fire until the enemy attack was repulsed. The courage displayed by Sergeant Garrett's gallant action exemplifies the high ideals of the military service. Entered military service from Cangum, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM J. HERRMANN 0-24330 Captain, Corps of Engineers, 120th Engineer Battalion, for gallantry in action 25 July 1943, near Cefalu and Pinnolo, Sicily. Preceding the infantry with a detail consisting of mine sweepers, bull dozers, and road repairmen, Captain Herrmann personally directed and supervised the removal of mines, the repairing of demolished road sections and other demolitions while under continuous enemy small

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arms, machine gun, and mortar fire. Under his brilliant supervision, repairs were accomplished in record time, causing a minimum of delay to the advancing infantry, and assuring the rapid advance of supply lines. The aggressive leadership and courage displayed by Captain Herrmann is in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

DONALD T. NELSON 01312320 FA, 1st Lieutenant, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 28 July 1943 and 29 July 1943, east of Castle de Tusa, Sicily. Lieutenant Nelson, forward observer for a field artillery battalion, and his party were driven from their position by enemy rifle fire. He closely followed our counter-attacking infantry and reestablished the observation post on a ridge well forward of supporting troops. Although continually subjected to small arms, mortar, and artillery fire which drove nearby infantry to covered positions, Lieutenant Nelson continued to direct artillery fire on enemy tanks, troop concentrations, and a road net. His brilliant direction of firing missions contributed materially to the final success of our infantry and set an inspiring example to the men of the military service. Entered military service from Gary, Indiana.

DEAN R. PERRY 20844379, Private, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near San Stefano, Sicily, 28 July 1943. Attacking up a high steep ridge an infantry company received withering fire from unseen enemy machine guns. Private Perry, voluntarily and on his own initiative, while under heavy fire infiltrated into the enemy positions, revealed to his troops the location of the enemy guns, and then opened fire on the enemy emplacement at close range, inflicting casualties until he himself was seriously wounded. The courageous actions of Private Perry aided materially in the subsequent taking of the ridge and reflect the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Tucson, Arizona.

ROBERT A. WELLS 0402762 FA, 1st Lieutenant, 156th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action near Vittoria, Sicily, 11 July 1943. Although his observation post was in an exposed position and continually subjected to enemy artillery and machine gun fire, Lieutenant Wells, forward observer for his battery, remained at his post and directed the fire of his battery in such a manner as to be instrumental in stopping the advance of the enemy. He registered direct hits on Mark IV and Mark VI tanks; completely destroyed one, damaging others; annihilated several machine gun nests, and inflicted heavy casualties on the advancing enemy infantry. The gallant action and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Wells reflect the highest traditions of the armed forces. Home address: Enid, Oklahoma.

4. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded posthumously to the following individual:

WOODROW C. KING 20830696, Technician 5th Grade, Battery B, 156th Field Artillery, for heroism not in action on 10 July 1943, southeast of Scoglitti, Sicily. Technician 5th Grade King was riding in a Navy LCV which crashed into a rocky beach at about 0400 on the morning of the initial landing on Sicily, throwing the personnel into the water about 50 yards from shore. Technician 5th Grade King, although himself weighted by equipment which he was unable to discard, swam under water beneath the boat to rescue a soldier who had been sucked under the boat by the undertow created by the 15 foot surf. Although exhausted and half drowned himself, he pulled the unconscious soldier safely ashore. The courage displayed by Technician 5th Grade King was responsible for saving the life of the soldier. Entered military service from Chickasha, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Corrine V. King (Wife), 625 8th Street, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

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6. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following individual:

JACK S. VANNATTA 29325171, Sergeant, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroism not in action on 16 September 1943 near Paramo, Italy. As a patrol was crossing the Solo River, the lead man stepped into a deep hole, disappeared from sight, immediately reappeared on the surface, and grasped a projecting rock. Sergeant Vannatta, without waiting to discard his heavy equipment, immediately plunged into the swift stream and attempted to bring the drowning man ashore but the soldier was hysterical and resisted strongly. Sergeant Vannatta returned to shore, removed his equipment, and again returned to the drowning man who had by this time lost hold of the rock. The drowning man again so fiercely attacked Sergeant Vannatta that his rescue efforts finally proved futile. The heroism displayed by Sergeant Vannatta on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Beaumont, Texas.

By command of Major General MIDDLETON:

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FORTY FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 45, U.S. ARMY

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27 October 1943

AG 200.6

Subject: Award of the Purple Heart

To : Each Individual Concerned.

1. Announcement is made of the Purple Heart to the following individual:

Sgt Willis H Ellis 20835845 Hq 45th Inf Div, for wounds received as a result of enemy action during the Sicilian Campaign, 10 July 1943. (Medal Number 216941)

2. So much of letter orders, this headquarters, dated 6 October 1943, pertaining to 1st Lt Paul D Cummings 0397647 SC, 45th Signal Co, as reads "Medal Number 111437" is amended to read "Medal Number 167174".

3. So much of letter orders, this headquarters, dated 6 October 1943, as pertains to "Pvt Jacob Stein 32193960", 45th Signal Co, is amended to read "Pvt Jacob Stern 32193960".

4. So much of letter orders, this headquarters, dated 6 October 1943, pertaining to Lt Col Lewis G Frantz 0-56007 CE, 120th Engr Bn, as reads "Medal Number 213753" is amended to read "Medal Number 111437".

By command of Major General MIDDLETON:

/s/ DONALD B KONOVER
Captain AGD
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FORTY FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION

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APO 45, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York
30 October 1943

AG 200.6

SUBJECT: Award of Silver Star Medal.

TO : Officers and Enlisted Men Concerned.

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600 45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following individuals:

ALLAN L. CRAIN 0382384 FA, Captain, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 7 October 1943 near Fragneto Monforle, Italy. As five German tanks approached, firing point blank on his party at a forward observation post which was already under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Captain Crain assumed the duties of observer in order to bring effective fire from his artillery battalion upon the advancing tanks. Radio communication became too slow for the situation, so Captain Crain left his place of comparative safety and was proceeding to a telephone nearby when he was instantly killed by an enemy shell. Yet, the fire he had brought to bear on the enemy stopped the attack completely and enabled our infantry to continue its advance. This inspiring example of courage, initiative, and disregard for danger displayed by Captain Crain reflects great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Newcka, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Allan Crain (Father), Sasakwa, Oklahoma.

KENNETT C. HALEY 36016386, Private First Class, Company C, 120th Medical Battalion for gallantry in action on 22 September 1943 west of Oliveto, Italy. Private First Class Haley was a driver of an ambulance carrying casualties rearward from a forward aid station when it became necessary to traverse a section of road under heavy enemy artillery fire. Though well aware of this fact and knowing that earlier in the day another ambulance driver had been killed by enemy shell fire on this particular roadway, he proceeded with his mission until instantly killed by an exploding shell. Private First Class Haley's devotion to duty transcending all thoughts of personal safety is an inspiring example to his organization and to men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Sapulpa, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Dorothy Haley (Wife), 707 North Hickory Street, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

GALE W. HARLOW 20835001, Private First Class, Company C, 120th Medical Battalion for gallantry in action on 22 September 1943 west of Oliveto, Italy. Private First Class Harlow was a driver of an ambulance carrying casualties rearward from a forward aid station when it became necessary to traverse a section of road under heavy enemy shell fire. Though well aware of this fact, yet realizing the large number of casualties at the aid station to be evacuated, he proceeded with his mission until instantly killed by an exploding shell. Private First Class Harlow's devotion to duty transcending all thoughts of personal safety is an inspiring example to his organization and to men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Cushing, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Lulu E. Harlow (Mother), 302½ East Cherry Street, Cushing, Oklahoma.

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DANIEL C. RAUSCHER 38018117, Private First Class, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 September 1943 south of Persano, Italy. When a rifle platoon in direct engagement with the enemy seriously needed ammunition, Private First Class Rauscher volunteered to serve as a carrier. He made repeated trips to the ammunition point and returned carrying heavy loads of ammunition, crossing open ground that was under constant fire of enemy artillery. Moving among the men who were in a battle line, he distributed ammunition, going even to the most remote and exposed positions, and continued to perform this voluntary task until the conclusion of the engagement. The determined spirit and courage displayed by Private First Class Rauscher's gallant act contributed materially to the final success of the engagement and were an inspiring example to the men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York. Next of kin: Margaret L. Rauscher (Wife), 5396 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JAMES C. ARNOLD 38016218, Private First Class, Company C, 120th Medical Battalion for gallantry in action on 22 September 1943 west of Olivoto, Italy. Private First Class Arnold was the orderly on an ambulance carrying casualties rearward from a forward aid station when the driver was instantly killed by an enemy shell burst. Although his right arm was badly torn and shattered by the same shell burst, Private First Class Arnold turned off the ignition key and safely stopped the vehicle. Realising the ambulance doors unlocked from the outside, he dismounted from the vehicle, still under heavy artillery fire, and proceeded to open the rear doors of the ambulance, enabling two walking patients to seek cover; he then entered the ambulance to assist two remaining patients but found them dead. The courage displayed by Private First Class Arnold on this occasion reflects credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

[illegible]ETT A. DUELL 0136727 INF, Major, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 July 1943, near Comiso Airport, Comiso, Sicily. The battalion under Major Duell's command instituted the attack on the Comiso Airfield. Without regard for his personal safety, Major Duell personally supervised the employment of the battalion and successfully launched the attack, continually moving among his troops and directing the operation, being constantly exposed to heavy machine gun and artillery fire. The vigorous attack caused the enemy to withdraw with heavy casualties, resulted in the capture of the airport, and gave our forces complete control of one of the important air bases in Sicily. Major Duell's courage and leadership of his command in combat inspired his troops to sustained effort. Entered military service from Holdenville, Oklahoma.

GUTHRIE W. HOUGH 38015377, Sergeant, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 July 1943 near Granieri, Sicily. When his mortar section was caught in a heavy concentration of enemy artillery and machine gun fire, Sergeant Hough moved to an exposed position on the forward slope of a ridge so as to observe enemy targets and to get his guns into action. In full view to the enemy he stood up, using his rifle as an aiming stake and directed the mortar fire. This resulted in knocking out one machine gun and in disorganizing the enemy. Sergeant Hough's courage and calmness in battle were an inspiring example to his men and are in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Enid, Oklahoma.

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MANUEL MENDEZ 31062686, Sergeant, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 September 1943 south of Persano, Italy. The situation required the establishment of a telephone at the company observation post located on a hill but as communications personnel were not available, Sergeant Mendez (then Corporal and company mail clerk), volunteered for this mission even though he had no training whatsoever in communications. Taking a phone and a reel of wire, he laid the wire across ground exposed to continual fire of the enemy, reached the observation post, installed the phone, and operated it under fire until the conclusion of the engagement. The courage and determination displayed by Sergeant Mendez on this occasion reflect great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

RUSSELL E. REYNOLDS 12056820 Private, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action 10 July 1943 near Scoglitti, Sicily. When his platoon which had the mission of clearing the beach of enemy installations, received fire from two enemy machine guns located on high sand dunes, Private Reynolds volunteered to attempt to knock out the enemy positions. His rifle having previously jammed, he armed himself with two pistols and charged one of the enemy machine guns. He succeeded in destroying the position and its personnel, but was seriously wounded during the action by the other enemy gun. Private Reynolds' gallant and aggressive act contributed materially to the successful completion of the assigned mission and reflects the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Seneca Falls, New York.

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SUBJECT: Award of Silver Star and Soldier's Medals.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C.
Attention: Decorations and Awards Branch

Reference is made to General Orders, Headquarters II Corps, Numbers and dates as designated, pertaining to the following individuals who have been presented medals listed by this Headquarters:

	ASN No.			Dated	Medal No.
Capt Sam Efnor,Jr	0389170	2d Cml Bn	GO #58	11 Sep 43	Sil St #26260
Capt Lowell E Thompson	025252	2d Cml Bn	GO #58	11 Sep 43	Sil St #35960
Sgt Frank B Fox	7021566	2d Cml Bn	GO #58	11 Sep 43	Sil St #35985
Pfc Joseph Dorn	12067383	2d Cml Bn	GO #54	3 Sep 43	Sil St #35856
1st Lt George E Hall Jr	0371216	2d Cml Bn	GO #58	11 Sep 43	Sol Med #4585

For the Commanding General:

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SUBJECT: Award of Silver Star and Soldier's Medal.

TO : Officers and Enlisted Men Concerned.

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

BENJAMIN A. BLACKMER, 01287052, INF, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in act on on 10 July 1943, near Gela, Sicily. Lieutenant Blackmer, under harassing sniper, mortar, and artillery fire, voluntarily sought out and destroyed a particularly effective enemy machine gun nest. He then proceeded to an enemy pill box and threw a hand grenade into it; continuing to the next entrance of the embrasure, he fired his sub-machine gun and killed fourteen of the enemy. This daring deed materially assisted in the advance of our forces and typifies the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Dorset, Vermont.

JAMES H. CARPENTER 0346782 INF, Captain, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near Mortilla Grande, north of Comiso, Sicily, on 12 July 1943. When his company was strongly attacked by an enemy unit heavily reinforced with automatic weapons including machine guns, Captain Carpenter without regard for personal safety, personally led his troops in a counter-attack across ground heavily swept with fire from two machine guns. The gallant example set by this officer inspired his troops to greater effort and was largely responsible for the success of the action which resulted in the destruction of the hostile machine guns and the withdrawal of the enemy. Entered military service from Prescott, Arizona.

HOWARD C. CRYE 0370266 INF, Captain, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 July 1943, near C. Raisigelta Telegraphe, Sicily. When an infantry advance guard became pinned down by machine gun fire from an enemy pill box, Captain Crye accompanied by two men and in the face of heavy fire, charged the enemy position from a distance of 30 feet and destroyed the enemy guns with hand grenades. This enabled our troops to continue their progress unimpeded and to make use of well-prepared mortar and machine gun positions which might have caught the advancing battalion in enfilade fire. The daring and determination displayed by Captain Crye's gallant act are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Hugo, Oklahoma.

HENRY M. DAVIDSON 34170389, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 25 July 1943, on the coast road near the Pollina River in Sicily. During a heavy enemy artillery barrage, an enlisted man became seriously wounded by shrapnel, and the steady shelling prevented aid men from going to his assistance. Corporal Davidson who was nearby, went to the injured man, and while under continual heavy shell fire, carried him 75 yards to the nearest aid man; then he helped in evacuating the injured man from the scene of action. The courage and disregard for personal safety displayed by Corporal Davidson in his gallant act are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Hendersonville, North Carolina.

ALVIN W. DOWDY 38038837, Corporal (then Private First Class) Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near Biscari Airport, Sicily, 14 July 1943. In the face of heavy fire from an attacking Mark VI tank and accompanying infantry, Corporal Dowdy, and another soldier, armed only with rifle grenades, arose from their position, fired point blank at the tank and succeeded in driving the tank away, with the subsequent result of the annihilation of the accompanying enemy infantry. The courage and unflinching spirit displayed by Corporal Dowdy are in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Newport, Virginia.

FRANCISCO FERREIRA 31062648, Private, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 July 1943, near Castle do Tusa and San Stefano, Sicily, when all of the vehicles of a motorized section were hit by enemy fire, killing one man and wounding three others. After the casualties were removed to a shelter nearby, a volunteer was called for to recover one of the vehicles so that the wounded men could be evacuated to an aid station. Private Ferreira voluntarily crawled through heavy machine gun and mortar fire to a damaged ¼-ton truck which was still running, and wheeling it about, he drove back through the enemy fire to the shelter, and successfully evacuated the wounded to a battalion aid station. The courage and determination displayed by Private Ferreira's gallant action are in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

ALFRED FREELAND 38017198, Sergeant (then Corporal), Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near Biscari, Sicily, 10 July 1943. During an enemy attack preceded by 5 German Mark VI tanks, and as anti-tank weapons were not immediately available, Sergeant Freeland, accompanied by two other enlisted men, set up their 60mm mortar while under continual enemy machine gun, mortar, and sniper fire, and commenced to fire on the advancing tanks. Although their mortar was hit several times by machine gun fire, and his companions wounded by a shell burst, they continued to fire on the tanks until their mortar was knocked out. This courageous action delayed the enemy attack sufficiently to allow their own elements to maneuver to a more secure position. The courage and perseverance displayed by Sergeant Freeland are in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence at time of induction: Hollister, Oklahoma.

ROBERT A. GUENTHER 01284696 INF, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 July 1943, near C. Raisigelta Teletraphe, Sicily. When an infantry advance guard became pinned down by machine gun fire from an enemy pill box, Lieutenant Guentner accompanied by two men and in the face of heavy fire, charged the enemy position from a distance of 60 feet and destroyed the enemy guns with hand grenades. This enabled our troops to continue their progress unimpeded and to make use of well-prepared mortar and machine gun positions which might have caught the advancing battalion in enfilade fire. The daring and determination displayed by Lieutenant Guentner's gallant act are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Syracuse, New York.

CLYDON C. HARGROVE 38016851, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near Comiso, Sicily, 12 July 1943. Technician Fifth Grade Hargrove, with complete disregard for personal safety crossed an open field that was continually being swept by enemy machine gun fire and evacuated to safety an aid man who had been seriously wounded while attempting to render first aid and evacuate casualties from this exposed position. The courage displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Hargrove reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Miami, Oklahoma.

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DONALD E. HENRY 35034332, Private, Anti-Tank Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 July 1943, north of Comiso Airport, Comiso, Sicily. When an anti-tank gun crew was attacked by two enemy machine guns, the gun overturned in a ditch, and due to the enemy fire, the crew was unable to right the gun. Private Henry in full view of the enemy and while under their continual fire, manned a .50 caliber machine gun mounted on the half-track and with his fire, succeeded in pinning down the machine guns, allowing the crew to right the gun, couple it to the half-track, and then successfully withdraw. The courage and determination displayed by Private Henry's gallant act are in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Bellefontaine, Ohio.

JACK KIBBY 20332950, Sergeant, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 July 1943, north of Granieri, Sicily. When an enemy force of four tanks supported by a platoon of panzer grenadiers penetrated deeply into the company position, Sergeant Kibby, platoon guide, left his covered position, organized the men under his command and personally led a counter-attack in the face of frontal and flanking machine gun fire, against the enemy penetration. The counter-attack succeeded in driving the enemy from the position with considerable losses of men and materiel. Sergeant Kibby's courage and leadership were an inspiration to the men of his unit and are in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Shidler, Oklahoma.

CHARLES W. MAHALAK 36126503, Corporal, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action 11 July 1943, southwest of Comiso Airport, Comiso, Sicily. Corporal Mahalak, armed with a rocket launcher and accompanied by his assistant gunner, took an open position on a cross road to engage an enemy tank firing on a column of troops. Holding their fire until the tank was within 15 feet of their position, they opened fire, and succeeded in causing the tank to withdraw, but sustained severe wounds in the action. The unflinching courage and sheer tenacity of spirit displayed by Corporal Mahalak in his gallant action are in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Wyandotte, Michigan.

ARCH L. McBRIDE, 36016083, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 July 1943, north of Vittoria, Sicily. Corporal McBride, rifleman, of the 1st platoon, Company K, alone, crawled out into the open without any cover, and in the face of gunfire from two enemy tanks, fired two rifle grenades into the leading tank, stopping the tank and setting it afire. This action resulted in the withdrawal of the accompanying tank and three others in the company sector. Corporal McBride then remained in position and assisted in repulsing the enemy infantry. The courage and determination displayed by Corporal McBride's gallant act are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Muskogee, Oklahoma.

PRESTON J. C. MURPHY 0245005 INF, Lieutenant Colonel, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 July 1943, northwest of Motta d' Affermo, Sicily. While his battalion was engaged in attacking an important ridge strongly held by the enemy, Lieutenant Colonel Murphy made his way from his forward observation post accompanied by two platoons of his leading company, under heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire, to an exposed vantage point. From this point and while under continual enemy fire, Lieutenant Colonel Murphy directed the successful maneuver of his battalion. His prompt and courageous action without regard for personal safety, supplied the inspiration that caused his troops to assault the ridge and hold it against a strong enemy counter-attack. Lieutenant Colonel Murphy's exemplary leadership, courage, and devotion to duty reflect the high ideals of the military service. Entered military service from Fort Collins, Colorado.

JOHN J. O'NEILL 12037860, Private, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 July 1943, near Biscari, Sicily. An enemy mortar shell killed one man and fatally injured another in wide open terrain, and although this area was being constantly swept by enemy machine gun fire, Private O'Neill moved across 75 yards of open ground to give first aid to the injured man. Even while under this continual enemy fire, he remained with the injured man and continued to administer medical aid until the man died. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private O'Neill's gallant act are in keeping with the high ideals of the military service. Entered military service from Four Corners, Staten Island, New York.

ELLIS B. RICHIE 0320475 INF, Captain, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near Biscari Airport, Sicily, 14 July 1943. When a platoon of his company became subjected to intense enemy fire emanating from Mark VI tanks and enemy infantry at a close range of 50 to 60 yards, Captain Richie proceeded personally to direct its actions. Although forced to remain in a position exposed to enemy fire in order to direct the platoon, he so successfully employed the fire of his rifle grenades and rocket launchers that the enemy tanks were disabled and routed and practically all of the accompanying infantry killed, permitting the platoon to accomplish its mission. The courage and leadership displayed by Captain Richie served as an incentive to the men of his command and reflects the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from McAlester, Oklahoma.

KENNETH SARTY 20852064, Private First Class, Battery B, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 11 July 1943 at Biscari Airfield, Sicily. Private First Class Sarty volunteered to accompany a forward observation party, and after arriving at an advanced post, he was wounded in the shoulder by enemy fire. Disregarding his injury, he crawled to a small hole while under heavy machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire in order to observe an enemy sniper, and succeeded in killing him. He then refused to leave his party for medical attention until its mission was completed. The determination and tenacity of purpose displayed by Private First Class Sarty's gallant act are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Muskogee, Oklahoma.

SAM A. TAYLOR 0171126 INF, Lieutenant Colonel, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 July 1943 near Caltagirone, Sicily. During a vicious counter-attack by German infantry supported by tanks, Lieutenant Colonel Taylor personally directed the defense of his battalion, continually moving about in the forward elements of his troops in the face of heavy rifle, machine gun and tank fire. His personal example and disregard for danger inspired and instilled such confidence in his men that they refused to give way even though receiving fire from the front and flanks; eventually forcing the enemy to withdraw. The aggressive leadership and courage of Lieutenant Colonel Taylor contributed materially to the successful termination of the engagement. Entered military service from Konawa, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 36940)

GEORGE T. TAYLOR 16052073, Private First Class (then Private), Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 July 1943, at Biscari Airfield, Sicily. During a strong enemy counter-attack supported by tanks, machine guns and mortars, a half-track prime mover was hit by an enemy tracer bullet, setting it on fire, causing the crew to abandon it. Private First Class Taylor in a position nearby, on his own initiative went to the vehicle, removed gasoline cans, other inflamable material, and extinguished the blaze, all the while under enemy fire, and then manned the .50 caliber machine gun until the crew returned to its vehicle. The courage and unswerving determination displayed by Private First Class Taylor's gallant act are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Savanna, Illinois.

CHARLES S. MEIGAND 017731 INF, Lieutenant Colonel, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 July 1943 and 12 July 1943 near Comiso Airfield, Sicily. In the attack on the Comiso Airfield, Lieutenant Colonel Meigand led the assault of his leading companies and by his example of personal bravery and complete disregard of danger under heavy machine gun and artillery fire, inspired both his men and officers to the extent of influencing the successful outcome of the action and the capture of the airfield. Upon being counter-attacked by the enemy on the following day, Lieutenant Colonel Meigand personally supervised the successful defense of his battalion, again inspiring his men by his complete disregard of danger. Entered military service from Alexandria, Louisiana.

So much of General Orders Number 28, this headquarters, os, pertaining to CAPTAIN ALLAN L. CRAIN 0382384, FA, as reads, "Next of kin: Allan Crain (Father), Sapulpa, Oklahoma" is amended to read, "Next of kin: Elnora Crain (Wife), Haworth Oklahoma".

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

JAMES R. GRIESE 17012719, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 471st Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not in action on 27 July 1943, west of Lascari, Sicily. Upon seeing an observation type aircraft crash into the sea about 1000 yards off shore, Staff Sergeant Griese voluntarily and with utter disregard for his own safety, went to the assistance of two soldiers who had managed to clear the sinking aircraft, both of whom were slightly injured and near exhaustion. Staff Sergeant Griese with the assistance of an officer and by using empty water cans as life preservers, succeeded in bringing the drowning men safely to shore, thereby saving their lives. The courage and prompt action displayed by Staff Sergeant Griese on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Coffeyville, Kansas.

By command of Major General MIDDLETON:

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HEADQUARTERS
FORTY FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION

APO 45, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York
5 November 1943

AG 200.6

SUBJECT: Award of Silver Star Medal.

TO : Officers and Enlisted Men Concerned.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

RAYMOND J. BUNDZA 36508679, Private, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 September 1943, north of Persano, Italy. When an advancing infantry company ran into determined enemy resistance, numerous casualties resulted from machine gun and artillery fire. Private Bundza, company aid man, without regard for personal safety, continued to move among the injured men, administering first aid while under continual enemy fire in exposed terrain. His efforts undoubtedly were instrumental in saving the lives of several seriously wounded men. Private Bundza's gallant actions are an inspiration to the American soldier and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Detroit, Michigan.

JOHN D. COFFEY 20338507, Sergeant, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 September 1943 and 16 September 1943 near Persano, Italy. Having been assigned the VI Corps mission of securing an enemy prisoner for intelligence purposes, Sergeant Coffey and another soldier on 14 September 1943 proceeded during daylight across the Sele River into German-held territory where they ambushed and captured a German soldier and successfully returned with him to our lines. On 16 September 1943 Sergeant Coffey again entered deep into enemy territory leading a patrol of eight men on a reconnaissance mission. Near Persano, Italy, artillery fire was successfully directed on two enemy command cars by Sergeant Coffey and his patrol, completely destroying both vehicles. Late that night the patrol returned from its mission without Sergeant Coffey who had been captured by the enemy. On 10 October 1943 Sergeant Coffey returned to his organization, having escaped from the enemy, traveling by night and hiding by day for fourteen days. The remarkable courage, daring, and tenacity of purpose shown by Sergeant Coffey in his gallant actions are an inspiring example to all men of the Armed Forces. Home address: Keeney, Colorado.

WILLIAM E. MOORE JR 38115973, Private First Class (then Private), Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 September 1943 south of Oliveto, Italy. An infantry company moving into attack was held to the ground by such heavy cross-fire from the front and flanks that men were unable to crawl to more tenable positions, and many casualties resulted. Private First Class Moore, company aid man, proceeded forward through this heavy concentration of fire to administer first aid to the wounded, and when he completed his task with one group of casualties, he made his way to the company's left flank where he attended more casualties, many severely injured. Still under continual enemy fire, he directed the removal of wounded to covered positions. Private First Class Moore's prompt and courageous actions saved the lives of seriously wounded men and were an inspiring example to his organization. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

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RAYMOND L. PETERSEN 38006834, Corporal, Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 October 1943, south of Ponte, Italy. During a strong enemy counter-attack, a machine gun section received numerous casualties including the section sergeant. Although wounded in the back by shrapnel, Corporal Petersen assumed control and reorganized the remainder of the section, withdrew under enemy artillery and machine gun fire to high ground where he put the guns into action, assisting directly in repulsing the enemy attack. The courage and initiative shown by Corporal Petersen in his gallant act exemplify the high ideals of the military service. Home address: Denver, Colorado.

NEGRIO A. SALAMONE 3,060100, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 September 1943, south of Persano, Italy. Sergeant Salamone was in charge of a battalion forward observation post when the enemy launched a strong attack supported by tanks and artillery. The fierceness of the attack forced back certain elements on the right flank, destroyed the house the observation post was set up in, and forced all of the personnel to abandon this post with the exception of Sergeant Salamone. Under this heavy concentration of artillery and small arms fire, Sergeant Salamone kept open the sole channel of communication to the Artillery Liaison Officer at the Battalion Command Post and continued to direct artillery and naval gun fire so effectively that the enemy withdrew. The outstanding courage and determination displayed by Sergeant Salamone in his gallant act typify the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from East Boston, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM A. SPIGHT 0403678 INF, Captain, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 September 1943, on the road between Valva and Colliano, Italy. Observing a seriously wounded soldier lying in a road covered by intermittent machine gun and mortar fire, Captain Spight immediately went to his assistance. Lying down on his back, Captain Spight pulled the wounded soldier up on his chest and laboriously inched his way along the road to a bend which afforded more protection from enemy fire and made it possible to administer first aid. This prompt and courageous deed undoubtedly saved the wounded man from bleeding to death, and was an inspiring example for men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Fort Collins, Colorado.

JAMES C. BYRON 0177742 GSC, Colonel, Headquarters 45th Infantry Division, for gallantry in action 14 September 1943, near Persano, Italy. When German troops attacked and broke through on the right flank of the Division, they cut off the battalion covering that sector, leaving no infantry between the enemy and the beach. Colonel Byron when informed of the situation, immediately proceeded to the threatened point and gathered artillerymen, engineers, and all available troops in the immediate vicinity. Out of this heterogeneous group he formed an organized fighting force that, under his personal leadership, successfully repulsed the attacking enemy until sufficient reinforcements arrived. His sound and aggressive leadership at a very critical time contributed materially to maintaining possession of the beach and exhibited a high sense of duty and personal courage. Entered military service from Hobart, Oklahoma.

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DONALD A. HYCH 36343622, Private First Class, Company C, 120th Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on 22 September 1943 near Civate, Italy. Private First Class Hych was the orderly on an ambulance carrying casualties rearward from a forward aid station when the driver was instantly killed by an enemy shell burst. Private First Class Hych stopped the vehicle, and while under continual shelling, unloaded and placed five patients under cover of an embankment. When the shelling subsided, he reloaded all the wounded men, delivered them to the designated rear aid station, and then continued to make frequent trips unassisted, evacuating casualties over this road route covered by intermittent enemy shell fire. Private First Class Hych's devotion to duty transcending all thoughts of personal safety is an inspiring example to his organization and to the men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Garden Prairie, Illinois.

By command of Major General MIDDLETON:

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APO 45, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York
6 November 1943

AG 200.6

SUBJECT: Award of Silver Star Medal.

TO : Officers and Enlisted Men Concerned:

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named officer:

OSAR N. McCAIN 0260150 FA, Captain, Battery C, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 11 September 1943, near Persano, Italy. When the head of an advancing column was strongly attacked by German infantry and tanks, Captain McCain and his forward observer immediately proceeded to the leading infantry elements in order to establish a forward observation post for his artillery battalion. The thickly wooded country made observation very difficult, so Captain McCain left the protection of the infantry and advanced toward the enemy positions. Although he was frequently pinned down by shellfire and was exposed to continual machine gun and tank fire, he continued forward in an effort to reach an advantageous position from where artillery fire could be directed on the enemy. It was during these gallant efforts that Captain McCain was mortally wounded. His courage and selfless devotion to duty reflect the high ideals of the military service. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Ruth McCain (Wife), Delaware, Oklahoma.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

OTHA T. AUTRY 0332367 FA, Major, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 13 September 1943, southwest of Percano, Italy. When a German column including twenty armored vehicles approached the battalion command post, Major Autry proceeded across a nearby river toward the enemy in order to locate a better observation post for adjusting the artillery fire of his battalion against the oncoming vehicles. There were no Allied forces between the battalion and the enemy, yet when Major Autry was driven back by machine gun and rifle fire, he took a position only 500 yards from the advancing column, and while under exceptionally heavy machine gun and mortar fire, effectively directed the fire of his battalion for two hours, successfully repelling the enemy attack until sufficient reinforcements arrived. Major Autry's courageous and brilliant direction of artillery fire prevented a serious break in the Allied lines at a most critical time and reflects great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Enid, Oklahoma.

ROBERT J. ELLIOTT 38005664, Sergeant, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 October 1943, near Calvisi, Italy. The company commander at a forward observation post became seriously wounded by enemy fire and was unable to move. Despite a heavy concentration of machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire, Sergeant Elliott, with two other enlisted men, voluntarily, without regard for personal safety, made his way to the observation post and, under heavy fire, proceeded to carry the wounded officer rearward to where first aid could be administered. His prompt and courageous action without doubt saved the life of the commanding officer and was an inspiring example to the men of his organization at a time of trial. Entered military service from Leadville, Colorado.

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LOUIS J. JENKINS 38016720, Private First Class, Company C, 120th Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on 22 September 1943, west of Oliveto, Italy. Private First Class Jenkins was driver of an ambulance carrying casualties rearward from a forward aid station when the ambulance in front of his was struck by fragments from an enemy shell, killing its driver. Private First Class Jenkins stopped his vehicle, assisted the orderly of the driverless ambulance to unload casualties and to get them under cover, all this time being exposed to continual enemy artillery fire. When the shelling subsided, he assisted in reloading the patients, and then proceeded to drive his own ambulance to his destination. He then made frequent trips evacuating casualties over this same route covered by intermittent enemy shell fire. Private First Class Jenkins' devotion to duty transcending all thoughts of personal safety is an inspiring example to his organization and to men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Garvin, Oklahoma.

LLOYD E. PEELE 20838553, Private, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 October 1943, near Calvisi, Italy. The company commander at a forward observation post became seriously wounded by enemy fire and was unable to move. Despite a heavy concentration of machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire, Private Peele, with two other enlisted men, voluntarily, without regard for personal safety, made his way to the observation post and, under heavy fire, proceeded to carry the wounded officer rearward to where first aid could be administered. His prompt and courageous action without doubt saved the life of the commanding officer and was an inspiring example to the men of his organization at a time of trial. Entered military service from Longmont, Colorado.

JOHN E. PORTER 33525147, Private, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near Calvisi, Italy, on 18 October 1943. The company commander at a forward observation post became seriously wounded by enemy fire and was unable to move. Despite a heavy concentration of machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire, Private Porter, with two other enlisted men, voluntarily, without regard for personal safety, made his way to the observation post and, under heavy fire, proceeded to carry the wounded officer rearward to where first aid could be administered. His prompt and courageous action without doubt saved the life of the commanding officer and was an inspiring example to the men of his organization at a time of trial. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

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FORTY FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION LSL/cwr

APO 45, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York
1 December 1943.

AG 200.6

SUBJECT: Award of Silver Star Medal.

TO : Officers and Enlisted Men Concerned.

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following individuals:

KELLY B. BROWN 20826337, Private, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 September 1943, west of Altavilla, Italy. During an intense enemy artillery barrage, Private Brown voluntarily left the comparative safety of his foxhole and, with two other men, placed a quarter-ton truck into service as an improvised ambulance, and proceeded with a load of two wounded men to a rear aid station over a two and one-half mile stretch of road that was under continual enemy shell fire. Despite the fact that shrapnel from shells bursting nearby hit the vehicle, yet fortunately missed the occupants, five trips were completed in evacuating wounded soldiers over this hazardous route. With his two companions he made one more trip to secure squad equipment that had been removed in converting the vehicle into an ambulance. The courageous and selfless actions of Private Brown undoubtedly saved the lives of wounded men and are in keeping with the high ideals of the military service. Home address: Ardmore, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mrs. Lulu M. Brown (Mother), 129 A, Northwest, Ardmore, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM P. JEZIERSKI 31063772, Private, Company H, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 July 1943, near Biscari, Sicily. During a strong enemy counter-attack necessitating a battalion withdrawal, a machine gunner was killed and his assistant wounded by enemy fire. Private Jezierski, ammunition bearer for the gun, immediately took the gunner's place and continued to deliver screaming fire for the withdrawal until the weapon was knocked out of action, and he was mortally wounded. With great difficulty he crawled back to a company located some distance in the rear and gave complete information concerning the actions that had taken place. This information proved extremely valuable in the establishment of a secondary line of defense. Private Jezierski's superb courage and remarkable devotion to duty will always remain an inspiring example to the American soldier. Entered military service from Niantic, Connecticut. Next of kin: Mrs. Antonia Jezierski (Mother), RFD Box #152, Niantic, Connecticut.

MAX KAPLAN 32197838, Private, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 and 13 September 1943, north of Salerno Beach, Italy. Although supporting infantry troops had withdrawn during an engagement with the enemy, Private Kaplan, with two other men, crossed an exposed area covered by hostile small arms fire and repulsed an enemy flank attack with a machine gun. On the following day while maintaining the position under continual enemy shell fire, the gun corporal was seriously wounded by shrapnel. Unhesitatingly, Private Kaplan left his position and exposed himself to fire in an attempt to move the injured man to safety when he was instantly killed by a bursting shell. The unusual daring and unfaltering determination displayed by Private Kaplan in his gallant actions reflect the high ideals of the military service. Home address: New York, New York. Next of kin: Mr. Abraham Kaplan (Father), 46 West 72nd Street, New York, New York.

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BILL H. SMITH 20833679, Private, Battery B, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 14 October 1943, northwest of San Salvatore, Italy. Private Smith and three other men were advancing to an artillery observation post when the party was fired on by two German snipers armed with a machine rifle and a sub-machine gun. While the remainder of the party was pinned down by enemy fire, Private Smith, without regard for personal safety, advanced on the flank of the snipers to within ten yards of their position and killed both of them with his .45 pistol. He then signaled the party to proceed with its mission. The courage and composure displayed by Private Smith on this occasion reflect great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Chickasha, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Smith (Mother), 614 Michigan Avenue, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM L. WEST 0466833 FA, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 13 and 14 September 1943, near Persano, Italy. Upon learning that two companies of engineers were completely surrounded by German infantry, Lieutenant West volunteered as forward observer to direct artillery fire in their support. Realizing that the best observation could be obtained from a point near the isolated men, he proceeded during the hours of darkness in a half-track under severe shell fire, through the enemy lines to an exposed silo near the ringed troops. During that night he directed artillery fire on hostile patrols who were trying to force his position, and the following morning he adjusted fire effectively on the enemy, and remained at his exposed post for two days without relief, directing artillery fire until hostilities had ceased. The initiative, determination and dauntless courage displayed by Lieutenant West in his gallant act were an inspiring example to the embattled men. Entered military service from Galesburg, Illinois. Next of kin: Mr. Harry W. West (Father), 412 Locust Street, Galesburg, Illinois.

3. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

JOSEPH FINKEL 39240192, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 July 1943, near Castel di Tusa, Sicily. Because of a heavy enemy artillery barrage, the troops in an area were ordered to leave, but two seriously wounded men had to be left behind. Technician Fifth Grade Finkel, disregarding orders, remained with the injured men and continued to administer first aid throughout the artillery fire. When the barrage ceased and the troops returned, another artillery barrage enveloped the area inflicting many casualties and again the troops were ordered to leave. Technician Fifth Grade Finkel who had just previously left the area, voluntarily returned in the midst of all the shelling and remained throughout the following intermittent artillery fire, administering first aid until the wounded were evacuated. Technician Fifth Grade Finkel's devotion to duty and complete disregard for personal safety reflect great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

ROBERT B. FUCHS 38006277, Corporal, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 and 13 September 1943, north of Salerno Beach, Italy. While going after ammunition, Corporal Fuchs, leader of a machine gun squad, saw his men driven away from their weapon by extremely heavy enemy fire. Although all supporting infantry troops had withdrawn, Corporal Fuchs returned to the gun through the hostile fire and continued to keep it in action unassisted until the enemy withdrew. On the following day an enemy shell blew the gun out of position and seriously wounded him, yet, in spite of his wounds, he had the remainder of the gun crew put the gun back into action and continued directing its fire until he was evacuated. The inspiring leadership and determined courage displayed by Corporal Fuchs in his gallant actions reflect great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Elbert, Colorado.

LESLIE G. GUSLER 38010405, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 120th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 September 1943, near Oliveto, Italy. A heavy concentration of German artillery fire had forced the men at a forward observation post to withdraw when Sergeant Gusler, wire chief, who was checking the wire from the command post to the observation post, discovered the phone at the forward position unattended. Realizing the need of friendly artillery support, he contacted battalion headquarters and assumed the duties of an artillery observer. For almost an hour, while under continual enemy shelling, he directed artillery fire on the enemy by crawling to the crest of the hill and returning to the phone to report results. The unusual courage and ability displayed by Sergeant Gusler in his gallant actions reflect the high ideals of the military service. Home address: Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

ELMER H. KUCKS 32194344, Private, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 September 1943, west of Altavilla, Italy. During an intense enemy artillery barrage, Private Kucks voluntarily left the comparative safety of his foxhole and, with two other men, placed a quarter-ton truck into service as an improvised ambulance, and proceeded with a load of two wounded men to a rear aid station over a two and one-half mile stretch of road that was under continual enemy shell fire. Despite the fact that shrapnel from shells bursting nearby hit the vehicle, yet fortunately missed the occupants, five trips were completed in evacuating wounded soldiers over this hazardous route. With his two companions he made one more trip to secure squad equipment that had been removed in converting the vehicle into an ambulance. The courageous and selfless actions of Private Kucks undoubtedly saved the lives of wounded men and are in keeping with the high ideals of the military service. Home address: Richmond, New York.

JACOB C. SOLT 33100220, Private First Class, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 September 1943, north of Salerno Beach, Italy. Private First Class Solt remained at his machine gun throughout a fierce enemy counter-attack even though supporting infantry troops were forced to withdraw. Without regard for personal safety, he continued to keep his gun in action in the face of the advancing enemy infantry supported by tanks until the enemy was repulsed, making it possible for our troops to return to their positions. Private First Class Solt's gallant action on this occasion reflects great credit to him and his organization. Entered military service from Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

HARRY W. VAN NESS 01165977 FA, First Lieutenant, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 5 October 1943, east of Ponte, Italy. Lieutenant Van Ness was acting as forward observer for his artillery battery in an infantry company sector when the company was pinned down by crossfire from German machine guns and a field piece. Despite the heavy fire, Lieutenant Van Ness left his position of cover in a ditch, and crossed a nearby road, concealed himself amid a few sparse bushes, and effectively adjusted fire on a nest of three hostile machine guns, completely silencing them. While Lieutenant Van Ness, with his small party, was moving to a new point of observation, enemy fire killed one man, wounded another, destroyed the radio, and as further fire direction was impossible, Lieutenant Van Ness, under continual fire, assisted the injured man rearward to an aid station. The courage and initiative displayed by Lieutenant Van Ness reflect great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Newton, New Jersey.

JAMES E. WALTON JR 6260940, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 September 1943, west of Altavilla, Italy. During an intense enemy artillery barrage, Private First Class Walton voluntarily left the comparative safety

of his foxhole and, with two other men, placed a quarter-ton truck into service as an improvised ambulance, and proceeded with a load of two wounded men to a rear aid station over a two and one-half mile stretch of road that was under continual enemy shell fire. Despite the fact that shrapnel from shells bursting nearby hit the vehicle, yet fortunately missed the occupants, five trips were completed in evacuating wounded soldiers over this hazardous route. With his two companions he made one more trip to secure squad equipment that had been removed in converting the vehicle into an ambulance. The courageous and selfless actions of Private First Class Walton undoubtedly saved the lives of wounded men and are in keeping with the high ideals of the military service. Home address: Dallas, Texas.

ROBERT F. WOODS 0347957 FA, Captain, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 13 July 1943, south of Biscari, Sicily. Captain Woods, acting as artillery liaison officer, was advancing with forward infantry elements under heavy hostile artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire when the enemy launched a strong counter-attack employing seventeen tanks and armored cars. As there were only a few mortars and machine guns available to the infantry and no anti-tank guns, it became absolutely necessary to secure artillery support, but during the enemy artillery barrage, Captain Woods was wounded by shrapnel and his radio disabled. Refusing medical aid, he succeeded in repairing the radio and then proceeded alone to a vantage point in the open where, despite his wound and the heavy enemy fire, he directed the fire of his artillery battalion so effectively that the attack was completely smashed, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and destroying many vehicles. Captain Woods' fearlessness and unswerving determination at a most critical time were an inspiration to the fighting men and contributed immeasurably to turning a very difficult situation into a decisive victory. Entered military service from Wewoka, Oklahoma.

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AG 200.6 4 December 1943.

Subject: Award of the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster.

To : Each Individual Concerned.

1. Announcement is made of the award of the Purple Heart as follows:

Sgt Homer J Baxter 20825763 MP Plat, 45th Inf Div, for wounds received in action during the Italian Campaign, 9 November 1943. (Medal Number 215634

Pfc Richard G Eager 35017382 MP Plat, 45th Inf Div, for wounds received during the Italian Campaign, 21 November 1943. (Medal Number 217335)

Pvt John E Ihler 37394416 MP Plat, 45th Inf Div, for wounds received in action during the Italian Campaign, 21 November 1943. (Medal Number 217843)

Pfc Bob R Woods 20828480 45th QM Co, for wounds received in action near Venafro, Italy, 10 November 1943. (Medal Number 213902)

S/Sgt Donald M Robinson 20823627 45th Signal Co, for wounds received in action during the Italian Campaign, 23 November 1943. (Medal Number 158015)

Sgt Stanley T Purdy 20823328 Hq Co, 45th Inf Div, for wounds received in action during the Italian Campaign, 1 November 1943. (Medal Number 158014)

Pfc Eugenio Divirgilio 35276211 45th Signal Co, for wounds received in action near Venafro, Italy, 9 November 1943. (Medal Number 214996)

2. Announcement is made of the award of the Oak Leaf Cluster as follows:

MAJ MICHAEL S DAVISON 022031 CAV, Hq 45th Inf Div, for wounds received in action during the Italian Campaign, 20 September 1943.

By command of Major General EAGLES:

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New York, New York
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AG 200.6

SUBJECT: Award of Silver Star Medal.

TO : Officers and Enlisted Men Concerned.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

RICHARD F. BLANKA 01284637 INF, First Lieutenant, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 September 1943, near Olivete, Italy. An infantry battalion was trapped by a superior enemy force located on high ground and was receiving a heavy concentration of artillery, machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire from the front and both flanks. Lieutenant Blanka led one of two volunteer groups of twelve men each over a high ridge to the left of the battalion position despite the fact that very little cover was available and his group came under heavy enemy fire. He maneuvered his men into a position from which accurate fire was delivered against the enemy, inflicting heavy casualties, and succeeded in driving them out of firmly entrenched positions. This enabled the battalion to withdraw to the high ground on the left, a more tenable position. The aggressive leadership and unusual daring displayed by Lieutenant Blanka on this occasion are an inspiring example to his men and his organization. Entered military service from Henderson, North Carolina.

MAX H. HARTNAGEL 01105497 CE, First Lieutenant, 120th Engineer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 12 September 1943, near Persano, Italy. When a strong German force broke through the right flank of the division, the only troops remaining between the enemy and the beach were Lieutenant Hartnagel and two platoons of his company. Deploying his men in a defensive position, he personally directed them in repelling the enemy, destroying two machine guns and causing a third to withdraw. He continued to keep his men in position until ordered to move as part of a combined fighting group of artillery men and engineers. The aggressive leadership and initiative displayed by Lieutenant Hartnagel at a most critical time are an inspiring example to men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Rensselaer, New York.

JOHN F. LADURINI 18006093, Sergeant, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 September 1943, near Eboli, Italy. When a counter-attacking company was given orders to withdraw, part of the first platoon was cut off and did not receive word of the withdrawal. Upon being informed of this fact, Sergeant Ladurini, without regard for personal safety, returned through the enemy lines to attempt to find the men. He finally located the isolated soldiers and led them back to safety through the German lines under heavy machine gun and artillery fire. Sergeant Ladurini's unusual courage and consistent concern for the welfare of his men reflect great credit to himself and his organization. Entered military service from Telluride, Colorado.

WILLIAM R. MASON 20839158, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 September 1943, near Eboli, Italy. When the enemy launched a strong counter-attack led by tanks, Staff Sergeant Mason, with another enlisted man, secured a rocket launcher and proceeded to the top of a ridge overlooking a road. Although this ridge

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was being swept with heavy machine gun fire from the advancing tanks, Staff Sergeant Mason fired the launcher at a tank only twenty yards away, knocking it out of action. Upon reloading, the launcher failed to fire and, as ammunition disclosed a split tube, Staff Sergeant Mason crossed a large open field under heavy machine gun and artillery fire to find another launcher; he was unable to locate one or return to his original position because of the exceptionally heavy concentration of fire. The fortitude and tenacious spirit displayed by Staff Sergeant Mason in his gallant action reflect the high ideals of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Fort Morgan, Colorado.

ANGELO PANETTA 37787549, Corporal (then Private), Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 September 1943, near Olivoto Citra, Italy. A soldier was seriously wounded and lay helpless under heavy enemy machine gun and artillery fire. Corporal Panetta, disregarding the advice of his platoon leader and without regard for personal safety, crawled through the intense fire to the wounded man and administered first aid, thereby saving his life. The courage and concern for a fellow comrade displayed by Corporal Panetta reflect credit to him and the military service. Home address: West Babylon, New York.

WILLIAM H. POYNTER 01601682 INF, Second Lieutenant, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 September 1943, near Olivoto, Italy. An infantry battalion was trapped by a superior enemy force located on high ground and was receiving a heavy concentration of artillery, machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire from the front and both flanks. Lieutenant Poynter led one of two volunteer groups of twelve men each over a high ridge to the left of the battalion position despite the fact that very little cover was available and the group came under heavy enemy fire. He maneuvered his men into a position from which accurate fire was delivered against the enemy, inflicting heavy casualties, and succeeded in driving them out of finely entrenched positions. This enabled the battalion to withdraw to the high ground on the left, a more tenable position. The aggressive leadership and unusual valor displayed by Lieutenant Poynter on this occasion are an inspiring example to his men and his organization. Entered military service from Kewanee, Illinois.

DONALD A. [illegible] 20059346, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 September 1943, near Castelnuovo, Italy. An advancing platoon became subjected to a heavy concentration of enemy artillery, mortar, and tank fire which seriously wounded a man out in the open. Staff Sergeant Rosales, without regard for personal safety, crossed the open ground under the intense enemy fire and carried the injured man back for a distance of one hundred yards to the safety of a ravine where first aid was administered. The courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Rosales in his gallant act undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded man and is an inspiring example to the men of his organization. Entered military service from Sterling, Colorado.

HENRY A. SHACKELFORD 34278860, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 September 1943, near Paoli, Italy. An advancing infantry column was halted by a German 88 mm gun supported by a well-placed machine gun. Corporal Shackelford, voluntarily, took a rocket launcher and proceeded ahead of the leading platoon, effectively evading machine gun fire, and from a distance of thirty yards from the field piece, he fired his launcher and hit the shock absorber of the enemy gun which was filled with oil. The resulting explosion threw burning oil over the gun crew, causing them to retreat in wild confusion and put the gun out of action. Corporal Shackelford then returned under heavy machine gun fire to his platoon and gave the location of the machine gun, enabling the platoon to knock it out of action. The rugged courage and tenacity of purpose displayed by Corporal Shackelford on this occasion were an inspiring example to his comrades and reflect the high ideals of the military service. Next of kin: Hostleton, Pennsylvania.

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ROBERT L. SMITH 38004065, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 September 1943, near Paoli, Italy. When the company was ordered to withdraw as a result of numerous enemy counter-attacks, Technician Fifth Grade Smith volunteered to remain with several casualties. He administered first aid to them until a friendly patrol arrived and brought him back to our lines. Instead of remaining with his company, Technician Fifth Grade Smith returned to the wounded men who had been given up for lost, and through his efforts and guidance, the wounded men were finally evacuated just prior to the occupation of the area by enemy troops. Technician Fifth Grade Smith's courage and devotion to duty disregarding the hazards involved were an inspiring example to his fellow comrades. Entered military service from Glendale, Arizona.

THOMAS E. TRUAX 38010415, Private First Class, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 September 1943, near Mad di Loreto, Italy. A rifle squad became pinned down by intense fire from an enemy machine gun nest and because of the intervening terrain features, it was impossible to place effective fire on the hostile position. Private First Class Truax volunteered to destroy the gun and arming himself with a rifle, he advanced toward the enemy position covered by rifle fire from the other members of the squad. After killing a German sniper who had been firing at him, he succeeded in circling the machine gun nest and killed all three of its occupants. He then returned to his comrades and assisted in evacuating wounded men. Private First Class Truax's superb courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit to him and to men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Carrizozo, New Mexico.

So much of Letter, this Headquarters, dated 2 November 1943, File AG 200.6, Subject: Award of Silver Star Medal, as pertains to CHARLES D. WEIGAND 017731 INF, Lieutenant Colonel, is rescinded. Corrected citation is as follows:

CHARLES D. WEIGAND 017731 INF, Lieutenant Colonel, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 July 1943 and 12 July 1943, near Comiso Airfield, Sicily. In the attack on the Comiso Airfield, Lieutenant Colonel Weigand led the assault of his leading companies and by his example of personal bravery and complete disregard of danger under heavy machine gun and artillery fire, inspired both his men and officers to the extent of influencing the successful outcome of the action and the capture of the airfield. Upon being counter-attacked by the enemy on the following day, Lieutenant Colonel Weigand personally supervised the successful defense of his battalion, again inspiring his men by his complete disregard of danger. Entered United States Military Academy from Maryland.

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7 December 1943.

AG 200.6

SUBJECT: Award of Silver Star Medal.

TO : Officers and Enlisted Men Concerned.

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

LAMON E. BRAZIER 36287050, Private First Class, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 October 1943, near Benevento, Italy. In preparation for an impending infantry attack against the enemy, Private First Class Brazier and three other men were located at a road block serving as an outpost when the position was attacked by four German Mark IV tanks. Private First Class Brazier, armed with a Browning automatic rifle, and another man, firing an M-1 rifle, shot at the tanks' observation slits while the other two men fired a rocket launcher and rifle grenades until their supply of rockets and grenades was exhausted. The heroic efforts of these men succeeded in repelling the enemy tanks, preventing a serious penetration of our lines which might have resulted in heavy casualties to our foot troops. The daring actions of Private First Class Brazier are an inspiring example to men of the Armed Forces and are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Ennis, Texas.

LAWRENCE L. CAPPS 20836756, Sergeant, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for gallantry in action on 12 July 1943, northwest of Scioli, Sicily. Sergeant Capps accompanied an officer and another enlisted man on an extremely dangerous reconnaissance mission over eight kilometers of heavily mined roads, across two mined bridges, and through two companies of hostile infantry to an enemy command post in Scioli, Sicily. The reconnaissance party demanded and received from the enemy commanding officer the surrender of his troops which proved to number over one thousand Italian soldiers located in positions in and around Scioli, as well as hundreds of weapons and tons of ammunition. The fearlessness and composure displayed by Sergeant Capps in proceeding on this hazardous mission and risking almost certain capture, reflect great credit to him and the military service. Home address: Denver, Colorado.

LOUIS CORDOVA 14076218, Private First Class, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 October 1943, near Benevento, Italy. In preparation for an impending infantry attack against the enemy, Private First Class Cordova and three other men were located at a road block serving as an outpost when the position was attacked by four German Mark IV tanks. While two men fired at the tanks' observation slits with their M-1 and automatic rifles, Private First Class Cordova and the other man fired a rocket launcher and rifle grenades at the advancing tanks until their supply of rockets and grenades was exhausted. The heroic efforts of these men succeeded in repelling the enemy tanks, preventing a serious penetration of our lines which might have resulted in heavy casualties to our foot troops. The daring actions of Private First Class Cordova are an inspiring example to men of the Armed Forces and are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Grand Cane, Louisiana.

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VINCENT H. DUSKUS 13054493, Technician Fifth Grade, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for gallantry in action on 12 July 1943, northwest of Scicli, Sicily. Technician Fifth Grade Duskus accompanied an officer and another enlisted man on an extremely dangerous reconnaissance mission over eight kilometers of heavily mined roads, across two mined bridges, and through two companies of hostile infantry to an enemy command post in Scicli, Sicily. The reconnaissance party demanded and received from the enemy commanding officer the surrender of his troops which proved to number over one thousand Italian soldiers located in positions all around Scicli, as well as hundreds of wagons and tons of ammunition. The fearlessness and composure displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Duskus in proceeding on this hazardous mission and risking almost certain capture, reflect great credit to him and the military service. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS J. EAGON 20651859, Corporal, Battery B, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 14 September 1943, near Salerno, Italy. Our forces were in a defensive position when Corporal Eagon accompanied a forward artillery observer to a hay shed near the forward infantry li[illegible]ering that morning; the enemy launched strong counter-attacks at two [illegible] ment times, bringing the observation post under heavy machine gun and small arms fire. Disregarding personal safety, Corporal Eagon remained at the observation post under the steady fire, and continued to locate targets and assist the observer in adjusting fire on the advancing enemy troops, contributing greatly in repulsing the attacks when only fifty yards from the position. Corporal Eagon was wounded during the final attack but continued to perform his duties until the enemy was successfully driven back. Corporal Eagon's courage and unswerving devotion to duty on this occasion reflect great credit to him and his organization. Entered military service from La Crosse, Wisconsin.

GARNER E. HAMMERS 38005824, Corporal, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 October 1943, near Benevento, Italy. In preparation for an impending infantry attack against the enemy, Corporal Hammers and three other men were located at a road block serving as an outpost when the position was attacked by four German Mark IV tanks. Corporal Hammers, armed with an M-1 rifle, and another man, firing a Browning automatic rifle, shot at the tanks' observation slits while the other two men fired a rocket launcher and rifle grenades until their supply of rockets and grenades was exhausted. The heroic efforts of these men succeeded in repelling the enemy tanks, preventing a serious penetration of our lines which might have resulted in heavy casualties to our foot troops. The daring actions of Corporal Hammers are an inspiring example to men of the Armed Forces and are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

DONALD V. RICH 0445040 INF, Second Lieutenant, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 December 1943, near Lagone, Italy. While the company was attacking over extremely rugged terrain in a heavy, cold rain, such well-directed small arms fire was delivered from four prepared German positions that further forward movement was impossible. Lieutenant Rich skilfully established a base of fire with his platoon's weapons to cover the flanking movements of himself and his runner. Grenades thrown by the enemy wounded the runner, but Lieutenant Rich pushed on, hurled two hand grenades into the position, and captured the occupants. He continued on alone, through machine gun fire, and captured the machine gun squad and later the occupants of the other two positions. His courageous, fearless and aggressive actions caused the enemy's fire to be silenced, netted nine prisoners, cleared the way to the company objective, inspired the men of the command, and fulfilled the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Portland, Maine. (Medal Number 35947)

JAMES A. MELROSE 20838321, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 September 1943, south of Persano, Italy. On a scouting patrol Staff Sergeant Rutledge, accompanied

by two men, swam across the Sele River under enemy artillery, rifle, and machine gun fire, and successfully passed through the enemy lines. He then crawled to the south edge of Persano where he secured enemy documents, maps, and made sketches of enemy positions which later aid greatly in the attack against the enemy. On the way back to his lines, Staff Sergeant Rutledge encountered a concentration of German armored cars near a command post, and, by radio, directed accurate artillery fire on them, damaging many and knocking out the command post. The courage and perseverance displayed by Staff Sergeant Rutledge in this gallant act reflect great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Boulder, Colorado.

PATRICK L. SANDERS 31075416, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 October 1943, near Faicchio, Italy. After an enemy dive bombing attack which caused many casualties, Private First Class Sanders was administering first aid to wounded men when the enemy placed a concentrated artillery and mortar barrage in the area. During the shelling Private First Class Sanders was severely wounded in the chest but continued to give first aid to the wounded until he became too weak to stand. He then had himself propped up and from this position directed the treatment of casualties, refusing to be evacuated until all injured men had been treated. Private First Class Sanders' courage and remarkable devotion to duty are an inspiring example to all men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

[illegible] A. SANVIDO 33 355[illegible]681, Private First Class (then Private), Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 September 1943, near Olivete Citra, Italy. When the rifle platoons came under extremely heavy fire from two reinforced companies of enemy infantry supported by automatic weapons and artillery fire, their maneuverability became greatly limited. Private First Class Sanvido, observing the situation, secured a Browning automatic rifle, and proceeded fifty yards through the hostile fire to a strategic point on a road bend where he placed effective fire on the enemy. This covering fire inflicted many casualties on the enemy, enabling friendly troops to reform on new positions and to continue the attack. The daring displayed by Private First Class Sanvido on this occasion reflects the high ideals of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Parma Heights, Ohio.

JOHN F. SCHAEFER JR 32204779, Corporal, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 and 13 September 1943, near Salerno Beach, Italy. Corporal Schaefer directed mortar fire from a forward observation post for two days and nights, without relief, throughout repeated counter-attacks by hostile infantry and tanks. Located well in front of friendly lines, he remained at his post even though all supporting infantry troops had left this area because of the heavy enemy fire. He continued to keep his gun firing until German tanks attacked the position from the rear, making it necessary for the squad and himself to move to another position. Corporal Schaefer's courage and leadership under fire are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Springfield Gardens, New York.

[illegible] F. TERRY 35005302, Sergeant (then Corporal), Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 September 1943, near Castelnuovo, Italy. During a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire, Sergeant Terry was leading his squad to the safety of a road embankment nearby when one of his men was seriously wounded and fell unconscious. Only after reaching the embankment did Sergeant Terry realize what had happened, and, without regard to personal safety, he returned through the artillery fire to the injured man. He then proceeded to drag the bleeding man to cover where he immediately administered first aid. The concern for the welfare of his men reflect great credit to Sergeant Terry and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Cortez, Colorado.

CHARLES S. [illegible]ESCH 33110677, Sergeant (then Corporal), Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 and 13 September 1943, near Salerno Beach, Italy. Sergeant Friedesch, leader of a mortar

section, directed mortar fire from a forward observation post for two days and nights without relief, throughout repeated counter-attacks by enemy infantry and tanks. Located well in front of friendly lines, he remained at his post even though all supporting infantry troops had left this area because of the heavy hostile fire. He continued to keep his guns in action until German tanks attacked the position from the rear, making it necessary for the section and himself to move to another position. Sergeant Fritsch's courage and leadership under fire are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Bridgeville, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM J. [illegible] 36005466, Sergeant, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 October 1943, near Benevento, Italy. In preparation for an impending infantry attack against the enemy, Sergeant Ward and three other men were located at a road block serving as an outpost when the position was attacked by four German Mark IV tanks. While two men fired at the tanks' observation slits with their M-1 and automatic rifles, Sergeant Ward and the other man fired a rocket launcher and rifle grenades at the advancing tanks until their supply of rockets and grenades was exhausted. The heroic efforts of these men succeeded in repelling the enemy tanks, preventing a serious penetration of our lines which might have resulted in heavy casualties to our foot troops. The daring actions of Sergeant Ward are an inspiring example to men of the Armed Forces and are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

EARL H. J. [illegible] 20833018, Corporal, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 November 1943, north of Pozilli, Italy. Attacking a firmly entrenched German force on a hill top, our troops were unable to advance and artillery fire was unsuccessful in dislodging the enemy. Corporal Craddock, with three other men, worked his way up to the top of the hill through enemy artillery and machine gun fire, assaulted the position, killed three German soldiers, wounded others, and drove the hostile force from this strategic position, enabling our troops to take possession of the important height. The unusual courage displayed by Corporal Craddock in his gallant action reflects great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Davis, Oklahoma.

MILO J. [illegible] 20533833 INF, Second Lieutenant, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 November 1943, near Venafro, Italy. While attacking up a steep, rocky mountain, Lieutenant Cross and his platoon were pinned down by heavy fire from an enemy machine gun and rifles in addition to hand grenades dropped down the steep slope. Without regard for personal safety, Lieutenant Cross crawled to a point twenty yards from the enemy machine gun and when he exposed himself to throw a hand grenade, he was shot through the head. Although badly wounded, he continued to throw hand grenades until the enemy was forced to withdraw, thus enabling the platoon to continue the attack and successfully occupy the mountain. Lieutenant Cross' courageous leadership is exemplary of the high ideals of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Marion, Ohio.

[illegible] W. [illegible] 20833321, Private, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 November 1943, north of Pozilli, Italy. Attacking a firmly entrenched German force on a hill top, our troops were unable to advance and artillery fire was unsuccessful in dislodging the enemy. Private Ford, with three other men, worked his way up to the top of the hill through enemy artillery and machine gun fire, and aided the position, killed three German soldiers, wounded others, and drove the hostile force from this strategic position, enabling our troops to take possession of the important height. The unusual courage displayed by Private Ford in his gallant action reflects great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Ardmore, Oklahoma.

[illegible] L. [illegible] 36138764, Private, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 November 1943, north of Pozilli, Italy. Attacking a firmly entrenched German force on a hill top, our troops were unable

to advance and artillery fire was unsuccessful in dislodging the enemy. Private Fugett, with three other men, worked his way up to the top of the hill through enemy artillery and machine gun fire, assaulted the position, killed three German soldiers, wounded others, and drove the hostile force from this strategic position, enabling our troops to take possession of the important height. The unusual courage displayed by Private Fugett in his gallant action reflects great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Yocum, Kentucky.

MATT N. HAUER 36967930, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 120th Engineer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 4 November 1943, near Venafro, Italy. Technician Fifth Grade Hauer, a bulldozer operator, was constructing across the Volturno River a ford that was vitally needed for supplying our advancing infantry troops. When the enemy placed a concentration of artillery in and around the ford site, Technician Fifth Grade Hauer, realizing the extreme importance of time, continued operating his bulldozer despite the shells falling continually around him. He completed the important task in excellent time, making it possible to furnish the attacking infantry with greatly needed supplies. Technician Fifth Grade Hauer's gallant actions on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Batavia, Illinois.

EDWARD W. KRAFT 20839306, Sergeant, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 September 1943, south of Persano, Italy. Sergeant Kraft accompanied an officer on an extremely hazardous scouting patrol into enemy territory, passing through barrages from our artillery, and penetrating eight miles behind the German lines. Well aware of the possibility of being captured, Sergeant Kraft located three batteries of enemy artillery, followed and mapped routes of withdrawal and obtained much information of value to the subsequent advance of our troops. He returned on the morning of 19 September 1943, and reported the results of his reconnaissance mission to Division Headquarters. The unusual daring displayed by Sergeant Kraft is an inspiring example to the men of his organization and is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Snyder, Colorado.

LUTIE C. MAHAN 20836497, Private First Class, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 November 1943, near Venafro, Italy. After our troops captured an important hill position from strongly resisting Germans, the enemy immediately placed a high concentration of artillery fire in the area which wounded every member of a squad except its leader. Private First Class Mahan was wounded in the leg and although bleeding badly, he refused to leave the area, insisting upon remaining behind. He assisted his squad leader in administering first aid to the injured men and in removing them to a place of safety. Private First Class Mahan's initiative and devotion to duty transcending all thoughts of personal safety reflect the finest traditions of the military service. Home address: Flagstaff, Arizona.

EDWARD F. MAHER 31010462, Private, Headquarters Battery, 45th Infantry Division Artillery, for gallantry in action on the night of 21 November 1943, in Venafro, Italy. The enemy placed a heavy concentration of 150 mm shells on the command post, hitting the building several times and demolishing various sections. When a shell crashed through the roof and detonated in the ceiling of a room, it seriously wounded several members of the battery and buried them under debris. Private Maher left his place of comparative safety, proceeded to the injured men, and while heavy fire was still falling, assisted in digging the wounded men out of the debris and removing them to a place of safety where first aid was administered. Private Maher's gallantry on this occasion reflects great credit to him and his organization. Entered military service from New Haven, Connecticut.

RAY W. MATLOCK 36015753, Sergeant, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 November 1943, north of Pozilli, Italy. Attacking a firmly entrenched German force on a hill top, our troops were unable

to advance and artillery fire was unsuccessful in dislodging the enemy. Sergeant Matlock, with three other men, worked his way up to the top of the hill through enemy artillery and machine gun fire, assaulted the position, killed three German soldiers, wounded others, and drove the hostile force from this strategic position, enabling our troops to take possession of the important height. The unusual courage displayed by Sergeant Matlock in his gallant action reflects great credit on him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Mayfield, Oklahoma.

VIRGIL E. [illegible] 38017584, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Headquarters Battery, 45th Infantry Division Artillery, for gallantry in action on 21 November 1943, in Venafro, Italy. The enemy placed a heavy concentration of 150 mm shells on the command post, hitting the building several times and demolishing various sections. When a shell crashed through the roof and detonated in the ceiling of a room it seriously wounded several members of the battery and buried them under debris. Although wounded a few days previously, and suffering from a few broken ribs, Technician Fourth Grade Myers left his place of comparative safety, and while heavy fire was still falling, assisted in digging the wounded men out of the debris and removed them to a place of safety where first aid was administered. Technician Fourth Grade Myers' gallantry on this occasion reflects great credit to him and his organization. Entered military service from Cement, Oklahoma.

[illegible] K. SWEET 33059683, Sergeant, Company B, 15[illegible]th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 November 1943, near Venafro, Italy. When his squad attacked strongly defended German positions on a hill, Sergeant Sweet personally destroyed two hostile machine gun nests and inflicted many casualties on the enemy. After successfully taking their objective, Sergeant Sweet and his squad were subjected to an intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage which killed one man and wounded every member of the squad with the exception of Sergeant Sweet. Despite the heavy hostile fire, Sergeant Sweet administered first aid to the injured and assisted in carrying them back to safety, finally leaving him alone in the position. He continued to maintain his position until other squads arrived to support him in defending the area. Sergeant Sweet's courage and concern for the welfare of his men reflect great credit to his unit and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Lexington, Virginia.

J. L. [illegible]ELLER 38016926, Corporal, Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 November 1943, near Venafro, Italy. While on a scouting patrol and a man was seriously wounded, Corporal Wagemueller, with utter disregard for personal safety, crawled through heavy enemy small arms and automatic weapon fire to the wounded man and administered first aid. Still under continuous fire, he laboriously dragged the injured man back to safety from where he was evacuated. Very shortly thereafter, the patrol was forced to withdraw and the enemy occupied the area. Corporal Wagemueller's gallant action prevented the certain capture of the wounded man and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Durham, Oklahoma.

LOUIS J. [illegible]EBEL 32277876, Private, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 November 1943, near Venafro, Italy. Although not attached to an attacking platoon, Private Krubel left his unit and spontaneously proceeded through heavy small arms, mortar and artillery fire, to assist the aid man of the platoon which had suffered several casualties. After all injured men had been attended, he returned to his unit. A short time later, the same platoon was subjected to an extremely heavy concentration of artillery and mortar fire which inflicted more casualties; Private Krubel proceeded across open ground under heavy shelling and again aided in administering first aid to wounded men. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Krubel reflect the fine traditions of the military service. Home address: Manville, New Jersey.

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2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600- 5, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following enlisted man:

[redacted], Private, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 November 1943, near Venafro, Italy. During an attack on strongly defended German positions on a hill, the advance of Private Stern's unit was halted by heavy machine gun and rifle fire. Maneuvering to an excellent spot, Private Stern destroyed a hostile machine gun squad with his rifle, accounting for at least three enemy soldiers. Farther up the hill he silenced another machine gun nest but met his death while doing so. Private Stern's courage and devotion to duty transcending all thoughts of personal safety are an inspiring example to his organization and to men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from New York, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Sadie Stern (Mother), 2 Pinehurst Avenue, New York City, New York.

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

HILSTON T. KILCOLLINS, 01105887, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, ***** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on the **th and **th of July 1943, near * * * * * *, Sicily. Lieutenant Kilcollins, obtained permission to, and conducted, a party of three volunteers that started on foot across extremely mountainous terrain at sundown ** July 1943 to an observation point ten miles within enemy territory. They captured six prisoners, and at dawn were approximately 300 yards from an enemy observation post. By relaying commands, effective fire was adjusted on enemy installations. When discovered and fired upon by small arms, the party returned the fire, inflicted casualties upon the enemy, then continued to a more advanced observation post. When driven from there by automatic fire to covered positions, they remained in observation of enemy operations and communicated with their Command Post until dark. The rugged courage, initiative and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Kilcollins exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Mapleton, Maine. (Medal Number 35981)

Stanley Dachowski, 33185263, Private, Medical Detachment, ***** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action, ** July 1943, at * * * , Sicily. During a heavy bombardment by enemy artillery, Private Dachowski saw a wounded soldier lying in a position which was continually being swept by fire, left his sheltered position, crawled into the open under fire, administered first aid to the seriously wounded soldier and later evacuated him to safety. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Dachowski reflects great credit upon himself and his organization and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Reading, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 35880)

Charles E. Stewart, 37074565, Private First Class, Battery C, ***** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action east of * * * , Sicily, ** July 1943. The wire truck in which Private First Class Stewart was riding was hit by enemy artillery fire, killing three men and seriously wounding others. Private First Class Stewart reached a sheltered position but some wounded were unable to reach safety. Voluntarily, and during continuance of the artillery fire, Private First Class Stewart and two other enlisted men, left their shelter to remove the injured men from their exposed positions. While aiding in removing one mortally wounded man, Private First Class Stewart was struck by shrapnel. The gallant action and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by Private First Class Stewart reflects great credit upon himself and his organization and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mondamin, Iowa. (Medal Number 35926)

JULIAN A. YOCOM, 0469869, First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, ***** Engineer Battalion, for gallantry in action ** July 1943, near * * * * *, Sicily. While landing for the invasion of Sicily, an infantry company was held down by fire from a strongly fortified machine gun emplacement. Lieutenant Yocom, accompanied by a soldier of his command, crept to within 35 feet of the emplacement and by rifle fire and grenades, killed [illegible] of the enemy, wounded 5, and took 9 prisoners, thereby putting the machine gun out of action and allowing the infantry to proceed. The gallant action and complete disregard of personal danger displayed by Lieutenant Yocom instilled confidence in his fellow soldiers and materially aided our forces. Entered military service from Napoleon, Ohio. (Medal Number 35923)

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Chester J. Goralski, 36613150, Private, Battery C, ***** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on the **th and **th of July 1943, near * * * * * *, Sicily. Private Goralski was a member of a party of three volunteers that started on foot across extremely mountainous terrain at sundown ** July 1943 to an observation point ten miles within enemy territory. They captured six prisoners, and at dawn were approximately 300 yards from an enemy observation post. By relaying commands, effective fire was adjusted on enemy installations. When discovered and fired upon by small arms, the party returned the fire, inflicted casualties upon the enemy, then continued to a more advanced observation post. When driven from there by automatic fire to covered positions, they remained in observation of enemy operations and communicated with their Command Post until dark. The rugged courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Goralski exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois. (Medal Number 35900)

Chester Maykowski, 32219409, Private First Class, Company A, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, at * * * * * * * *, Sicily. When his company was held up by enemy fire, Private First Class Maykowski volunteered to accompany and assist Private Langillo, Company B, ***** Infantry to work their way, under fire, to within 30 yards of two enemy 20mm guns. Still under fire Private First Class Maykowski loaded, and Private Langillo fired two rounds from a rocket launcher, scored direct hits which knocked both guns out and killed or wounded the enemy crews that manned them, thus greatly assisted in driving off the enemy. These heroic actions exemplify the high ideals and traditions of the service. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York. (Medal Number 35920)

Swintz E. Hayes, 34003170, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery C, ***** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on the **th and **th of July 1943, near * * * * * *, Sicily. Technician Fifth Grade Hayes was a member of a party of three volunteers that started on foot across extremely mountainous terrain at sundown ** July 1943 to an observation point ten miles within enemy territory. They captured six prisoners, and at dawn were approximately 300 yards from an enemy observation post. By relaying commands, effective fire was adjusted on enemy installations. When discovered and fired upon by small arms, the party returned the fire, inflicted casualties upon the enemy, then continued to a more advanced observation post. When driven from there by automatic fire to covered positions, they remained in observation of enemy operations and communicated with their Command Post until dark. The rugged courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Hayes exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Lakeview, South Carolina. (Medal Number 35863)

Frank E. D'Orazio, 33338910, Private, Battery C, ***** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on the **th and **th of July 1943, near * * * * * *, Sicily. Private D'Orazio was a member of a party of three volunteers that started on foot across extremely mountainous terrain at sundown ** July 1943 to an observation point ten miles within enemy territory. They captured six prisoners, and at dawn were approximately 300 yards from an enemy observation post. By relaying commands, effective fire was adjusted on enemy installations. When discovered and fired upon by small arms, the party returned the fire, inflicted casualties upon the enemy, then continued to a more advanced observation post. When driven from there by automatic fire to covered positions, they remained in observation of enemy operations and communicated with their Command Post until dark. The rugged courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private D'Orazio exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 35904)

George T. Fincher, 36116011, Private First Class, Company A, ***** Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action ** July 1943, near * * * * * * * , Sicily. Private First Class Fincher had a protected position during a heavy artillery concentration during which several men were seriously wounded and disabled by shell fragments. Without regard for his personal safety, Private First Class Fincher, while the bombardment continued, crawled to where the wounded men had fallen, dressed their wounds and assisted them to places of safety. The gallant action and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Fincher reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Dallas, Texas. (Medal Number 36025)

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Jesse W. Shanks, 37200928, Private, Headquarters Battery, ***** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, at * * * * , Sicily. Private Shanks aided in evacuating a seriously wounded soldier while his organization was engaged in street fighting in * * * * , Sicily. While under heavy rifle fire, and without regard for personal safety, Private Shanks voluntarily went forward with a motor vehicle, where, with the assistance of a medical aid man, removed and evacuated the wounded man to safety. The gallant action of Private Shanks is an inspiring example for his organization and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Clinton, Missouri. (Medal Number 35930)

Lincoln A. Shoff, 33083310, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery C, ***** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action east of * * * , Sicily, ** July 1943. The wire truck in which Technician Fifth Grade Shoff was riding was hit by enemy artillery fire, killing three men and seriously wounding others. Technician Fifth Grade Shoff reached a sheltered position but some wounded were unable to reach safety. Voluntarily, and during continuance of the artillery fire, Technician Fifth Grade Shoff and two other enlisted men, left their shelter to remove the injured men from their exposed positions. While aiding in removing one mortally wounded man, Technician Fifth Grade Shoff was struck by shrapnel. The gallant action and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Shoff reflects great credit upon himself and his organization and is in accordance with the highest tradition of the military service. Home address: Portage, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 36011)

Angelo M. Vaughn, 20833857, Corporal, Battery C, ***** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action east of * * * , Sicily, ** July 1943. The wire truck in which Corporal Vaughn was riding was hit by enemy artillery fire, killing three men and seriously wounding others. Corporal Vaughn reached a sheltered position but some wounded were unable to reach safety. Voluntarily, and during continuance of the artillery fire, Corporal Vaughn and two other enlisted men left their shelter to remove the injured men from their exposed positions. While aiding in removing one mortally wounded man, Corporal Vaughn was struck by shrapnel. The gallant action and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by Corporal Vaughn reflects great credit upon himself and his organization and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Blackwell, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 35983)

Lytton J. Oille, 15099987, Private First Class, Company B, ***** Engineer Battalion, for gallantry in action ** July 1943, near * * * * *, Sicily. While landing for the invasion of Sicily, an infantry company was held down by fire from a strongly fortified machine gun emplacement. Private First Class Oille, accompanying his platoon leader, crept to within 35 feet of the emplacement and by rifle fire and grenades, killed 2 of the enemy, wounded 5, and took 9 prisoners, thereby putting the machine gun out of action and allowing the infantry to proceed. Private First Class Oille's gallant action and courage under heavy fire reflects great credit upon himself and his organization, and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

Harvey H. Durr, 36074083, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action, ** July 1943, south of * * * * * *, Sicily. During the advance upon * * * * * * by Company C, ***** Infantry, the company was pinned down by artillery fire and a number of men were wounded by shrapnel. Several of these men were so seriously wounded that they could not crawl out of danger. Private First Class Durr with complete disregard for his own safety and while under heavy enemy fire, crawled to the exposed men and treated their wounds. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Durr exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Residence at time of induction: Griggesville, Illinois. (Medal Number 35886)

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Samuel P. Jenkins, 38018300, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action south of * * * * * *, Sicily, ** July 1943. During the advance upon * * * * * * * By Company A, ***** Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade Jenkins was assigned as a company medical aid man. Several men of the company were wounded by shrapnel and the company was pinned down by artillery fire. The wounded men were so exposed and seriously wounded that they could neither crawl out of danger nor be evacuated. Despite a wound he had received and dressed, Technician Fifth Grade Jenkins, with utter disregard for his personal safety, left a protected position, crawled to the exposed men during the enemy firing, and treated their wounds. The courage and perseverance displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Jenkins gallant action is an inspiring example to his organization and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence at time of induction: Seminole, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 36000)

Ralph B. Brown, 38016843, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action south of * * * * * *, Sicily, on ** July 1943. Company C, ***** Infantry was advancing on high ground south of * * * * * *, Sicily, when they were stopped by an artillery concentration. Private First Class Brown had moved to a position of safety when he learned that a wounded soldier was still under fire. Private First Class Brown, without regard for his safety, crawled across the exposed area at the height of the artillery fire, located the soldier who was so seriously wounded he could not move, then carried him out of danger. The gallant action and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Brown reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Residence at time of induction: Yarnby, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 35954)

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I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named enlisted men:

Fred J. Olsen, 36347001, Private, Medical Detachment, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near * * * * * *, Sicily. When part of Company F, ***** Infantry withdrew from the forward slope of a hill, several seriously wounded men were left behind. Private Olsen, Company aid man, without regard for personal safety and with full knowledge of the danger involved, went up past the front lines through a field of heavy machine gun and mortar fire, located, administered first aid, and evacuated two of the wounded men to safety. He then returned back through the heavy enemy fire, rendered first aid to two other seriously wounded men, and was on his way to help another wounded soldier when he was killed. Private Olsen's devotion to duty and exemplary performance of a hazardous service upholds the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois. Next of kin: Mary Olsen (Widow), 5920 Shubert Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

John H Lepine, 15078343, Private, Company C, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943 in the vicinity of * * * * *, Sicily. While on a patrol mission, the squad of which Private Lepine was a member was suddenly pinned down by heavy enemy fire from a coordinated attack of the enemy using artillery, mortars, and tanks. Private Lepine, armed with a rocket launcher and accompanied by another enlisted man, unfaltering and displaying outstanding calmness and determination, moved across open ground under the direct fire of enemy machine guns and small arms, to a point within 50 feet of the enemy positions, fired his rocket launcher and succeeded in destroying an enemy tank, thereby stopping the tank attack and saving the patrol from heavy losses. Private Lepine was later killed by machine gun fire while engaged in clearing out enemy snipers from buildings. The unfaltering devotion to duty and dauntless courage displayed by Private Lepine is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kensington, Ohio. Next of kin: Anna F. Lepine (Mother), RD 2, Kensington, Ohio.

Billy L. Bolton, 20827654, Private, Company C, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943 in the vicinity of * * * * *, Sicily. While on a patrol mission, the squad of which Private Bolton was a member was suddenly pinned down by heavy enemy fire from a coordinated attack of the enemy using artillery, mortars, and tanks. Private Bolton, armed with a rocket launcher and accompanied by another enlisted man, unfaltering and displaying outstanding calmness and determination, moved across open ground under the direct fire of enemy machine guns and small arms, to a point within 50 feet of the enemy positions, fired his rocket launcher and succeeded in destroying an enemy tank, thereby stopping the tank attack and saving the patrol from heavy losses. Private Bolton was later killed by machine gun fire while engaged in clearing out enemy snipers from buildings. The unfaltering devotion to duty and dauntless courage displayed by Private Bolton is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Muskogee, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Gladys Bolton (Mother), 320½ North 3rd Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

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II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Ellie S. Christie, 20828233, Corporal, Company C, **** Infantry, for gallantry in action ** July 1943, near * * * * * * *, Sicily. Corporal Christie with two other enlisted men, proceeded, while under continual enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire, to remove ten seriously wounded men from a grain field which had been set afire by enemy tracer bullets. He carried many, including one on an improvised litter, and assisted others, to covered positions in the rear. He then made repeated trips through the fire swept area to secure first aid packets and medical supplies from the abandoned packs of the men, in order to administer first aid. The unfaltering courage and indefatigable spirit displayed by Corporal Christie is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Hulbert, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 35844)

James L. McLeroy, 20828019, First Sergeant, Company B, **** Infantry, for gallantry in action ** July 1943, near * * * *, Sicily. When elements of his company were trapped by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire; in order to effect the withdrawal of his men toward more secure positions, First Sergeant McLeroy, armed with a Thompson sub-machine gun, advanced toward the enemy, keeping up such a heavy fire on the enemy positions that he caused their fire to temporarily cease. Not until all his men were safe did he crawl back and rejoin his men. The courage and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by First Sergeant McLeroy reflects the highest traditions of the armed forces. Home address: Atoka, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 35860)

Clarence M. Atkission, 20829268, Private First Class, Company H, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action ** July 1943, near * * * * * *, Sicily. Private First Class Atkission of his own volition crawled up a draw toward an enemy machine gun which was endangering the removal of troops and supplies to new positions, and at close range, threw two hand grenades into the enemy position, silencing it. The courage and initiative displayed by Private First Class Atkission is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Eufaula, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 35931)

Champ C. Holton, 20828876, Private First Class, Company F, ***** Infantry for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near * * * * * * * * * * *, Sicily. When an infantry advance guard became pinned down by machine gun fire from an enemy pill box, Private First Class Holton, in the face of the heavy fire, charged the enemy position from a distance of 75 feet and destroyed the enemy gun with hand grenades. This action enabled our troops to continue their progress unimpeded and to make use of well prepared mortar and machine gun positions which quite probably might have caught the advancing battalion in enfilade fire. The daring and determination displayed by Private First Class Holton's gallant act is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Hugo, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 36019)

RUSSELL DWIGHT FUNK, 0267164, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, ***** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near * * * , Sicily. When hostile artillery and anti-aircraft fire enfiladed the positions of an infantry battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Funk with complete disregard for personal safety, made his way to a forward observation point and while under continual enemy fire, so effectively directed the fire of his battalion that all enemy fire was silenced. Lieutenant Colonel Funk's tenacity of purpose in securing firsthand knowledge of enemy positions and his personal direction of the fire of his organization, served as an inspiring example to the personnel of his command and contributed greatly to the successful accomplishment of assigned missions. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 36014)

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Elmo F. Cromer, 20838694, First Sergeant, Company C, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, west of * * * * *, Sicily. When the need for ammunition, food, and water for his company became desperate, First Sergeant Cromer organized carrying parties to relieve the situation. He himself worked unceasingly without sleep or rest for a 30-hour period, carrying heavy loads over a two-mile route, up steep and mountainous terrain all the while being continually exposed to enemy snipers and hand grenades. At times he was forced to drop his load of supplies and eliminate snipers at point blank range, but he maintained a continuous flow of supplies to his company until the enemy were driven from their positions. The driving leadership and unfaltering courage of First Sergeant Cromer's gallant action exemplifies the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Fort Collins, Colorado. (Medal Number 35939)

CHARLIE L. BENNETT, 01287651, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near * * * * *, Sicily. When his platoon was subjected to an hour-long enemy artillery barrage killing one man and wounding 15 others, Lieutenant Bennett, although himself wounded, directed the evacuation of these casualties, refusing to accept medical aid until his last man had been treated. Although greatly weakened by his wound, he reorganized his scattered platoon and successfully led it against enemy positions and continued to remain in action with his men until ordered to the rear. The courage and unswerving determination displayed by Lieutenant Bennett's gallant act reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Hugo, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 36034)

JAMES H. CRUICKSHANK, 01283380, First Lieutenant, Infantry, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action ** July 1943, near * * * * *, Sicily. While leading his platoon during the advance on * * * * *, Sicily, the platoon encountered hostile fire from two 28mm guns and small arms. Lieutenant Cruickshank scrambled to the rooftops of nearby small buildings, located the enemy positions, and although subjected to fire of enemy grenades and small arms, he fired upon the enemy, wounding two, and so disorganized the remainder that they withdrew leaving their guns behind. The courage and initiative displayed by Lieutenant Cruickshank is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York, New York. (Medal Number 35976)

A. G. Crain, 38177122, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action ** July 1943, near * * * * *, about seven kilometres southeast of * * * * *, Sicily. Private First Class Crain assisted in giving first aid and evacuating an enlisted man seriously wounded by enemy small arms fire while at his machine gun position on the forward slope of a hill. In the face of heavy machine gun and automatic rifle fire, Private First Class Crain, accompanied by other enlisted men, left their place of shelter, crawled forward to the exposed position of the wounded soldier, rendered first aid and evacuated him to safety. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Crain on this occasion is worthy of the highest praise. Residence at time of induction: El Dorado, Arkansas. (Medal Number 35938)

Gerald T. McCarthy, 33204703, Private First Class, Company D, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, at the * * * * *, * * * * *, Sicily. During the advance of a reinforced rifle company on * * * * *, it ran into a tremendous field of crossfire from enemy machine guns and an enemy 20mm gun which halted and pinned the company to the ground. Private First Class McCarthy, member of a reconnaissance patrol on the right flank of the company, voluntarily and on his own initiative, accompanied by two other enlisted men, crossed 50 yards of open ground which was under continual heavy enemy fire, climbed the heights to the enemy positions, and with accurate rifle fire assisted in destroying all of the enemy gun crews. The initiative and gallant action of Private First Class McCarthy made it possible for this company to advance and successfully accomplish its mission. Home address: New York, New York. (Medal Number 36010)

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Thomas M. McDonough, 32[illegible]116, Private Medical Detachment, **** Infantry, for gallantry in action ** July 1943, near * * * * * *, about seven kilometres southeast of * * * * * *, Sicily. Private McDonough assisted in giving first aid and evacuating an enlisted man seriously wounded by enemy small arms fire while at his machine gun position on the forward slope of a hill. In the face of heavy machine gun and automatic rifle fire, Private McDonough, accompanied by other enlisted men, left their place of shelter, crawled forward to the exposed position of the wounded soldier, rendered first aid and evacuated him to safety. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private McDonough on this occasion is worthy of the highest praise. Residence at time of induction: North Braddock, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 36043)

Marcus Lichtenstein, 32[illegible]124, Private Medical Detachment, **** Infantry, for gallantry in action ** July 1943, near * * * * * *, about seven kilometres southeast of * * * * * *, Sicily. Private Lichtenstein assisted in giving first aid and evacuating an enlisted man seriously wounded by enemy small arms fire while at his machine gun position on the forward slope of a hill. In the face of heavy machine gun and automatic rifle fire, Private Lichtenstein, accompanied by other enlisted men, left their place of shelter, crawled forward to the exposed position of the wounded soldier, rendered first aid and evacuated him to safety. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Lichtenstein on this occasion is worthy of the highest praise. Residence at time of induction: Bronx, New York. (Medal Number 36042)

Kastian J. Adams, 31[illegible]219, Sergeant, Company D, **** Infantry, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, at the * * * * * *, Sicily. During the advance of a reinforced rifle company on * * * * * *, it ran into a tremendous field of crossfire from enemy machine guns and an enemy 20mm gun which halted and pinned the company to the ground. Sergeant Adams, member of a reconnaissance patrol on the right flank of the company, voluntarily and on his own initiative, accompanied by two other enlisted men, crossed 50 yards of open ground which was under continual heavy enemy fire, climbed the heights to the enemy positions, and with accurate rifle fire assisted in destroying all of the enemy gun crews. The initiative and gallant action of Sergeant Adams made it possible for this company to advance and successfully accomplish its mission. Home address: Brighton, Massachusetts. (Medal Number 35647)

Samuel D. Levin, 19[illegible]107, Private First Class, Company D, **** Infantry, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, at the * * * * * *, Sicily. During the advance of a reinforced rifle company on * * * * * *, it ran into a tremendous field of crossfire from enemy machine guns and an enemy 20mm gun which halted and pinned the company to the ground. Private First Class Levin, member of a reconnaissance patrol on the right flank of the company, voluntarily and on his own initiative, accompanied by two other enlisted men, crossed 50 yards of open ground which was under continual heavy enemy fire, climbed the heights to the enemy positions, and with accurate rifle fire assisted in destroying all of the enemy gun crews. The initiative and gallant action of Private First Class Levin made it possible for this company to advance and successfully accomplish its mission. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 35646)

Charles Stone, [illegible]146, Private First Class, Company B, **** Infantry, for gallantry in action near * * * * * *, Sicily, ** July 1943. During an enemy attack preceded by 3 German Mark VI tanks, and as anti-tank weapons were not immediately available, Private First Class Stone, accompanied by two other enlisted men, set up their 60mm mortar while under continual enemy machine gun, mortar, and sniper fire, and commenced to fire on the advancing tanks. Although their mortar was hit several times by machine gun fire, and he himself was wounded by a shell burst, they continued to fire on the tanks until their mortar was knocked out. This courageous action delayed the enemy attack sufficiently to allow their own elements to maneuver to a more secure position. The courage and perseverance displayed by Private First Class Stone is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence at time of induction: Fulton, New York. (Medal Number 36041)

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William Fillman, 20427641, Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near * * * * *, Sicily. When counterattacking, superior enemy forces drove the combat elements of an infantry battalion from its position, Staff Sergeant Fillman formed a group of 8 other aid men, remained in the position, and proceeded to take care of wounded American troops in the vicinity. He found hiding places for the wounded, attended to their wounds, and procured food and water for them from native sources. At times the enemy, who were in the process of mopping-up, entirely surrounded Staff Sergeant Fillman and his party, and were close enough to be heard talking. At nightfall, although handicapped by 7 wounded men of which 3 were litter cases, Staff Sergeant Fillman succeeded in evacuating his entire group through enemy patrols for a distance of a mile and a half without losing a man. Staff Sergeant Fillman's courageous action began at 0930 and continued throughout the day till nightfall and resulted in the saving of 15 men from certain capture or death. His quick thinking, resourcefulness, and indomitable courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Fillman is an inspiring example to his organization and is in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Muskogee, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 36004)

Edmond H. Massey, [illegible]20478, Sergeant (then Private), Company E, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action ** July 1943, near * * * * *, Sicily. When his company was under effective enemy machine gun, sniper, and mortar fire on the sand dunes just off the beach, Sergeant Massey without regard for his personal safety, advanced to within 30 yards of an enemy pill box, threw a hand grenade into it and destroyed it completely. Transferring his efforts to an enemy mortar position, he assisted in knocking it out of action; thus aiding materially in the advance of our troops at a critical moment. The intrepidity and initiative displayed by Sergeant Massey in his gallant action is in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Residence at time of induction: Bacone, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 35943)

John D. Gough, 13004545, Corporal (then Private), Company C, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action ** July 1943, near * * * * *, Sicily. Corporal Gough with two other enlisted men, proceeded, while under continual enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire, to remove ten seriously wounded men from a grain field which had been set afire by enemy tracer bullets. He carried many, including one on an improvised litter, and assisted others to covered positions in the rear. He then made repeated trips through the fire swept area to secure first aid packets and medical supplies from the abandoned packs of the men, in order to administer first aid. The unfaltering courage and indefatigable spirit displayed by Corporal Gough is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Camden, New Jersey. (Medal Number 35948)

William C. LeBeau, 12067156, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company C, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action **July 1943, near * * * * *, Sicily. Corporal LeBeau with two other enlisted men, proceeded, while under continual enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire, to remove ten seriously wounded men from a grain field which had been set afire by enemy tracer bullets. He carried many, including one on an improvised litter, and assisted others, to covered positions in the rear. He then made repeated trips through the fire swept area to secure first aid packets and medical supplies from the abandoned packs of the men, in order to administer first aid. The unfaltering courage and indefatigable spirit displayed by Corporal LeBeau is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Northside Colmes, New York. (Medal Number 35945)

Richard V. Ellison, 31305006, Private, Company H, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near * * * * *, Sicily. Private Ellison, undaunted and disregarding the fact that all other members of the ammunition crew had been mortally wounded in attempting to keep their gun supplied with ammunition, continued to make trip after trip across open terrain that was continually subjected to enemy small arm, mortar, and intense artillery fire, to keep his gun supplied with ammunition. By his courage and devotion to duty he aided materially in preventing an enemy flanking movement against the battalion and contributed to the success of the battalion in attaining its immediate objective. Home address: Salem, Massachusetts. (Medal Number 35947)

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Homer C. Roberts, 20628436, Private, Company D, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near * * * *, Sicily. While engaging in the attack on * * * * * * * , the heavy machine gun that Private Roberts was firing was destroyed by a shell burst from an enemy mortar. Although subjected to enemy machine gun, artillery, and anti-tank fire, Private Roberts secured a light machine gun abandoned by its crew nearby, and by carrying it in his arms, he advanced on the enemy, firing as he walked. Although his hands were severely burned by the hot barrel of his machine gun, he continued to advance on the enemy, firing all the time, succeeding in killing several of the enemy and forcing the remainder to withdraw. In performing this valorous deed, Private Roberts crossed approximately one hundred yards of open ground and climbed a fifty foot hill while under continous heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire. The exceptional courage and initiative shown by Private Roberts in his gallant action upholds the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Okemah, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 26064)

Ralph L. Greiger, 33245446, Corporal, Company C, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near * * * *, Sicily. When his company and adjacent units which had taken positions upon a hill, were attacked by a number of enemy light tanks, Corporal Greiger, unhesitatingly and in the face of heavy machine gun fire, armed with a rocket launcher, advanced alone down the hill to within 50 feet of one tank, fired his launcher setting the tank on fire, and causing the remainder of the tanks to withdraw. The rugged courage and alertness displayed by Corporal Greiger is in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Myersdale, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 35980)

JEAN R. REED, 0379866, Captain, Inf, *** Infantry, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near * * * * * *, Sicily. When the battalion of which Captain Reed's company was a part, was attacked by six Mark VI tanks, four light tanks, and accompanied by a large infantry force, Captain Reed personally directed the fire of his company's weapons, continually moving from one position to another while under enemy small arms, mortar, and artillery fire. At one time he personally manned a .50 caliber machine gun mounted on a half track; then leaving his runner to man the gun, he left the crew of this vehicle to place covering fire while a 57mm gun was set in position. Even when an 88mm shell from a Mark VI tank burst near his head, completely demolishing a rock wall to his rear, Captain Reed moved forward to a 37mm gun and directed its fire so successfully that one shell went down the gun barrel of an enemy tank, exploded, and set the tank on fire, burning it up completely. Captain Reed's valorous efforts materially assisted in stopping the enemy attack, and in the capture of large stores of enemy material and supplies. The courage, decisive thinking, and initiative displayed by Captain Reed set an inspiring example to his troops and is in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Wagoner, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 35893)

Fred L. Coulson, 33161396, Private First Class, **** Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, northwest of * * * * * *, Sicily. When a section of the platoon of which Private First Class Coulson was a member became trapped by crossfire from an enemy armored car and a well concealed machine gun, Private First Class Coulson in order to bring fire on the enemy so that the trapped section could withdraw, alone and without assistance, took the receiver of a .50 caliber machine gun, crossed 100 yards through an orchard, and after climbing two rock walls and crossing another 50 yards of open ground that was under heavy fire, found that there was no cover for a machine gun. He then withdrew, dragging the .50 caliber receiver to a slight depression in front of a wall where he assembled the gun and opened fire on the armored car and machine gun. Although under heavy fire, he continued to fire upon the enemy until the trapped section had withdrawn and then he followed the platoon out. By his courageous and prompt action there were only two casualties suffered by the platoon whereas there may well have been considerably more. The courage, initiative, and determination displayed by Private First Class Coulson is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Garland, Maryland. (Medal Number 35942)

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HAL L. MULROW, JR, 0-[illegible], Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, [illegible] Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on * July 1943, near * * * * *, Sicily. When communications with his forward observers was lost, Lieutenant Colonel Mulrow took a radio set and went forward to where contact was established and relayed data back to his batteries. In spite of heavy infantry patrols, covered by artillery fire, infiltrating to cut off his withdrawal, he remained at his post for more than 6 hours, continuing to relay firing data and effectively directing the fire, that it assisted in a large measure to force the enemy to retreat and our forces to continue their advance. The actions of Lieutenant Colonel Mulrow reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces. Home address: Norman, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 35978)

EDMUND L. KIMBLE, 0-54314, Second Lieutenant, Cavalry, US Army, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near * * * * *, Sicily. Although the scout cars had fully employed on the contemplated operation and not been landed, Lieutenant Kimble proceeded with 5 enlisted men and two ¼ ton vehicles on a reconnaissance mission ahead of his troops into * * * * *, Sicily, and returned with information that there was no organized resistance. He then returned to the north side of * * * * * and captured 12 prisoners and a truckful of enemy equipment. While attempting to start the truck, two enemy armored cars approached and fired upon his exposed vehicles, killing one man and injuring 3 others. By so exposing himself and drawing enemy fire, and by his covering fire, Lieutenant Kimble enabled his section and himself to withdraw safely, returning later with reinforcements to drive the enemy from their positions. The courage, initiative, devotion to duty, and disregard of personal safety displayed by Lieutenant Kimble in the accomplishment of these reconnaissance missions, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana. (Medal Number 35998)

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I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named enlisted man:

Joseph A. Appello, 32197909, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near * * * * * *, Sicily. Private First Class Appello, company aid man, with complete disregard for his personal safety and with full knowledge of the danger involved, went up past the front lines through a field of heavy machine gun crossfire to administer first aid to seriously wounded members of an infantry company. While in the performance of these duties, he himself met his death. Private First Class Appello in his exemplary performance of a hazardous duty, upheld the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York. Next of kin: James Appello (father), 960 Halsey Street, Brooklyn, New York.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

ARTHUR TAUSCHER, 0460191, First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Company B, ***** Engineer Battalion, for gallantry in action ** July 1943, at * * * * * *, Sicily. Lieutenant Tauscher, accompanied by five enlisted men entered * * * * * * on a reconnaissance mission before control of the airfield had been secured by our forces. When met by heavy hostile machine gun fire, Lieutenant Tauscher, armed only with a submachine gun and hand grenades and under heavy automatic weapon fire, crawled to within 30 feet of the emplacement, shot four of the enemy, and destroyed the emplacement with two hand grenades. Lieutenant Tauscher and his small group then remained on the field during the continuing fight until reinforcements arrived. The actions of Lieutenant Tauscher are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York. (Medal Number 35855)

Fred T Wilkerson, 38018547, Private First Class, Company B, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action near * * * * * *, Sicily, ** July 1943. During an enemy attack preceded by 3 German Mark VI tanks, and as anti-tank weapons were not immediately available, Private First Class Wilkerson, accompanied by two other enlisted men, set up their 60mm mortar while under continual enemy machine gun, mortar, and sniper fire, and commenced to fire on the advancing tanks. Although their mortar was hit several times by machine gun fire, and he himself was wounded by a shell burst, they continued to fire on the tanks until their mortar was knocked out. This courageous action delayed the enemy attack sufficiently to allow their own elements to maneuver to a more secure position. The courage and perseverance displayed by Private First Class Wilkerson is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence at time of induction: Hooker, Oklahoma.

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Ivan E. Atter, 20835583, Private, Medical Detachment,***** Infantry, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, north of * * * * *, Sicily. In an attempt to give first aid and evacuate a seriously wounded soldier from his exposed position, Private Atter, company aid man, without regard for personal safety, crossed an open field that was continually being swept by enemy heavy machine gun fire. Just before reaching the wounded soldier, Private Atter was himself seriously wounded. By his devotion to duty with a full knowledge of the danger involved, Private Atter set an inspiring example for his organization and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ramona, Oklahoma.

William N. Wilson, 34129591, Private First Class, Company G, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action ** July 1943, southwest of * * * * *, Sicily. Private First Class Wilson, assistant gunner of a rocket launcher team, together with his gunner, took an open position on a crossroad to engage an enemy tank firing on a column of troops. Holding their fire until the tank was within 15 feet of their position, they opened fire, and succeeded in causing the tank to withdraw, but sustained severe wounds in the action. The unflinching courage and sheer tenacity of spirit displayed by Private First Class Wilson in his gallant action is in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Woodruff, South Carolina.

ADRIAN B. CALDWELL, 01305159, Second Lieutenant, Company C, ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near * * * * *, Sicily. When his platoon encountered heavy artillery and anti-aircraft fire on the forward slope of an exposed ridge, many casualties resulted and the men became disorganized. Lieutenant Caldwell, although under continual shell fire, refused to take cover and continued to pass among his men, rallied them together, and succeeded in reorganizing his platoon. Advancing forward to new positions, Lieutenant Caldwell and his men resumed the attack, and in the action that followed, he himself was wounded, but refused medical attention until every man had been removed from the exposed zone of fire. The courage and unselfish spirit of self-sacrifice displayed by Lieutenant's gallant action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following individuals:

CHARLES D. ARRINGTON, JR, 33089679, Private First Class, Company E, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near ***** , Sicily, ** July 1943. In the face of heavy fire from an attacking Mark VI tank and accompanying infantry, Private First Class Arrington, and another soldier, armed only with rifle grenades, arose from their position, fired point blank at the tank and succeeded in driving the tank away, with the subsequent result of the annihilation of the accompanying enemy infantry. In the performance of this gallant act, Private First Class Arrington was mortally wounded. The courage and unflinching spirit displayed by Private First Class Arrington reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Covington, Virginia. Next of kin: Charles D. Arrington (Father), 104 Chestnut Street, Virginia.

LLOYD J. BOX 0409336, Captain, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943 near ***** , Sicily. Enemy forces composed of infantry and supporting tanks launched a strong attack in the zone defended by Company K. Captain Box while under rifle, machine gun, and 88mm gun fire, personally conducted the successful defense of his company's position, and immediately launched a vigorous counter-attack causing the enemy to withdraw in confusion with great loss in personnel and tanks. The determination, perseverance, and aggressive leadership of Captain Box set an inspiring example to his men, contributing materially in the success of the action. Entered military service from Abilene, Texas. Next of kin: Mary F. Box (Wife), 2041 North 32nd Street, Abilene, Texas.

DON E. HODGES 20820490, Corporal, Company D, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, south of *****, Sicily. To enable riflemen on a battalion line to withdraw to more suitable terrain, Corporal Hodges directed the fire of his machine gun squad while under the continual fire of enemy mortars, artillery, and machine guns. When he was wounded by an enemy shell burst, he refused to seek medical aid as he realized the necessity of keeping his gun in action; he then ordered his squad to withdraw and continued to fire his gun unassisted until he was killed. The self-sacrifice and devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Hodges are an inspiring example to his organization. Entered military service from Okemah, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Marvin E. Hodges (Father), 605 North 4th Street, Okemah, Oklahoma.

JESSE J. KERSEY 20827185, Corporal, Company M, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, southwest of ***** , Sicily. When his gunner was killed and his assistant gunner was seriously wounded during a concentrated enemy attack, Corporal Kersey manned the gun alone until relieved by his section sergeant. He then administered first aid to the injured men and summoned the company aid men. Returning to his gun, he assisted in manning it until it was knocked out of action, but holding his position, he continued to assist with rifle fire until the attack was repulsed. The courage and per-

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meritorious displayed by Corporal Kersey's gallant action are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Blair, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Maggie Kersey (Mother), Route #1, Blair, Oklahoma./

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individual:

HERBERT L. FISH 38006043, Sergeant, Company B, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near *****, Sicily. In an uphill attack against enemy troops, Sergeant Fish was knocked down and temporarily stunned by a bullet piercing his helmet. Recovering quickly, he jumped up and shot the nearby enemy rifleman. Regaining control of his squad, he continued in the successful attack against numerically superior enemy troops. The courageous and aggressive leadership displayed by Sergeant Fish was largely responsible for the successful conclusion of the attack and the subsequent taking of important positions. Entered military service from Canon City, Colorado. Next of kin: Emma V. Fish (Mother), 514 Rudd Avenue, Canon City, Colorado.

III - AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

CLARENCE B. COCHRAN 0265221, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near ****, Sicily. When his battalion came in close contact with the enemy, Lieutenant Colonel Cochran, in the face of heavy fire from small arms, machine guns, hostile artillery, and snipers, continued to move about in the forward elements of his front line companies, giving encouragement, assistance, and personal direction to his men. When one of his companies suffered the loss of its commander and another officer, the men became disorganized and started for the rear; Lieutenant Colonel Cochran, unhesitatingly, left his observation post, rallied the men, and led them back into the firing line. The consistent concern for the welfare of his troops and his devotion to duty transcending any consideration of personal safety were prime factors contributing to the efficiency of his command and successful accomplishment of its mission. Home address: Okemah, Oklahoma.

TONEY J. DODD 38016826, Private, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943 near *****, Italy. When an infantry company was pinned down by a heavy concentration of machine gun and artillery fire, a number of men sustained serious wounds. Under this heavy enemy fire, Private Dodd, company aid man, without regard for personal safety, continued to move among the wounded administering first aid. He then went in search of litter bearers so that the seriously wounded could be evacuated, and it was while on this mission that he was wounded. The courageous and unselfish actions of Private Dodd are exemplary of the high ideals of the military service. Home address: Bokchito, Oklahoma.

CHARLIE J. GARRETT 20827172, Sergeant, Company M, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, southwest of *****, Sicily. When his section of heavy machine guns was strongly attacked by an enemy tank with supporting infantry aided by machine gun and artillery fire, one of his squads was put out of action by enemy fire. Sergeant Garrett while under heavy enemy fire moved to the gun position, manned the gun, and placed fire on the enemy until the gun was knocked out of action. He then moved to his other gun and personally directed its fire until the enemy attack was repulsed. The courage displayed by Sergeant Garrett's gallant action exemplifies the high ideals of the military service. Entered military service from Mangum, Oklahoma.

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WILLIAM J. HERRMANN 0343530 Captain, Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer Battalion, for gallantry in action ** July 1943, near ****, and ****, Sicily. Preceding the infantry with a detail consisting of mine sweepers, bull dozers, and road repairmen, Captain Herrmann personally directed and supervised the removal of mines, the repairing of demolished road sections and other demolitions while under continuous enemy small arms, machine gun, and mortar fire. Under his brilliant supervision, repairs were accomplished in record time, causing a minimum of delay to the advancing infantry, and assuring the rapid advance of supply lines. The aggressive leadership and courage displayed by Captain Herrmann is in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

DONALD T. NELSON 01165920 FA, 1st Lieutenant, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943 and ** July 1943, east of *****, Sicily. Lieutenant Nelson, forward observer for a field artillery battalion, and his party were driven from their position by enemy rifle fire. He closely followed our counter-attacking infantry and reestablished the observation post on a ridge well forward of supporting troops. Although continually subjected to small arms, mortar, and artillery fire which drove nearby infantry to covered positions, Lieutenant Nelson continued to direct artillery fire on enemy tanks, troop concentrations, and a road net. His brilliant direction of firing missions contributed materially to the final success of our infantry and set an inspiring example to the men of the military service. Entered military service from Gary, Indiana.

DEAN W. TERRY 20644379, Private, Company C, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near *****, Sicily, ** July 1943. Attacking up a high steep ridge an infantry company received withering fire from unseen enemy machine guns. Private Terry, voluntarily and on his own initiative, while under heavy fire infiltrated into the enemy positions, revealed to his troops the location of the enemy guns, and then opened fire on the enemy emplacement at close range, inflicting casualties until he himself was seriously wounded. The courageous actions of Private Terry aided materially in the subsequent taking of the ridge and reflect the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Tucson, Arizona.

ROBERT A. WELLS 0402762 FA, 1st Lieutenant, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action near *****, Sicily, ** July 1943. Although his observation post was in an exposed position and continually subjected to enemy artillery and machine gun fire, Lieutenant Wells, forward observer for his battery, remained at his post and directed the fire of his battery in such a manner as to be instrumental in stopping the advance of the enemy. He registered direct hits on Mark IV and Mark VI tanks; completely destroyed one, damaging others; annihilated several machine gun nests, and inflicted heavy casualties on the advancing enemy infantry. The gallant action and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Wells reflect the highest traditions of the armed forces. Home address: Enid, Oklahoma.

IV - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded posthumously to the following individual:

WOODROW C. KING 20830595, Technician 5th Grade, Battery B, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not in action on ** July 1943, southeast of *****, Sicily. Technician 5th Grade King was riding in a Navy LCV which crashed into a rocky beach at about 0400 on the morning of the initial landing on Sicily, throwing the personnel into the water about 30 yards from shore. Technician 5th Grade King, although himself weighted by equipment which he was unable to discard, swam underwater beneath the boat to rescue a soldier who had been sucked under the boat by the undertow created by the 15 foot surf. Although exhausted and half drowned himself, he pulled the unconscious soldier safely ashore. The courage displayed by Technician 5th Grade King was responsible for saving the life of the soldier. Entered military service from Chickasha, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Corrine V. King (Wife), 623 8th Street, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

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V - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following individual:

JACK S. VANNATTA 20827171, Sergeant, Company B, *** Infantry Regiment, for heroism not in action on ** September 1945 near *****, Italy. As a patrol was crossing the **** River, the lead man stepped into a deep hole, disappeared from sight, immediately reappeared on the surface, and grasped a projecting rock. Sergeant Vannatta, without waiting to discard his heavy equipment, immediately plunged into the swift stream and attempted to bring the drowning man to safety but the soldier was hysterical and resisted strongly. Sergeant Vannatta returned to shore, removed his equipment, and again returned to the drowning man who had by this time lost hold of the rock. The drowning man again so fiercely attacked Sergeant Vannatta that his rescue efforts finally proved futile. The heroism displayed by Sergeant Vannatta on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Beaumont, Texas.

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I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following individuals:

ALLAN L. CRAIN, 0382384 FA, Captain, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** October 1943 near *****, Italy. As five German tanks approached, firing point blank on his party at a forward observation post which was already under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Captain Crain assumed the duties of observer in order to bring effective fire from his artillery battalion upon the advancing tanks. Radio communication became too slow for the situation, so Captain Crain left his place of comparative safety and was proceeding to a telephone nearby when he was instantly killed by an enemy shell. Yet, the fire he had brought to bear on the enemy stopped the attack completely and enabled our infantry to continue its advance. This inspiring example of courage, initiative, and disregard for danger displayed by Captain Crain reflects great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Wewoka, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Allan Crain (Father), Sasakwa, Oklahoma.

KERMIT C. HALEY, 38016386, Private First Class, Company C, *** Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943 west of *****, Italy. Private First Class Haley was a driver of an ambulance carrying casualties rearward from a forward aid station when it became necessary to traverse a section of road under heavy enemy artillery fire. Though well aware of this fact and knowing that earlier in the day another ambulance driver had been killed by enemy shell fire on this particular roadway, he proceeded with his mission until instantly killed by an exploding shell. Private First Class Haley's devotion to duty transcending all thoughts of personal safety is an inspiring example to his organization and to men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Sapulpa, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Dorothy Haley (Wife), 707 North Hickory Street, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

GALE J. HARLOW, 20853001, Private First Class, Company C, *** Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943 west of *****, Italy. Private First Class Harlow was a driver of an ambulance carrying casualties rearward from a forward aid station when it became necessary to traverse a section of road under heavy enemy shell fire. Though well aware of this fact, yet realizing the large number of casualties at the aid station to be evacuated, he proceeded with his mission until instantly killed by an exploding shell. Private First Class Harlow's devotion to duty transcending all thoughts of personal safety is an inspiring example to his organization and to men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Cushing, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Lulu E. Harlow (Mother), 302½ East Cherry Street, Cushing, Oklahoma.

DANIEL C. RAUSCHER, 32018117, Private First Class, Company A, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943 south of *****, Italy. When a rifle platoon in direct engagement with the enemy seriously needed ammunition, Private First Class Rauscher volunteered to serve as a carrier. He made repeated trips to the ammunition point and returned carrying heavy loads of ammunition, crossing open ground that was under constant fire of enemy artillery. Moving among the men who were in a battle line, he distributed ammunition, going even to the most remote and exposed positions, and continued to perform this voluntary task until the conclusion of the engagement. The determined spirit and courage displayed by Private First Class Rauscher's gallant act contributed materially to the final success of the engagement and were an inspiring example to the men of the [illegible] Forces. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York. Next of kin: Mary L. Rauscher (Wife) 3396 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

JAMES C. ARNOLD, 38016218, Private First Class, Company C, *** Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943 west of *****, Italy. Private First Class Arnold was the orderly on an ambulance carrying casualties rearward from a forward aid station when the driver was instantly killed by an enemy shell burst. Although his right arm was badly torn and shattered by the same shell burst, Private First Class Arnold turned off the ignition key and safely stopped the vehicle. Realizing the ambulance doors unlocked from the outside, he dismounted from the vehicle, still under heavy artillery fire, and proceeded to open the rear doors of the ambulance, enabling two walking patients to seek cover; he then entered the ambulance to assist two remaining patients but found them dead. The courage displayed by Private First Class Arnold on this occasion reflects credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

EVERETT A. DUELL, 0136727 INF, Major, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near *****, Sicily. The battalion under Major Duell's command instituted the attack on the *****. Without regard for his personal safety, Major Duell personally supervised the employment of the battalion and successfully launched the attack, continually moving among his troops And directing the operation, being constantly exposed to heavy machine gun and artillery fire. The vigorous attack caused the enemy to withdraw with heavy casualties, resulted in the capture of the airport, and gave our forces complete control of one of the important air bases in Sicily. Major Duell's courage and leadership of his command in combat inspired his troops to sustained effort. Entered military service from Holdenville, Oklahoma.

GUTHRIE W. HOUGH, 38015377, Sergeant, Company A, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943 near *****, Sicily. When his mortar section was caught in a heavy concentration of enemy artillery and machine gun fire, Sergeant Hough moved to an exposed position on the forward slope of a ridge so as to observe enemy targets and to get his guns into action. In full view to the enemy he stood up, using his rifle as an aiming stake and directed the mortar fire. This resulted in knocking out one machine gun and in disorganizing the enemy. Sergeant Hough's courage and calmness in battle were an inspiring example to his men and are in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Enid, Oklhoma.

WARREN MENDEZ, 31062656, Sergeant, Company A, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943 south of *****, Italy. The situation required the establishment of a telephone at the company observation post located on a hill but as communications personnel were not available, Sergeant Mendez (then Corporal and company mail clerk), volunteered for this mission even though he had no training whatsoever in communications. Taking a phone and a reel of wire, he laid the wire across ground exposed to continual fire of the enemy, reached the observation post, installed the phone, and operated it under fire until the conclusion of the engagement. The courage and determination displayed by Sergeant Mendez on this occasion reflect great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

RUSSELL R. REYNOLDS, 12055820, Private, Company C, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action ** July 1943 near *****, Sicily. When his platoon which had the mission of clearing the beach of enemy installations, received fire from two enemy machine guns located on high sand dunes, Private Reynolds volunteered to attempt to knock out the enemy positions. His rifle having previously jammed, he armed himself with two pistols and charged one of the enemy machine guns. He succeeded in destroying the position and its personnel, but was seriously wounded during the action by the other enemy gun. Private Reynolds' gallant and aggressive act contributed materially to the successful completion of the assigned mission and reflects the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Seneca Falls, New York.

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

BENJAMIN A. BLACKMER 01287652 INF, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near *****, Sicily. Lieutenant Blackmer, under harassing sniper, mortar, and artillery fire, voluntarily sought out and destroyed a particularly effective enemy machine gun nest. He then proceeded to an enemy pill box and threw a hand grenade into it; continuing to the next entrance of the embrasure, he fired his sub-machine gun and killed fourteen of the enemy. This daring deed materially assisted in the advance of our forces and typifies the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Dorset, Vermont.

JAMES H. CARPENTER 0346782 INF, Captain, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near *****, north of *****, Sicily, on ** July 1943. When his company was strongly attacked by an enemy unit heavily reinforced with automatic weapons including machine guns, Captain Carpenter without regard for personal safety, personally led his troops in a counter-attack across ground heavily swept with fire from two machine guns. The gallant example set by this officer inspired his troops to greater effort and was largely responsible for the success of the action which resulted in the destruction of the hostile machine guns and the withdrawal of the enemy. Entered military service from Prescott, Arizona.

HOWARD C. CRYE 0370866 INF, Captain, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near *****, Sicily. When an infantry advance guard became pinned down by machine gun fire from an enemy pill box, Captain Crye accompanied by two men and in the face of heavy fire, charged the enemy position from a distance of 60 feet and destroyed the enemy guns with hand grenades. This enabled our troops to continue their progress unimpeded and to make use of well-prepared mortar and machine gun positions which might have caught the advancing battalion in enfilade fire. The daring and determination displayed by Captain Crye's gallant act are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Hugo, Oklahoma.

HENRY M. DAVIDSON 34170389, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, on the coast road near the ***** in Sicily. During a heavy enemy artillery barrage, an enlisted man became seriously wounded by shrapnel, and the steady shelling prevented aid men from going to his assistance. Corporal Davidson who was nearby, went to the injured man, and while under continual heavy shell fire, carried him 75 yards to the nearest aid man; then he helped in evacuating the injured man from the scene of action. The courage and disregard for personal safety displayed by Corporal Davidson in his gallant act are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Hendersonville, North Carolina.

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ALVIN W. DOWDY 33033837, Corporal (then Private First Class) Company E, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near ***** Airport, Sicily, ** July 1943. In the face of heavy fire from an attacking Mark VI tank and accompanying infantry, Corporal Dowdy, and another soldier, armed only with rifle grenades, arose from their position, fired point blank at the tank and succeeded in driving the tank away, with the subsequent result of the annihilation of the accompanying enemy infantry. The courage and unflinching spirit displayed by Corporal Dowdy are in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Newport, Virginia.

FRANCISCO FERREIRA 31062648, Private, Company D, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near ***** and *****, Sicily, when all of the vehicles of a motorized section were hit by enemy fire, killing one man and wounding three others. After the casualties were removed to a shelter nearby, a volunteer was called for to recover one of the vehicles so that the wounded men could be evacuated to an aid station. Private Ferreira voluntarily crawled through heavy machine gun and mortar fire to a damaged ¼-ton truck which was still running, and wheeling it about, he drove back through the enemy fire to the shelter, and successfully evacuated the wounded to a battalion aid station. The courage and determination displayed by Private Ferreira's gallant action are in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

ALFRED FREELAND 36017196, Sergeant (then Corporal), Company B, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near *****, Sicily, ** July 1943. During an enemy attack preceded by 3 German Mark VI tanks, and as anti-tank weapons were not immediately available, Sergeant Freeland, accompanied by two other enlisted men, set up their 60mm mortar while under continual enemy machine gun, mortar, and sniper fire, and commenced to fire on the advancing tanks. Although their mortar was hit several times by machine gun fire, and his companions wounded by a shell burst, they continued to fire on the tanks until their mortar was knocked out. This courageous action delayed the enemy attack sufficiently to allow their own elements to maneuver to a more secure position. The courage and perseverance displayed by Sergeant Freeland are in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence at time of induction: Hollister, Oklahoma.

ROBERT A. GUENTNER, 01284696 INF, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near *****, Sicily. When an infantry advance guard became pinned down by machine gun fire from an enemy pill box, Lieutenant Guentner accompanied by two men and in the face of heavy fire, charged the enemy position from a distance of 60 feet and destroyed the enemy guns with hand grenades. This enabled our troops to continue their progress unimpeded and to make use of well-prepared mortar and machine gun positions which might have caught the advancing battalion in enfilade fire. The daring and determination displayed by Lieutenant Guentner's gallant act are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Syracuse, New York.

DENTON C. HARGROVE 38018681, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), Medical Detachment, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near *****, Sicily, ** July 1943. Technician Fifth Grade Hargrove, with complete disregard for personal safety crossed an open field that was continually being swept by enemy machine gun fire and evacuated to safety an aid man who had been seriously wounded while attempting to render first aid and evacuate casualties from this exposed position. The courage displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Hargrove reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Miami, Oklahoma.

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DONALD E. HENRY 35034332, Private, Anti-Tank Company, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, north of ***** Airport, *****, Sicily. When an anti-tank gun crew was attacked by two enemy machine guns, the gun overturned in a ditch, and due to the enemy fire, the crew was unable to right the gun. Private Henry in full view of the enemy and while under their continual fire, manned a .50 caliber machine gun mounted on the half-track and with his fire, succeeded in pinning down the machine guns, allowing the crew to right the gun, couple it to the half-track, and then successfully withdraw. The courage and determination displayed by Private Henry's gallant act are in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Bellefontaine, Ohio.

JACK KIBBY 20826950, Sergeant, Company L, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, north of *****, Sicily. When an enemy force of four tanks supported by a platoon of panzer grenadiers penetrated deeply into the company position, Sergeant Kibby, platoon guide, left his covered position, organized the men under his command and personally led a counter-attack in the face of frontal and flanking machine gun fire, against the enemy penetration. The counter-attack succeeded in driving the enemy from the position with considerable losses of men and materiel. Sergeant Kibby's courage and leadership were an inspiration to the men of his unit and are in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Shidler, Oklahoma.

CHARLES W. MAHALAK 36126503, Corporal, Company G, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action ** July 1943, southwest of ***** Airport, *****, Sicily. Corporal Mahalak, armed with a rocket launcher and accompanied by his assistant gunner, took an open position on a cross road to engage an enemy tank firing on a column of troops. Holding their fire until the tank was within 15 feet of their position, they opened fire, and succeeded in causing the tank to withdraw, but sustained severe wounds in the action. The unflinching courage and sheer tenacity of spirit displayed by Corporal Mahalak in his gallant action are in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Trandotte, Michigan.

ARCHIE L. McBRIDE 33016083, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company K, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, north of *****, Sicily. Corporal McBride, rifleman, of the 1st platoon, Company K, alone, crawled out into the open without any cover, and in the face of gunfire from two enemy tanks, fired two rifle grenades into the leading tank, stopping the tank and setting it afire. This action resulted in the withdrawal of the accompanying tank and three others in the company sector. Corporal McBride then remained in position and assisted in repulsing the enemy infantry. The courage and determination displayed by Corporal McBride's gallant act are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Muskogee, Oklahoma.

PRESTON J. C. MURPHY 0245005 INF, Lieutenant Colonel, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, northwest of *****, Sicily. While his battalion was engaged in attacking an important ridge strongly held by the enemy, Lieutenant Colonel Murphy made his way from his forward observation post accompanied by two platoons of his leading company, under heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire, to an exposed vantage point. From this point and while under continual enemy fire, Lieutenant Colonel Murphy directed the successful maneuver of his battalion. His prompt and courageous action without regard for personal safety, supplied the inspiration that caused his troops to assault the ridge and hold it against a strong enemy counter-attack. Lieutenant Colonel Murphy's exemplary leadership, courage, and devotion to duty reflect the high ideals of the military service. Entered military service from Fort Collins, Colorado.

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JOHN J. O'NEILL 12087868, Private, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near *****, Sicily. [illegible] enemy mortar shell killed one man and fatally injured another in [illegible] terrain, and although this area was being constantly swept by enemy machine gun fire, Private O'Neill moved across 75 yards of open ground to give first aid to the injured man. Even while under this continual enemy fire, he remained with the injured man and continued to administer medical aid until the man died. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private O'Neill's gallant act are in keeping with the high ideals of the military service. Entered military service from Four Corners, Staten Island, New York.

ELLIS A. RICHIE 0520475 INF, Captain, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near ***** Airport, Sicily, ** July 1943. When a platoon of his company became subjected to intense enemy fire emanating from Mark VI tanks and enemy infantry at a close range of 50 to 60 yards, Captain Richie proceeded personally to direct its actions. Although forced to remain in a position exposed to enemy fire in order to direct the platoon, he so successfully employed the fire of his rifle grenades and rocket launchers that the enemy tanks were disabled and routed and practically all of the accompanying infantry killed, permitting the platoon to accomplish its mission. The courage and leadership displayed by Captain Richie served as an incentive to the men of his command and reflects the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from McAlester, Oklahoma.

HERBERT SARTY 20632934, Private First Class, Battery B, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943 at ***** Airfield, Sicily. Private First Class Sarty volunteered to accompany a forward observation party, and after arriving at an advanced post, he was wounded in the shoulder by enemy fire. Disregarding his injury, he crawled to a shell hole while under heavy machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire in order to observe an enemy sniper, and succeeded in killing him. He then refused to leave his party for medical attention until its mission was completed. The determination and tenacity of purpose displayed by Private First Class Sarty's gallant act are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Haskell, Oklahoma.

EARL A TAYLOR 0171120 INF, Lieutenant Colonel, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943 near *****, Sicily. During a vicious counter-attack by German infantry supported by tanks, Lieutenant Colonel Taylor personally directed the defense of his battalion, continually moving about in the forward elements of his troops in the face of heavy rifle, machine gun and tank fire. His personal example and disregard for danger inspired and instilled such confidence in his men that they refused to give way even though receiving fire from the front and flanks; eventually forcing the enemy to withdraw. The aggressive leadership and courage of Lieutenant Colonel Taylor contributed materially to the successful termination of the engagement. Entered military service from Konawa, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 35940)

GEORGE T. TAYLOR 16052073, Private First Class (then Private), Company E, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, at ***** Airfield, Sicily. During a strong enemy counter-attack supported by tanks, machine guns and mortars, a half-track prime mover was hit by an enemy tracer bullet, setting it on fire, causing the crew to abandon it. Private First Class Taylor in a position nearby, on his own initiative went to the vehicle, removed gasoline cans, other inflammable materials, and extinguished the blaze, all the while under enemy fire, and then manned the .50 caliber machine gun until the crew returned to its vehicle. The courage and unswerving determination displayed by Private First Class Taylor's gallant act are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Savanna, Illinois.

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CHARLES E. WEIGAND 017731 INF, Lieutenant Colonel, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943 and ** July 1943 near ***** Airfield, Sicily. In the attack on the ***** Airfield, Lieutenant Colonel Weigand led the assault of his leading companies and by his example of personal bravery and complete disregard of danger under heavy machine gun and artillery fire, inspired both his men and officers to the extent of influencing the successful outcome of the action and the capture of the airfield. Upon being counter-attacked by the enemy on the following day, Lieutenant Colonel Weigand personally supervised the successful defense of his battalion, again inspiring his men by his complete disregard of danger. Entered military service from Alexandria, Louisiana.

So much of General Orders Number 28, this headquarters, cs, pertaining to CAPTAIN ALLAN L. CRAIN 0832[illegible]4 FA, as reads, "Next of kin: Allan Crain (Father), Sasakwa, Oklahoma" is amended to read, "Next of kin: Elnora Crain (Wife), Haworth Oklahoma".

II - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

JAMES R. GRIESE 17012719, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not in action on ** July 1943, west of *****, Sicily. Upon seeing an observation type aircraft crash into the sea about 1000 yards off shore, Staff Sergeant Griese voluntarily and with utter disregard for his own safety, went to the assistance of two soldiers who had managed to clear the sinking aircraft, both of whom were slightly injured and near exhaustion. Staff Sergeant Griese with the assistance of an officer and by using empty water cans as life preservers, succeeded in bringing the drowning men safely to shore, thereby saving their lives. The courage and prompt action displayed by Staff Sergeant Griese on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Corfeyville, Kansas.

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

RAYMOND J. BUNDZA 36508679, Private, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, north of *****, Italy. When an advancing infantry company ran into determined enemy resistance, numerous casualties resulted from machine gun and artillery fire. Private Bundza, company aid man, without regard for personal safety, continued to move among the injured men, administering first aid while under continual enemy fire in exposed terrain. His efforts undoubtedly were instrumental in saving the lives of several seriously wounded men. Private Bundza's gallant actions are an inspiration to the American soldier and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Detroit, Michigan.

JOHN D. COFFEY 20838507, Sergeant, Company L, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943 and ** September 1943 near *****, Italy. Having been assigned the ** Corps mission of securing an enemy prisoner for intelligence purposes, Sergeant Coffey and another soldier on ** September 1943 proceeded during daylight across the **** River into German-held territory where they ambushed and captured a German soldier and successfully returned with him to our lines. On ** September 1943 Sergeant Coffey again entered deep into enemy territory leading a patrol of eight men on a reconnaissance mission. Near *****, Italy, artillery fire was successfully directed on two enemy command cars by Sergeant Coffey and his patrol, completely destroying both vehicles. Late that night the patrol returned from its mission without Sergeant Coffey who had been captured by the enemy. On ** October 1943 Sergeant Coffey returned to his organization, having escaped from the enemy, traveling by night and hiding by day for fourteen days. The remarkable courage, daring, and tenacity of purpose shown by Sergeant Coffey in his gallant actions are an inspiring example to all men of the Armed Forces. Home address: Heeney, Colorado.

WILLIAM E. MOORE JR 38115973, Private First Class (then Private), Medical Detachment, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943 south of Oliveto, Italy. An infantry company moving into attack was held to the ground by such heavy cross-fire from the front and flanks that men were unable to crawl to more tenable positions, and many casualties resulted. Private First Class Moore, company aid man, proceeded forward through this heavy concentration of fire to administer first aid to the wounded, and when he completed his task with one group of casualties, he made his way to the company's left flank where he attended more casualties, many severely injured. Still under continual enemy fire, he directed the removal of wounded to covered positions. Private First Class Moore's prompt and courageous actions saved the lives of seriously wounded men and were an inspiring example to his organization. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

RAYMOND L. PETERSEN 38005834, Corporal, Company H, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** October 1943, south of *****, Italy. During a strong enemy counter-attack, a machine gun section received numerous casualties including the section sergeant. Although wounded in the back by shrapnel, Corporal Petersen assumed control and reorganized the remainder of the section, withdrew under enemy artillery and machine gun fire to high ground where he put the guns into action, assisting directly in repulsing the enemy attack. The courage and initiative shown by Corporal Petersen in his gallant act exemplify the high ideals of the military service. Home address: Denver, Colorado.

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LISCRIO A. SALAMONE 31060100, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action ** September 1943, south of *****, Italy. Sergeant Salamone was in charge of a battalion forward observation post when the enemy launched a strong attack supported by tanks and artillery. The fierceness of the attack forced back certain elements on the right flank, destroyed the house the observation post was set up in, and forced all of the personnel to abandon this post with the exception of Sergeant Salamone. Under this heavy concentration of artillery and small arms fire, Sergeant Salamone kept open the sole channel of communication to the Artillery Liaison Officer at the Battalion Command Post and continued to direct artillery and naval gun fire so effectively that the enemy withdrew. The outstanding courage and determination displayed by Sergeant Salamone in his gallant act typify the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from East Boston, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM A. SPIGHT 0403678 INF, Captain, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, on the road between ***** and *********, Italy. Observing a seriously wounded soldier lying in a road covered by intermittent machine gun and mortar fire, Captain Spight immediately went to his assistance. Lying down on his back, Captain Spight pulled the wounded soldier up on his chest and laboriously inched his way along the road to a bend which afforded more protection from enemy fire and made it possible to administer first aid. This prompt and courageous deed undoubtedly saved the wounded man from bleeding to death, and was an inspiring example for men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Fort Collins, Colorado.

JAMES C. STYRON 0177742 GSC, Colonel, Headquarters ***Infantry Division, for gallantry in action ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. When German troops attacked and broke through on the right flank of the Division, they cut off the battalion covering that sector, leaving no infantry between the enemy and the beach. Colonel Styron when informed of the situation, immediately proceeded to the threatened point and gathered artillerymen, engineers, and all available troops in the immediate vicinity. Out of this heterogeneous group he formed an organized fighting force that, under his personal leadership, successfully repulsed the attacking enemy until sufficient reinforcements arrived. His sound and aggressive leadership at a very critical time contributed materially to maintaining possession of the beach and exhibited a high sense of duty and personal courage. Entered military service from Hobart, Oklahoma.

DONALD A. WYCH 36343622, Private First Class, Company C, *** Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943 west of *****, Italy. Private First Class Wych was the orderly on an ambulance carrying casualties rearward from a forward aid station when the driver was instantly killed by an enemy shell burst. Private First Class Wych stopped the vehicle, and while under continual shelling, unloaded and placed five patients under cover of an embankment. When the shelling subsided, he reloaded all the wounded men, delivered them to the designated rear aid station, and then continued to make frequent trips unassisted, evacuating casualties over this same route covered by intermittent enemy shell fire. Private First Class Wych's devotion to duty transcending all thoughts of personal safety is an inspiring example to his organization and to the men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Garden Prairie, Illinois.

So much of General Orders Number 29, this Headquarters, cs, as pertains to "ROBERT A. GUENTHNER 01284698", is amended to read "ROBERT A. GUENTHNER 01284698".

So much of General Orders Number 29, this Headquarters, cs, as pertains to "ELLIS B. RICHIE 0329475", is amended to read "ELLIS B. RICHIE 0329574".

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Award, Posthumous, of Silver Star Medal. I
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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named officer:

ORAN N. McCAIN 0250150 FA, Captain, Battery C, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. When the head of an advancing column was strongly attacked by German infantry and tanks, Captain McCain and his forward observer immediately proceeded to the leading infantry elements in order to establish a forward observation post for his artillery battalion. The thickly wooded country made observation very difficult, so Captain McCain left the protection of the infantry and advanced toward the enemy positions. Although he was frequently pinned down by shellfire and was exposed to continual machine gun and tank fire, he continued forward in an effort to reach an advantageous position from where artillery fire could be directed on the enemy. It was during these gallant efforts that Captain McCain was mortally wounded. His courage and selfless devotion to duty reflect the high ideals of the military service. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Ruth McCain (Wife), Delaware, Oklahoma.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

OTWA T. AUTRY 0332367 FA, Major, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, southwest of *****, Italy. When a German column including twenty armored vehicles approached the battalion command post, Major Autry proceeded across a nearby river toward the enemy in order to locate a better observation post for adjusting the artillery fire of his battalion against the oncoming vehicles. There were no Allied forces between the battalion and the enemy, yet when Major Autry was driven back by machine gun and rifle fire, he took a position only 500 yards from the advancing column, and while under exceptionally heavy machine gun and mortar fire, effectively directed the fire of his battalion for two hours, successfully repelling the enemy attack until sufficient reinforcements arrived. Major Autry's courageous and brilliant direction of artillery fire prevented a serious break in the Allied lines at a most critical time and reflects great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Enid, Oklahoma.

ROBERT J. ELLIOTT 38905564, Sergeant, Company C, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** October 1943, near *****, Italy. The company commander at a forward observation post became seriously wounded by enemy fire and was unable to move. Despite a heavy concentration of machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire, Sergeant Elliott, with two other enlisted men, voluntarily, without regard for personal safety, made his way to the observation post and, under heavy fire, proceeded to carry the wounded officer rearward to where first aid could be administered. His prompt and courageous action without doubt saved the life of the commanding officer and was an inspiring example to the men of his organization at a time of trial. Entered military service from Leadville, Colorado.

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LOUIS J. JENKINS 38016720, Private First Class, Company C, *** Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action ** September 1943, west of *****, Italy. Private First Class Jenkins was driver of an ambulance carrying casualties rearward from a forward aid station when the ambulance in front of his was struck by fragments from an enemy shell, killing its driver. Private First Class Jenkins stopped his vehicle, assisted the orderly of the driverless ambulance to unload casualties and to get them under cover, all this time being exposed to continual enemy artillery fire. When the shelling subsided, he assisted in reloading the patients, and then proceeded to drive his own ambulance to his destination. He then made frequent trips evacuating casualties over this same route covered by intermittent enemy shell fire. Private First Class Jenkins' devotion to duty transcending all thoughts of personal safety is an inspiring example to his organization and to men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Garvin, Oklahoma.

LLOYD E. PEELE 20838353, Private, Company G, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** October 1943, near *****, Italy. The company commander at a forward observation post became seriously wounded by enemy fire and was unable to move. Despite a heavy concentration of machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire, Private Peele, with two other enlisted men, voluntarily, without regard for personal safety, made his way to the observation post and, under heavy fire, proceeded to carry the wounded officer rearward to where first aid could be administered. His prompt and courageous action without doubt saved the life of the commanding officer and was an inspiring example to the men of his organization at a time of trial. Entered military service from Longmonte, Colorado.

JOHN E. PORTER 33525147, Private, Company G, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near *****, Italy, on ** October 1943. The company commander at a forward observation post became seriously wounded by enemy fire and was unable to move. Despite a heavy concentration of machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire, Private Porter, with two other enlisted men, voluntarily, without regard for personal safety, made his way to the observation post and, under heavy fire, proceeded to carry the wounded officer rearward to where first aid could be administered. His prompt and courageous action without doubt saved the life of the commanding officer and was an inspiring example to the men of his organization at a time of trial. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

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Award, Posthumous, of Silver Star Medal. I
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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following individuals:

GEORGE E. DOWNEY 32254409, Private, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** October 1943, near *****, Italy. The second platoon of an infantry company was advancing to attack prepared German machine gun and mortar positions and was minus its regular aid man. Private Downey, knowing of this, and being fully aware of its dangerous mission, left his own position of relative safety with his platoon and volunteered his services with the attacking unit. With utter disregard for his own safety, and while under fire, he administered first aid to the wounded until he was killed during an intense enemy artillery barrage. The intrepidity and disregard for personal safety displayed by Private Downey were an inspiring example to the men in his organization and reflect the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Watertown, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Eva Soluri (Sister), 215 West Main Street, Watertown, New York.

CECIL C. LYNCH 20029298, Corporal, Company H, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near *****, Sicily. During a strong enemy counter-attack, a machine gun delivering screening fire for the withdrawal of friendly rifle troops began to run low on ammunition. Trucks were unable to get to this point and four ammunition bearers had already been killed, when Corporal Lynch, on foot and without regard for personal safety, proceeded across three hundred yards of open terrain covered by a heavy concentration of artillery and small arms fire, to an ammunition point. Securing as much ammunition as he could carry, he returned over the fire-swept area to the machine gun. While attempting a second trip across the hazardous terrain, he was killed by a bursting shell. The exceptional courage and spirit of self-sacrifice shown by Corporal Lynch in his gallant act typify the high ideals of the military service. Home address: Eufaula, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mrs. Neta J. Lynch (Wife), General Delivery, Eufaula, Oklahoma.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

MARK L. ADAMS 20827485, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Anti-Tank Company, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, at *****, Sicily. While under continual heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant Adams moved his section of 57 mm anti-tank guns into action. He directed the firing of his section with a high degree of skill and leadership, destroying a Mark VI tank and disabling another at a range of three hundred yards. During the course of the action, Staff Sergeant Adams was wounded by shrapnel, but refused to seek medical attention, and remained with his section, continuing to direct its fire effectively until the enemy was forced to retreat. The high qualities of leadership and courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Adams in the performance of a hazardous duty are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Durant, Oklahoma.

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ROY B. ALLRED 01172732 FA, Second Lieutenant, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** October 1943, east of *****, Italy. Lieutenant Allred, acting as forward observer with an infantry battalion, proceeded, while under constant enemy artillery and mortar fire, to a point 300 yards in advance of the infantry front lines. While at this observation post, the enemy launched a counter-attack led by six tanks, and when his position was discovered Lieutenant Allred was subjected to machine gun, artillery, and direct tank fire from the enemy. Despite the exposed position, Lieutenant Allred remained at his post and directed such effective artillery fire on the enemy that the counter-attack was successfully repulsed, enabling the infantry battalion to continue its advance. Lieutenant Allred's initiative and fearlessness are exemplary of the finest traditions of the military service. Home address: Milton, Indiana.

REGLIE A. ANDOLINE 31062722, Technician Fifth Grade, Company H, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. As an acute shortage of water made company first aid work extremely difficult, Technician Fifth Grade Andoline volunteered to obtain the necessary water. Crossing an open field that was under heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, he secured a five gallon can of water and was returning across the shelled field when he observed a German sniper firing on the aid group, greatly interrupting its work. Putting down the water can, and despite his exposed position, Technician Fifth Grade Andoline took aim, killed the enemy sniper, and then continued to the aid station where he assisted in caring for the wounded. The gallant actions of Technician Fifth Grade Andoline on this occasion are exemplary of the high ideals of the military service. Home address: Hartford, Connecticut.

THEODORE S. BRUNT 20835086, Private First Class, Company B, *** Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, in *****, Italy. When the need of evacuating badly wounded men became serious, Private First Class Brunt volunteered to lead three ambulances back to the collecting station over the only road communicating rearward though it was under enemy small arms and artillery fire. Through intermittent artillery fire, he led his party until his ambulance in the lead was completely disabled by a land mine. Ascertaining that none of the occupants had sustained additional injuries, he got into the second ambulance, selected another route, and proceeded successfully to his destination over a road known to have been mined by the enemy. On the succeeding trip the casualties in the disabled ambulance were evacuated and for the next five hours Private First Class Brunt continued to make repeated trips over this same route. Private First Class Brunt's exemplary performance of a hazardous duty reflects great credit to him and his organization. Entered military service from Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

EDWARD CUMMINGS 32175138, Technician Fifth Grade, *** Signal Company, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. When heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire forced a reconnaissance party to seek cover and many casualties were inflicted, Technician Fifth Grade Cummings dressed the wounds of the injured men and moved them to places of cover, all the while exposed to enemy fire. He then realized that a valuable cypher device had been left in one of the vehicles. Crawling back to the vehicle through continual enemy fire, he recovered the device, returned through the fire-swept area, and resumed the task of administering first aid to injured men. His courageous actions of Technician Fifth Grade Cummings in preventing an important piece of equipment from falling into the hands of the enemy, and his concern for the welfare of fellow soldiers typify the high ideals of the military service. Home address: Bronx, New York.

RAF DESADIER 34150385, Corporal (then Private), Company E, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. During a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire, Corporal Desadier left his position of cover to aid a seriously wounded soldier. He applied a tourniquet and called for aid men. Upon being informed that communications were blown out, Corporal Desadier proceeded through the artillery fire to the company command post where he located and directed aid men to the wounded soldier. He then returned to his platoon and resumed his place on the firing line. The gallant action of Corporal Desadier undoubtedly saved the life of the seriously wounded man and typifies the high ideals of the military service. Home address: Clarence, Louisiana.

SALVATORE DE STEFANO 32204094, Private First Class (then Private), Company L, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. Under continual strafing from enemy planes, Private First Class De Stefano was the first to leave an LCI in an assault landing when it became apparent that the boat had beached on a sandbar, necessitating a swim of some distance to shore. Removing his pack which retained a modicum of buoyancy, he held on to keep afloat after he observed an officer weighted with equipment struggling to remain on the surface. Although tired and fully clothed, Private First Class De Stefano swam to the officer and gave him the buoyant pack. Swimming with great difficulty and approaching exhaustion, and while under repeated airplane strafing attacks, Private First Class De Stefano succeeded in reaching the beach with the officer. The courage and selflessness so displayed by Private First Class De Stefano in endangering his life to save the life of another exemplify the high traditions of the military services. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

HAROLD L. DUFFIN 6227155, Sergeant (then Private), Company K, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, south of *****, Sicily. Despite a missing helmet which had been knocked off by an exploding shell, Sergeant Duffin, during heavy enemy artillery fire, crossed forty yards of exposed terrain to give first aid to a seriously wounded soldier. The available bandages proving to be inadequate, Sergeant Duffin calmly tore up his shirt for bandages and employed them to stop the flow of blood. He then proceeded back through the shelled area in search of a stretcher; and even though friendly troops had withdrawn from the area, he returned with a litter and another man, and assisted in carrying the wounded soldier to safety. Sergeant Duffin's fearless accomplishment of a gallant act and remarkable composure under extremely hazardous conditions are an inspiring example to his organization and to men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Kenosha, Wisconsin.

CORWIN V. EDWARDS 0420035 FA, First Lieutenant, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action ** October 1943, east of *****, Italy. As forward observer, Lieutenant Edwards was advancing with an infantry company when a German 88 mm gun opened fire on the column from a high hill, killing one man and wounding six others. The column scattered and took cover. Lieutenant Edwards, with utter disregard for his safety and while under continual fire from the enemy gun, worked his way across open ground to a bare knoll from where he effectively directed artillery fire on the enemy gun, forcing it to withdraw from its position. He continued to remain in his exposed position approximately six hours, searching the terrain for more targets, directing fire on enemy trucks and tanks. The courage and devotion to duty shown by Lieutenant Edwards in his action were an inspiration to the officers and men and are in accordance with the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

PAUL D. FANCHER 39458333, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. Private First Class Fancher, company aid man, left a place of comparative safety to cross an open field under enemy small arms and artillery fire to an exposed machine gun position, and assisted a severely wounded Platoon Sergeant across the field to shelter where he administered first aid. Informed that the Platoon Leader was also seriously wounded, Private First Class Fancher for the second time crossed the open field through the continual enemy shelling, and aided in carrying the wounded officer back to our lines. The courage and selfless devotion to duty shown by Private First Class Fancher in his gallant actions are an inspiring example to his organization and to men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Bethel, Ohio.

DAVID FRANCIS 20329289, Private First Class, Company H, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near *****, Sicily. A battalion withdrawal became necessary as a result of a concentrated enemy counter-attack employing machine guns and heavy artillery. Private First Class Francis, gunner of a machine gun assigned to deliver screening fire for the withdrawal, received two bullet wounds in his right hand. Refusing to seek medical aid, and while under enemy artillery and small arms fire, he continued to fire the machine gun with his other hand, effectively covering the withdrawal and holding up the enemy for two hours in this sector. The rugged courage and tenacious spirit shown by Private First Class Francis in his gallant actions are exemplary of the high ideals of the military service. Home address: Buffalo, Oklahoma.

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MARVIN E. GOEHRING O1166491 FA, First Lieutenant, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. Lieutenant Goehring, acting as forward observer with an infantry battalion, saw an opportunity to place effective fire upon German installations. Accompanied by a few riflemen, and hand carrying his radio, Lieutenant Goehring climbed the high mountains west of ***** to a position one and one-half miles forward of the infantry front lines. At this exposed position under continual hostile artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, and with the added danger of being cut off from his own troops, he directed effective artillery fire upon the enemy, knocking out several of their installations, thus contributing materially in the subsequent advance of the infantry battalion. Lieutenant Goehring's courageous actions and unwavering initiative are an inspiring example to his organization and to men of the military service. Home address: Crown Point, Indiana.

ARTHUR L. GOODMAN JR 01167863 FA, Second Lieutenant, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** October 1943, southwest of *****, Italy. As a forward observer, Lieutenant Goodman had located his observation post on a hill about one hundred yards in front of the infantry lines when he observed six German tanks and accompanying infantry moving toward his position from a distance of four hundred yards. In advancing the enemy arrived at a defiladed position in a draw. Advising the infantry men on the hill to take cover, Lieutenant Goodman, at great risk to himself, directed artillery fire so that the majority of the shells just cleared the crest of the hill. Many rounds hit near his position--one as near as twenty-five yards--but he continued to direct artillery fire with such accuracy that the advancing hostile forces hastily retreated after coming within one hundred yards of his position. The initiative and tenacity of purpose displayed by Lieutenant Goodman on this occasion reflect great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Starkville, Mississippi.

DERMOTT O HARTWIG 36303572, Private First Class, Battery A, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** October 1943, near *****, Italy. A heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire killed one soldier, and seriously wounded another. Private First Class Hartwig, in a culvert nearby, hearing the wounded man's cry for help, left his covered position and, disregarding the danger involved, proceeded through the shell fire to the assistance of the wounded man. While dragging the wounded soldier to safety Private First Class Hartwig received a shrapnel wound in the leg but continued with the injured man until he reached the shelter of the culvert. Private First Class Hartwig's gallant act is an inspiring example to his organization and is in accordance with the high ideals of the military service. Home address: Hennepin, Illinois.

EMITT C. OWEN 20825909, Technician Fourth Grade, *** Signal Company, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. Enemy artillery and machine gun fire forced a reconnaissance party to seek cover except Technician Fourth Grade Owen who remained at his vehicle and continued to relay valuable information to Division Headquarters. Only after he had completed his messages did he seek cover where he found several seriously wounded men requiring immediate medical attention. Technician Fourth Grade Owen then crawled across 300 yards of open ground covered by hostile artillery fire to reach cover from where he proceeded to the forward rifle regiment and returned with aid to evacuate the wounded. The courage and initiative displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Owen on this occasion reflect great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Kansas, Oklahoma.

NEVIL E. ROLFE 20825496, First Sergeant, Company G, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. An infantry company was pinned down by heavy artillery fire and during the height of the barrage, an explosive artillery shell buried a soldier under a heap of debris and rubble. First Sergeant Rolfe, observing the entire incident from a nearby position of cover, immediately abandoned his position and proceeded to the assistance of the buried soldier. Without regard for personal safety, he worked over the debris under continued fire until he had succeeded in extricating the injured man, and then removed him to a position of safety. First Sergeant Rolfe's fearlessness and constant regard for the safety and well being of his men reflect great credit to him and the military service. Home address: Norman, Oklahoma.

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JAMES N. SHERRICK 0456644 FA, First Lieutenant, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** October 1943, near *****, Italy. When a German counter-attack became imminent, Lieutenant Sherrick, forward observer with an advancing infantry battalion, directed intensive artillery fire on enemy troops and on the draws leading to friendly positions; this was largely responsible in preventing the crystallization of the attack. A counter-concentration of enemy artillery fire forced the battalion to withdraw to more tenable ground, but Lieutenant Sherrick remained at his observation post under machine gun and artillery fire and, without the protection of friendly troops, continuing to direct artillery fire on the hostile forces. When the battalion returned to its positions, Lieutenant Sherrick left a non-commissioned officer in charge at the observation post, and proceeded through shell fire to assist in evacuating numerous casualties. The superb courage and resolution shown by Lieutenant Sherrick on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Greenup, Illinois.

GEORGE W. TURNBO 20825126, Sergeant, Company B, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** October 1943, north of *****, Italy. An advancing infantry battalion was halted by intensive artillery fire that inflicted particularly heavy casualties to one platoon. At the height of the barrage, Sergeant Turnbo moved from one wounded man to another, in full view of the enemy, administering first aid to the injured men. When the position was rendered untenable by the persistent artillery fire, and the troops were ordered to withdraw, Sergeant Turnbo continued to administer first aid and, finally, assisted in carrying to safety the last injured man it was possible to remove from the battlefield. Sergeant Turnbo's complete disregard of danger and consistent concern for the welfare of his men exemplify the high ideals of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Maramec, Oklahoma.

DONALD H. WOODSTRA 01177702 FA, Second Lieutenant, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. As a forward observer with an infantry battalion, Lieutenant Woodstra had for three days and nights moved forward under intermittent enemy artillery fire. Despite physical fatigue, Lieutenant Woodstra, in order to establish a better observation post, and hand carrying his radio, proceeded through heavy artillery and machine gun fire to his selected post which was on an open hillside with a minimum of cover about a quarter of a mile beyond the front line. Though well aware of the possibility of being cut off from his own troops, and the ever present danger of enemy patrols operating in the vicinity, he directed accurate artillery fire upon enemy positions, assisting immeasurably in the subsequent advance of the infantry. The gallant action of Lieutenant Woodstra reflects great credit to him and his organization. Entered military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following individuals:

KELLY B. BROWN 20826337, Private, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, west of *****, Italy. During an intense enemy artillery barrage, Private Brown voluntarily left the comparative safety of his foxhole and, with two other men, placed a quarter-ton truck into service as an improvised ambulance, and proceeded with a load of two wounded men to a rear aid station over a two and one-half mile stretch of road that was under continual enemy shell fire. Despite the fact that shrapnel from shells bursting nearby hit the vehicle, yet fortunately missed the occupants, five trips were completed in evacuating wounded soldiers over this hazardous route. With his two companions he made one more trip to secure squad equipment that had been removed in converting the vehicle into an ambulance. The courageous and selfless actions of Private Brown undoubtedly saved the lives of wounded men and are in keeping with the high ideals of the military service. Home address: Ardmore, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mrs. Lulu M. Brown (Mother), 129 A Northwest, Ardmore, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM P. JEZIERSKI 31062772, Private, Company H, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near ******, Sicily. During a strong enemy counter-attack necessitating a battalion withdrawal, a machine gunner was killed and his assistant wounded by enemy fire. Private Jezierski, ammunition bearer for the gun, immediately took the gunner's place and continued to deliver screening fire for the withdrawal until the weapon was knocked out of action, and he was mortally wounded. With great difficulty he crawled back to a company located some distance in the rear and gave complete information concerning the actions that had taken place. This information proved extremely valuable in the establishment of a secondary line of defense. Private Jezierski's superb courage and remarkable devotion to duty will always remain an inspiring example to the American soldier. Entered military service from Niantic, Connecticut. Next of kin: Mrs. Antomia Jezierski (Mother), RFD Box #152, Niantic, Connecticut.

MAX KAPLAN 32197838, Private, Company D, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** and ** September 1943, north of *****, Italy. Although supporting infantry troops had withdrawn during an engagement with the enemy, Private Kaplan, with two other men, crossed an exposed area covered by hostile small arms fire and repulsed an enemy flank attack with a machine gun. On the following day while maintaining the position under continual enemy shell fire, the gun corporal was seriously wounded by shrapnel. Unhesitatingly, Private Kaplan left his position and exposed himself to fire in an attempt to move the injured man to safety when he was instantly killed by a bursting shell. The unusual daring and unfaltering determination displayed by Private Kaplan in his gallant actions reflect the high ideals of the military service. Home address: New York, New York. Next of kin: Mr. Abraham Kaplan (Father), 46 West 72nd Street, New York, New York.

BILL H. SMITH 20833679, Private, Battery B, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** October 1943, northwest of *****, Italy. Private Smith and three other men were advancing to an artillery observation post when the party was fired on by two German snipers armed with a machine rifle and a sub-machine gun. While the remainder of the party was pinned down by enemy fire, Private Smith, without regard for personal safety, advanced on the flank of the snipers to within ten yards of their position and killed both of them with his .45 pistol. This allowed

the party to proceed with its mission. The courage and composure displayed by Private Smith on this occasion reflect great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Chickasha, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Smith (Mother), 614 Michigan Avenue, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM L. WEST 0466833 FA, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** and ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. Upon learning that two companies of engineers were completely surrounded by German infantry, Lieutenant West volunteered as forward observer to direct artillery fire in their support. Realizing that the best observation could be obtained from a point near the isolated men, he proceeded during the hours of darkness in a half-track under severe shell fire, through the enemy lines to an exposed site near the ringed troops. During that night he directed artillery fire on hostile patrols who were trying to force his position, and the following morning he adjusted fire effectively on the enemy, and remained at his exposed post for two days without relief, directing artillery fire until hostilities had ceased. The initiative, determination, and dauntless courage displayed by Lieutenant West in his gallant act were an inspiring example to the embattled men. Entered military service from Galesburg, Illinois. Next of kin: Mr. Harry W. West (Father) 412 Locust Street, Galesburg, Illinois.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

JOSEPH WINKEL 39240192, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, near *****, Sicily. Because of a heavy enemy artillery barrage, the troops in an area were ordered to leave, but two seriously wounded men had to be left behind. Technician Fifth Grade Winkel, disregarding orders, remained with the injured men and continued to administer first aid throughout the artillery fire. When the barrage ceased and the troops returned, another artillery barrage enveloped the area inflicting many casualties and again the troops were ordered to leave. Technician Fifth Grade Winkel who had just previously left the area, voluntarily returned in the midst of all the shelling and remained throughout the following intermittent artillery fire, administering first aid until the wounded were evacuated. Technician Fifth Grade Winkel's devotion to duty and complete disregard for personal safety reflect great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

ROBERT B. FUCHS 38006277, Corporal, Company D, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** and ** September 1943, north of *****, Italy. While going after ammunition, Corporal Fuchs, leader of a machine gun squad, saw his men driven away from their weapon by extremely heavy enemy fire. Although all supporting infantry troops had withdrawn, Corporal Fuchs returned to the gun through the hostile fire and continued to keep it in action unassisted until the enemy withdrew. On the following day an enemy shell blew the gun out of position and seriously wounded him, yet, in spite of his wounds, he had the remainder of the gun crew put the gun back into action and continued directing its fire until he was evacuated. His inspiring leadership and determined courage displayed by Corporal Fuchs in his gallant actions reflect great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Elbert, Colorado.

LESLIE G. GUSLER 38010405, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. A heavy concentration of German artillery fire had forced the men at a forward observation post to withdraw when Sergeant Gusler, wire chief, who was checking the wire from the command post to the observation post, discovered the phone at the forward position unattended. Realizing the need of friendly artillery support, he contacted battalion headquarters and assumed the duties of an artillery observer. For almost an hour, while under continual enemy shelling, he directed artillery fire on the enemy by crawling to the crest of the hill and returning to the phone to report results. The unusual courage and ability displayed by Sergeant Gusler in his gallant actions reflect the high ideals of the military service. Home address: Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

ELMER H. KUCKS 32194344, Private, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, west of *****, Italy. During an intense enemy artillery barrage, Private Kucks voluntarily left the comparative safety of his foxhole and, with two other men, placed a quarter-ton truck into service as an improvised ambulance, and proceeded with a load of two wounded men to a rear aid station over a two and one-half mile stretch of road that was under continual enemy shell fire. Despite the fact that shrapnel from shells bursting nearby hit the vehicle, yet fortunately missed the occupants, five trips were completed in evacuating wounded soldiers over this hazardous route. With his two companions he made one more trip to secure squad equipment that had been removed in converting the vehicle into an ambulance. The courageous and selfless actions of Private Kucks undoubtedly saved the lives of wounded men and are in keeping with the high ideals of the military service. Home address: Richmond, New York.

JACOB C. SOLT 33100220, Private First Class, Company D, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, north of *****, Italy. Private First Class Solt remained at his machine gun throughout a fierce enemy counter-attack even though supporting infantry troops were forced to withdraw. Without regard for personal safety, he continued to keep his gun in action in the face of the advancing enemy infantry supported by tanks until the enemy was repulsed, making it possible for our troops to return to their positions. Private First Class Solt's gallant action on this occasion reflects great credit to him and his organization. Entered military service from Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

HARRY W. VAN NESS 01165977 FA, First Lieutenant, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** October 1943, east of *****, Italy. Lieutenant Van Ness was acting as forward observer for his artillery battery in an infantry company sector when the company was pinned down by crossfire from German machine guns and a field piece. Despite the heavy fire, Lieutenant Van Ness left his position of cover in a ditch, and crossed a nearby road, concealed himself amid a few sparse bushes, and effectively adjusted fire on a nest of three hostile machine guns, completely silencing them. While Lieutenant Van Ness, with his small party, was moving to a new point of observation, enemy fire killed one man, wounded another, destroyed the radio, and as further fire direction was impossible, Lieutenant Van Ness, under continual fire, assisted the injured man rearward to an aid station. The courage and initiative displayed by Lieutenant Van Ness reflect great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Newton, New Jersey.

JAMES E. WALTON JR 6250940, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, west of *****, Italy. During an intense enemy artillery barrage, Private First Class Walton voluntarily left the comparative safety of his foxhole and, with two other men, placed a quarter-ton truck into service as an improvised ambulance, and proceeded with a load of two wounded men to a rear aid station over a two and one-half mile stretch of road that was under continual enemy shell fire. Despite the fact that shrapnel from shells bursting nearby hit the vehicle, yet fortunately missed the occupants, five trips were completed in evacuating wounded soldiers over this hazardous route. With his two companions he made one more trip to secure squad equipment that had been removed in converting the vehicle into an ambulance. The courageous and selfless actions of Private First Class Walton undoubtedly saved the lives of wounded men and are in keeping with the high ideals of the military service. Home address: Dallas, Texas.

ROBERT F. WOODS 0347957 FA, Captain, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, south of *****, Sicily. Captain Woods, acting as artillery liaison officer, was advancing with forward infantry elements under heavy hostile artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire when the enemy launched a strong counter-attack employing seventeen tanks and armored cars. As there were only a few mortars and machine guns available to the infantry and no anti-tank guns it became absolutely necessary to secure artillery support, but during the enemy artillery barrage, Captain Woods was wounded by shrapnel and his radio disabled. Refusing medical aid, he succeeded in repairing the radio and then proceeded alone to a vantage point in the open where, despite his wound and the heavy enemy fire, he directed the fire of his artillery battalion so effectively that the attack was completely smashed, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and destroying many vehicles. Captain Woods' fearlessness and unswerving determination at a most

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critical time were an inspiration to the fighting men and contributed immeasurably to turning a very difficult situation into a decisive victory. Entered military service from Wewoka, Oklahoma.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

RICHARD P. BLANKS 01284637 INF, First Lieutenant, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. An infantry battalion was trapped by a superior enemy force located on high ground and was receiving a heavy concentration of artillery, machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire from the front and both flanks. Lieutenant Blanks led one of two volunteer groups of twelve men each over a high ridge to the left of the battalion position despite the fact that very little cover was available and his group came under heavy enemy fire. He maneuvered his men into a position from which accurate fire was delivered against the enemy, inflicting heavy casualties, and succeeded in driving them out of firmly entrenched positions. This enabled the battalion to withdraw to the high ground on the left, a more tenable position. The aggressive leadership and unusual daring displayed by Lieutenant Blanks on this occasion are an inspiring example to his men and his organization. Entered military service from Henderson, North Carolina.

MAX R. HARTNAGEL 01105497 CE, First Lieutenant, *** Engineer Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. When a strong German force broke through the right flank of the division, the only troops remaining between the enemy and the beach were Lieutenant Hartnagel and two platoons of his company. Deploying his men in a defensive position, he personally directed them in repelling the enemy, destroying two machine guns and causing a third to withdraw. He continued to keep his men in position until ordered to move as part of a combined fighting group of artillery men and engineers. The aggressive leadership and initiative displayed by Lieutenant Hartnagel at a most critical time are an inspiring example to men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Rensselaer, New York.

JOHN F. LADURINI 38006093, Sergeant, Company B, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. When a counter-attacking company was given orders to withdraw, part of the first platoon was cut off and did not receive word of the withdrawal. Upon being informed of this fact, Sergeant Ladurini, without regard for personal safety, returned through the enemy lines to attempt to find the men. He finally located the isolated soldiers and led them back to safety through the German lines under heavy machine gun and artillery fire. Sergeant Ladurini's unusual courage and consistent concern for the welfare of his men reflect great credit to him and his organization. Entered military service from Teltec, Colorado.

WILLIAM K. MASON 20839158, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company B, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. When the enemy launched a strong counter-attack led by tanks, Staff Sergeant Mason, with another enlisted man, secured a rocket launcher and proceeded to the top of a ridge overlooking a road. Although this ridge was being swept with heavy machine gun fire from the advancing tanks, Staff Sergeant Mason fired the launcher at a tank only twenty yards away, knocking it out of action. Upon reloading, the launcher failed to fire and, as examination disclosed a split tube, Staff Sergeant Mason crossed a large open field under heavy machine gun and artillery fire to find another launcher; he was unable to locate one or return to his original position because of the exceptionally heavy concentration of fire. The fortitude and tenacious spirit displayed by Staff Sergeant Mason in his gallant action reflect the high ideals of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Fort Morgan, Colorado.

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ADOLPH PANETTA 32787549, Corporal (then Private), Company B, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. A soldier was seriously wounded and lay helpless under heavy enemy machine gun and artillery fire. Corporal Panetta, disregarding the advice of his platoon leader and without regard for personal safety, crawled through the intense fire to the wounded man and administered first aid, thereby saving his life. The courage and concern for a fellow comrade displayed by Corporal Panetta reflect credit to him and the military service. Home address: West Babylon, New York.

WILLIAM M. POYNTER 01301682 INF, Second Lieutenant, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. An infantry battalion was trapped by a superior enemy force located on high ground and was receiving a heavy concentration of artillery, machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire from the front and both flanks. Lieutenant Poynter led one of two volunteer groups of twelve men each over a high ridge to the left of the battalion position despite the fact that very little cover was available and his group came under heavy enemy fire. He maneuvered his men into a position from which accurate fire was delivered against the enemy, inflicting heavy casualties, and succeeded in driving them out of firmly entrenched positions. This enabled the battalion to withdraw to the high ground on the left, a more tenable position. The aggressive leadership and unusual daring displayed by Lieutenant Poynter on this occasion are an inspiring example to his men and his organization. Entered military service from Kewanee, Illinois.

DONALD R. RENALES 20839346, Staff Sergeant, Company L, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. An advancing platoon became subjected to a heavy concentration of enemy artillery, mortar, and tank fire which seriously wounded a man out in the open. Staff Sergeant Renales, without regard for personal safety, crossed the open ground under the intense enemy fire and carried the injured man back for a distance of one hundred yards to the safety of a ravine where first aid was administered. The courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Renales in his gallant act undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded man and is an inspiring example to the men of his organization. Entered military service from Sterling, Colorado.

HENRY A. SHACKELFORD 34278860, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company B, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. An advancing infantry column was halted by a German 88 mm gun supported by a well-placed machine gun. Corporal Shackelford, voluntarily, took a rocket launcher and proceeded ahead of the leading platoon, effectively evading machine gun fire, and from a distance of thirty yards from the field piece, he fired his launcher and hit the shock absorber of the enemy gun which was filled with oil. The resulting explosion threw burning oil over the gun crew, causing them to retreat in wild confusion and put the gun out of action. Corporal Shackelford then returned under heavy machine gun fire to his platoon and gave the location of the machine gun, enabling the platoon to knock it out of action. The rugged courage and tenacity of purpose displayed by Corporal Shackelford on this occasion were an inspiring example to his comrades and reflect the high ideals of the military service. Home address: Nettleton, Mississippi.

ADLERT A. SMITH 38004065, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. When the company was ordered to withdraw as a result of numerous enemy counter-attacks, Technician Fifth Grade Smith volunteered to remain with several casualties. He administered first aid to them until a friendly patrol arrived and brought him back to our lines. Instead of remaining with his company, Technician Fifth Grade Smith returned to the wounded men who had been given up for lost, and through his efforts and guidance, the wounded men were finally evacuated just prior to the occupation of the area by enemy troops. Technician Fifth Grade Smith's courage and devotion to duty disregarding the hazards involved were an inspiring example to his fellow comrades. Entered military service from Glendale, Arizona.

THOMAS E. TRUAX 38010415, Private First Class, Company C, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. A rifle squad became pinned down by intense fire from an enemy machine gun nest and because of the intervening terrain features, it was impossible to place effective fire on the hostile position. Private First Class Truax volunteered to destroy the gun and arming himself with a rifle, he advanced toward the enemy position covered by rifle fire

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from the other members of the squad. After killing a German sniper who had been firing at him, he succeeded in circling the machine gun nest and killed all three of its occupants. He then returned to his comrades and assisted in evacuating wounded men. Private First Class Truax's superb courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit to him and to men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Carrizozo, New Mexico.

So much of General Orders Number 29, this Headquarters, cs, as pertains to CHARLES E. WEIGAND 017731 INF, Lieutenant Colonel, is rescinded. Corrected citation is as follows:

CHARLES D. WIEGAND 017731 INF, Lieutenant Colonel, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943 and ** July 1943, near ***** Airfield, Sicily. In the attack on the ***** Airfield, Lieutenant Colonel Wiegand led the assault of his leading companies and by his example of personal bravery and complete disregard of danger under heavy machine gun and artillery fire, inspired both his men and officers to the extent of influencing the successful outcome of the action and the capture of the airfield. Upon being counter-attacked by the enemy on the following day, Lieutenant Colonel Wiegand personally supervised the successful defense of his battalion, again inspiring his men by his complete disregard of danger. Entered United States Military Academy from Maryland.

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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following individual:

STANLEY STERN 32782071, Private, Company B, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** November 1943, near *****, Italy. During an attack on strongly defended German positions on a hill, the advance of Private Stern's unit was halted by heavy machine gun and rifle fire. Maneuvering to an excellent spot, Private Stern destroyed a hostile machine gun squad with his rifle, accounting for at least three enemy soldiers. Further up the hill he silenced another machine gun nest but met his death while doing so. Private Stern's courage and devotion to duty transcending all thoughts of personal safety are an inspiring example to his organization and to men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from New York, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Sadie Stern (Mother), 2 Pinehurst Avenue, New York City, New York.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

CLAUDE E. BRAZIER 38287050, Private First Class, Company I, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** October 1943, near *****, Italy. In preparation for an impending infantry attack against the enemy, Private First Class Brazier and three other men were located at a road block serving as an outpost when the position was attacked by four German Mark IV tanks. Private First Class Brazier, armed with a Browning automatic rifle, and another man, firing an M-1 rifle, shot at the tanks' observation slits while the other two men fired a rocket launcher and rifle grenades until their supply of rockets and grenades was exhausted. The heroic efforts of these men succeeded in repelling the enemy tanks, preventing a serious penetration of our lines which might have resulted in heavy casualties to our foot troops. The daring action of Private First Class Brazier are an inspiring example to men of the Armed Forces and are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Ennis, Texas.

LARRICK L. CAPPS 20836756, Sergeant, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, northwest of *****, Sicily. Sergeant Capps accompanied an officer and another enlisted man on an extremely dangerous reconnaissance mission over eight kilometers of heavily mined roads, across two mined bridges, and through two companies of hostile infantry to an enemy command post in *****, Sicily. The reconnaissance party demanded and received from the enemy commanding officer the surrender of his troops which proved to number over one thousand Italian soldiers located in positions all around *****, as well as hundreds of weapons and tons of ammunition. The fearlessness and composure displayed by Sergeant Capps in proceeding on this hazardous mission and risking almost certain capture, reflect great credit to him and the military service. Home address: Denver, Colorado.

LOUIS CORDOVA 34078218, Private First Class, Company I, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** October 1943, near *****, Italy. In preparation for an impending infantry attack against the enemy, Private First Class Cordova and three other men were located at a road block serving as an outpost when the position was attacked by four German Mark IV tanks. While one man fired at the tanks' observation slits with their M-1 and automatic rifles, Private First Class Cordova and

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the other man fired a rocket launcher and rifle grenades at the advancing tanks until their supply of rockets and grenades was exhausted. The heroic efforts of these men succeeded in repelling the enemy tanks, preventing a serious penetration of our lines which might have resulted in heavy casualties to our foot troops. The daring actions of Private First Class Cordova are an inspiring example to men of the Armed Forces and are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Grand Cane, Louisiana.

VINCENT D. DUSKUS 13054499, Technician Fifth Grade, *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for gallantry in action on ** July 1943, northwest of *****, Sicily. Technician Fifth Grade Duskus accompanied an officer and another enlisted man on an extremely dangerous reconnaissance mission over eight kilometers of heavily mined roads, across two mined bridges, and through two companies of hostile infantry to an enemy command post in *****, Sicily. The reconnaissance party demanded and received from the enemy commanding officer the surrender of his troops which proved to number over one thousand Italian soldiers located in positions all around *****, as well as hundreds of weapons and tons of ammunition. The fearlessness and composure displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Duskus in proceeding on this hazardous mission and risking almost certain capture, reflect great credit to him and the military service. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS J. EAGON 20651859, Corporal, Battery B, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. Our forces were in a defensive position when Corporal Eagon accompanied a forward artillery observer to a hay shed near the forward infantry lines. During that morning the enemy launched strong counter-attacks at two different times, bringing the observation post under heavy machine gun and small arms fire. Disregarding personal safety, Corporal Eagon remained at the observation post under the steady fire, and continued to locate targets and assist the observer in adjusting fire on the advancing enemy troops, contributing greatly in repulsing the attacks when only fifty yards from the position. Corporal Eagon was wounded during the final attack but continued to perform his duties until the enemy was successfully driven back. Corporal Eagon's courage and unswerving devotion to duty on this occasion reflect great credit to him and his organization. Entered military service from La Crosse, Wisconsin.

GEORGE E. HAMMERS 38005824, Corporal, Company E, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** October 1943, near *****, Italy. In preparation for an impending infantry attack against the enemy, Corporal Hammers and three other men were located at a road block serving as an outpost when the position was attacked by four German mark IV tanks. Corporal Hammers, armed with an M-1 rifle, and another man, firing a Browning automatic rifle, shot at the tanks' observation slits while the other two men fired a rocket launcher and rifle grenades until their supply of rockets and grenades was exhausted. The heroic efforts of these men succeeded in repelling the enemy tanks, preventing a serious penetration of our lines which might have resulted in heavy casualties to our foot troops. The daring actions of Corporal Hammers are an inspiring example to men of the Armed Forces and are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

DONALD V. RICH 0445041 INF, Second Lieutenant, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** December 1943, near *****, Italy. While the company was attacking over extremely rugged terrain in a heavy, cold rain, such well-directed small arms fire was delivered from four prepared German positions that further forward movement was impossible. Lieutenant Rich skilfully established a base of fire with his platoon's weapons to cover the flanking movements of himself and his runner. Grenades thrown by the enemy wounded the runner, but Lieutenant Rich pushed on, hurled two hand grenades into the position, and captured the occupants. He continued on alone, through machine gun fire, and captured the machine gun squad and later the occupants of the other two positions. His courageous, fearless and aggressive actions caused the enemy's fire to be silenced; netted nine prisoners, cleared the way to the company objective, inspired the men of the command, and fulfilled the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Portland, [illegible]. (Medal Number 35944)

JAMES A. [illegible], Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company L, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, south of *****, Italy. On a scouting patrol Staff Sergeant Rutledge, accompanied by two men, swam across the ***** River under enemy artillery, rifle, and machine gun fire, and successfully passed through the enemy lines. He penetrated to the south edge of [illegible] where he

secured enemy documents, maps, and made sketches of enemy positions which later aided greatly in the attack against the enemy. On the way back to his lines, Staff Sergeant Rutledge encountered a concentration of German armored cars near a command post, and by radio, directed accurate artillery fire on them, damaging many and knocking out the command post. The courage and perseverance displayed by Staff Sergeant Rutledge in this gallant act reflect great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Boulder, Colorado.

FREDERICK L. SANDERS 31075426, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** October 1943, near *****, Italy. After an enemy fire opening attack which caused many casualties, Private First Class Sanders was administering first aid to wounded men when the enemy placed a concentrated artillery and mortar barrage in the area. During the shelling Private First Class Sanders was severely wounded in the chest but continued to give first aid to the wounded until he became too weak to stand. He then had himself propped up and from this position directed the treatment of casualties, refusing to be evacuated until all injured men had been treated. Private First Class Sanders' courage and remarkable devotion to duty are an inspiring example to all men of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

VALERIO A. SANVIDO JR 36533081, Private First Class (then Private), Company B, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. When two rifle platoons came under extremely heavy fire from two reinforced companies of enemy infantry supported by automatic weapons and artillery fire, their maneuverability became greatly limited. Private First Class Sanvido, observing the situation, secured a Browning automatic rifle, and proceeded fifty yards through the hostile fire to a strategic point on a road bend where he placed effective fire on the enemy. This covering fire inflicted many casualties on the enemy, enabling friendly troops to reform on new positions and to continue the attack. The daring displayed by Private First Class Sanvido on this occasion reflects the high ideals of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Parma Heights, Ohio.

JOHN P. SCHAEFER JR 32204779, Corporal, Company D, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** and ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. Corporal Schaefer directed mortar fire from a forward observation post for two days and nights without relief, throughout repeated counter-attacks by hostile infantry and tanks. Located well in front of friendly lines, he remained at his post even though all supporting infantry troops had left this area because of the heavy enemy fire. He continued to keep his gun firing until German tanks attacked the position from the rear, making it necessary for the squad and himself to move to another position. Corporal Schaefer's courage and leadership under fire are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Springfield Gardens, New York.

GLENN E. TERRY 38005302, Sergeant (then Corporal), Company L, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. During a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire, Sergeant Terry was leading his squad to the safety of a road embankment nearby when one of his men was seriously wounded and fell unnoticed. Only after reaching the embankment did Sergeant Terry realize what had happened, and, without regard to personal safety, he returned through the artillery fire to the injured man. He then proceeded to drag the bleeding man to cover where he immediately administered first aid. The concern for the welfare of his men reflect great credit to Sergeant Terry and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Cortez, Colorado.

CHARLES G. TRIEBSCH 33110677, Sergeant (then Corporal), Company D, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** and ** September 1943, near *****, Italy. Sergeant Triebsch, leader of a mortar section, directed mortar fire from a forward observation post for two days and nights without relief, throughout repeated counter-attacks by enemy infantry and tanks. Located well in front of friendly lines, he remained at his post even though all supporting infantry troops had left this area because of the heavy hostile fire. He continued to keep his guns in action until German tanks attacked the position from the rear, making it necessary for the section and himself to move to another position. Sergeant Triebsch's courage and leadership under fire are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Home address: Brilliantville, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM E. WARD 38005466, Sergeant, Company I, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** October 1943, near *****, Italy. In preparation for an impending infantry attack against the enemy, Sergeant Ward and three other men were located at a road block serving as an outpost when the position was attacked by four German Mark IV tanks. While two men fired at the tanks' observation slits with their M-1 and automatic rifles, Sergeant Ward and the other man fired a rocket launcher and rifle grenades at the advancing tanks until their supply of rockets and grenades was exhausted. The heroic efforts of these men succeeded in repelling the enemy tanks, preventing a serious penetration of our lines which might have resulted in heavy casualties to our foot troops. The daring actions of Sergeant Ward are an inspiring example to men of the Armed Forces and are worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

EARVIN J. CRADDOCK 20826218, Corporal, Company G, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** November 1943, north of *****, Italy. Attacking a firmly entrenched German force on a hill top, our troops were unable to advance and artillery fire was unsuccessful in dislodging the enemy. Corporal Craddock, with three other men, worked his way up to the top of the hill through enemy artillery and machine gun fire, assaulted the position, killed three German soldiers, wounded others, and drove the hostile force from this strategic position, enabling our troops to take possession of the important height. The unusual courage displayed by Corporal Craddock in his gallant action reflects great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Ravia, Oklahoma.

MILO J. CROSS 0205833 INF, Second Lieutenant, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** November 1943, near *****, Italy. While attacking up a steep, rocky mountain, Lieutenant Cross and his platoon were pinned down by heavy fire from an enemy machine gun and rifles in addition to hand grenades dropped down the steep slope. Without regard for personal safety, Lieutenant Cross crawled to a point twenty yards from the enemy machine gun and when he exposed himself to throw a hand grenade, he was shot through the head. Although badly wounded, he continued to throw hand grenades until the enemy was forced to withdraw, thus enabling the platoon to continue the attack and successfully occupy the mountain. Lieutenant Cross' courageous leadership is exemplary of the high ideals of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Marion, Ohio.

BENSON M. FORD 20826221, Private, Company G, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** November 1943, north of *****, Italy. Attacking a firmly entrenched German force on a hill top, our troops were unable to advance and artillery fire was unsuccessful in dislodging the enemy. Private Ford, with three other men, worked his way up to the top of the hill through enemy artillery and machine gun fire assaulted the position, killed three German soldiers, wounded others, and drove the hostile force from this strategic position, enabling our troops to take possession of the important height. The unusual courage displayed by Private Ford in his gallant action reflects great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Ardmore, Oklahoma.

ESRA L. FUGETT 35038764, Private, Company G, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** November 1943, north of *****, Italy. Attacking a firmly entrenched German force on a hill top, our troops were unable to advance and artillery fire was unsuccessful in dislodging the enemy. Private Fugett, with three other men, worked his way up to the top of the hill through enemy artillery and machine gun fire, assaulted the position, killed three German soldiers, wounded others, and drove the hostile force from this strategic position, enabling our troops to take possession of the important height. The unusual courage displayed by Private Fugett in his gallant action reflects great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Yocum, Kentucky.

MATT N. HAUER 36367930, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, *** Engineer Battalion, for gallantry in action on ** November 1943, near *****, Italy. Technician Fifth Grade Hauer, a bulldozer operator, was constructing across the ***** River a ford that was vitally needed for supplying our advancing infantry troops. When the enemy placed a concentration of artillery in and around the ford site, Technician Fifth Grade Hauer, realizing the extreme importance of time, continued operating his bulldozer despite the shells falling continually around him. He completed his important task in excellent time, making it possible to furnish the attacking infantry with greatly needed supplies. Technician Fifth Grade Hauer's gallant actions on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Batavia, Illinois.

EDWARD W. KRAFT 20839306, Sergeant, Company L, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** September 1943, south of *****, Italy. Sergeant Kraft accompanied an officer on an extremely hazardous scouting patrol into enemy territory, passing through barrages from our artillery, and penetrating eight miles behind the German lines. Well aware of the possibility of being captured, Sergeant Kraft located three batteries of enemy artillery, followed and mapped routes of withdrawal and obtained much information of value to the subsequent advance of our troops. He returned on the morning of ** September 1943, and reported the results of his reconnaissance mission to Division Headquarters. The unusual daring displayed by Sergeant Kraft is an inspiring example to the men of his organization and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Snyder, Colorado.

LOUIE C. MAHAN 20846497, Private First Class, Company B, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** November 1943, near *****, Italy. After our troops captured an important hill position from strongly resisting Germans, the enemy immediately placed a high concentration of artillery fire in the area which wounded every member of a squad except its leader. Private First Class Mahan was wounded in the left arm although bleeding badly, he refused to leave the area, insisting upon remaining behind. He assisted his squad leader in administering first aid to the injured men and in removing them to a place of safety. Private First Class Mahan's initiative and devotion to duty transcending all thoughts of personal safety reflect the finest traditions of the military service. Home address: Flagstaff, Arizona.

EDWARD F. MAHER 31010462, Private, Headquarters Battery, *** Infantry Division Artillery, for gallantry in action on the night of ** November 1943, in *****, Italy. The enemy placed a heavy concentration of 150 mm shells on the command post, hitting the building several times and demolishing various sections. When a shell crashed through the roof and detonated in the ceiling of a room, it seriously wounded several members of the battery and buried them under debris. Private Maher left his place of protective safety, proceeded to the injured men, and while heavy fire was still in progress, assisted in digging the wounded men out of the debris and removing them to a place of safety where first aid was administered. Private Maher's gallantry on this occasion reflects great credit to him and his organization. Entered military service from New Haven, Connecticut.

ROY E. MATLOCK 38015753, Sergeant, Company G, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** November 1943, north of *****, Italy. Attacking a firmly entrenched German force on a hill top, our troops were unable to advance and artillery fire was unsuccessful in dislodging the enemy. Sergeant Matlock, with three other men, worked his way up to the top of the hill through enemy artillery and machine gun fire, assaulted the position, killed three German soldiers, wounded others, and drove the hostile force from this strategic position, enabling our troops to take possession of the important hill mt. The unusual courage displayed by Sergeant Matlock in this gallant action reflects great credit to him and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Mayfield, Oklahoma.

VIRGIL E. MYERS 38017584, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Headquarters Battery, *** Infantry Division Artillery, for gallantry in action on ** November 1943, in *****, Italy. The enemy placed a heavy concentration of 150 mm shells on the command post, hitting the building several times and demolishing various sections. When a shell crashed through the roof and detonated in the ceiling of a room it seriously wounded several members of the battery and buried them under debris. Although wounded a few days previously, and suffering from a few broken ribs, Technician Fourth Grade Myers left his place of protective safety, and while heavy fire was still falling, assisted in digging the wounded men out of the debris and removed them to a place of safety where first aid was administered. Technician Fourth Grade Myers' gallantry on this occasion reflects great credit to him and his organization. Entered military service from Concord, Oklahoma.

MORRIS K. SWEET 38039688, Sergeant, Company B, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** November 1943, near *****, Italy. When his squad attacked strongly defended German positions on a hill, Sergeant Sweet personally destroyed two hostile machine gun nests and inflicted many casualties on the enemy. After successfully taking their objective, Sergeant Sweet and his squad were subjected to an intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage which killed one man and wounded every member of the squad with the exception of Sergeant Sweet. Despite the heavy hostile fire, Sergeant Sweet administered first aid to the injured and assisted in carrying them back to safety, finally leaving him alone in the position. He continued to maintain his position until other squads arrived to support him in defending the area.

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Sergeant Swett's courage and concern for the welfare of his men reflect great credit to himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from Lexington, Virginia.

J. D. MACKENZELLER 38016926, Corporal, Company L, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** November 1943, near *****, Italy. While on a scouting patrol when a man was seriously wounded, Corporal Mackenzeller, with utter disregard for personal safety, crawled through heavy enemy small arms and automatic weapon fire to the wounded man and administered first aid. Still under continuous fire, he heroically dragged the injured man back to safety from where he was evacuated. Very shortly thereafter, the patrol was forced to withdraw and the enemy occupied the area. Corporal Mackenzeller's gallant action prevented the certain capture of the wounded man and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Duncan, Oklahoma.

LOUIS J. MRUBEL 32277876, Private, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ** November 1943, near *****, Italy. Although not attached to an attacking platoon, Private Mrubel left his unit and spontaneously proceeded through heavy small arms, mortar and artillery fire, to assist the aid men of the platoon which had suffered several casualties. After all injured men had been attended, he returned to his unit. A short time later, the same platoon was subjected to an extremely heavy concentration of artillery and mortar fire which inflicted more casualties. Private Mrubel proceeded across open ground under heavy shelling and again aided in administering first aid to wounded men. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Mrubel reflect the fine traditions of the military service. Home address: Manville, New Jersey.

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Award of the Oak Leaf Cluster I
Award of the Purple Heart II

I -- AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, is awarded to the following individual:

NOLAN J. PAZEN 20825763, Sergeant, 45th MP Platoon. For wounds received in action on 23 November 1943, near Venafro, Italy. Home address: Henryetta, Oklahoma.

II - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following individuals:

ALVIN J. [illegible] 20041924, Private, Company C, 120th Engineer Battalion. For wounds received in action on 9 November 1943, near Pozzilli, Italy. Home address: Las Vegas, New Mexico. (Medal Number 413703)

HIRAM C. MUDLEAN 32784242, Private, 45th MP Platoon. For wounds received in action on 23 November 1943, near Venafro, Italy. Home address: Brooklyn, New York. (Medal Number 216991)

RAY D. [illegible]HAM 20835332, Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 120th Medical Battalion. For wounds received in action on 10 October 1943, at Tonia, Italy. Home address: Tuska, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 214899)

ROBERT C. FLYNN 01290058 CAV, Second Lieutenant, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. For wounds received in action on 22 September 1943, near Carpinoni, Italy. Home address: Springfield, Massachusetts. (Medal Number 158052)

HOWARD A. KELLAR 35367097, Technician Fifth Grade, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. For wounds received in action on 22 September 1943, near Carpinoni, Italy. Home address: Indianapolis, Indiana. (Medal Number 158130)

WILLARD H. GOLDSTEIN 15200369, Corporal, 45th MP Platoon. For wounds received in action on 21 November 1943, near Venafro, Italy. Home address: Columbus, Ohio. (Medal Number 302524)

JAMES D. SUTHERLAND 33018371, Private, 45th MP Platoon. For wounds received in action on 21 November 1943, near Venafro, Italy. Home address: Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 214387)

ROBERT C. WEILEPING 01105267 CE, Second Lieutenant, 120th Engineer Battalion. For wounds received in action on 12 December 1943, near Venafro, Italy. Home address: Fort Wayne, Indiana. (Medal Number 158035)

GASTON A. GARCIA 20834660, Private, Company C, 120th Engineer Battalion. For wounds received in action on 27 November 1943, near Venafro, Italy. Home address: Dulce, New Mexico. (Medal Number 157597)

CHARLES L. [illegible]SON 36618234, Private, H & S Company, 120th Engineer Battalion. For wounds received in action on 1 December 1943, near Venafro, Italy. Home address: Chicago, Illinois. (Medal Number 157953)

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ISAIAS GUTIERREZ Jr. 20841648, Corporal, Company A, 120th Engineer Battalion. For wounds received in action on 13 November 1943, near Venafro, Italy. Home address: Albuquerque, New Mexico. (Medal Number 157952)

FRANCIS J. CLARK 31098439, Private, Company C, 120th Engineer Battalion. For wounds received in action on 16 December 1943, near Venafro, Italy. Home address: Cherlmont, Massachusetts. (Medal Number 157598)

ALBA S. PHILPOTT 35118869, Corporal, 106th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (SP). For wounds received in action on 10 November 1943, near Venafro, Italy. Home address: Lexington, Kentucky. (Medal Number 209469)

GORDON B. BROOKS 20543695, Technician Fifth Grade, 106th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (SP). For wounds received in action on 14 December 1943, near Venafro, Italy. Home address: Glasgow, Kentucky. (Medal Number 208971)

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Award of the Oak Leaf Cluster I
Award of the Purple Heart II

I -- AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, is awarded to the following individuals:

WALTER A. NAGEL 32212501, Private First Class, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 15 December 1943, near Venafro, Italy. Home address: Buffalo, New York.

CARL L. HOOD 38005938, Private First Class, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 21 December 1943, near Mt Cavallo, Italy. Home address: Denver, Colorado.

II - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following individuals:

JAMES L. DEAN 38006710, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 22 December 1943, near Mt Cavallo, Italy. Home address: Denver, Colorado. (Medal Number 217756)

JOHN F. SCHAEFER JR 32204779, Corporal, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 21 December 1943, near Mt Cavallo, Italy. Home address: Springfield Garden, New York. (Medal Number 217755)

ROBERT S. WIGGERLY 35099568, Private, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 15 December 1943, near Pozzilli, Italy. Home address: Muncie, Indiana. (Medal Number 217754)

JOE M. ROBERTSON 0428371 INF, First Lieutenant, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 15 December 1943, near Venafro, Italy. Home address: Lamar, Colorado. (Medal Number 217749)

RICHARD L. OSMUND 38006086, Sergeant, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 22 December 1943, near Mt Cavallo, Italy. Home address: Ordway, Colorado. (Medal Number 217757)

RALPH W. FOX 35608084, Private, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 18 December 1943, near Venafro, Italy. Home address: Apple Creek, Ohio. (Medal Number 217761)

DANIEL J. MORAN JR 35539614, Private, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 22 December 1943, near Mt Cavallo, Italy. Home address: Cleveland, Ohio. (Medal Number 217360)

ALBERT DUSEAULT 31067840, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 22 December 1943, near Mt Cavallo, Italy. Home address: Boston, Massachusetts. (Medal Number 217743)

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NEIL E. MURRAY 32490866, Private, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 22 December 1943, near Mt Cavallo, Italy. Home address: Ausable Falls, New York. (Medal Number 215260)

WALTER E. WAGNER 20837522, First Sergeant, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 22 December 1943, near Mt Cavallo, Italy. Home address: Greeley, Colorado. (Medal Number 215249)

HARVEY J. ROLAND 35463414, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 22 December 1943, near Mt Cavallo, Italy. Home address: Cincinnati, Ohio. (Medal Number 215227)

WILLIAM R. MASON 20839158, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 22 December 1943, near Mt Cavallo, Italy. Home address: Fort Morgan, Colorado. (Medal Number 215218)

GRANVILLE B. BARNES 33524388, Corporal, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 22 December 1943, near Mt Cavallo, Italy. Home address: Norfolk, Virginia. (Medal Number 215217)

CLIFFORD J. SCHELL 35790928, Private First Class, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 14 December 1943, near Venafro, Italy. Home address: Cannerock, Kentucky. (Medal Number 214226)

CLINTON V. SOMERS 33535584, Private First Class, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 22 December 1943, near Mt Cavallo, Italy. Home address: Floyd, Virginia. (Medal Number 214205)

MORAN E. WAKEN 31061087, Private, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 29 July 1943, near Tusa, Sicily. Home address: Providence, Rhode Island. (Medal Number 214163)

KENNETH D. WICKER 13129649, Private, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 16 December 1943, near Pozzilli, Italy. Home address: Millbank, New York. (Medal Number 214187)

ALVAN L. SAUER 20838316, Technician Fifth Grade, Cannon Company, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 6 October 1943, near Benevento, Italy. Home address: Boulder, Colorado. (Medal Number 214196)

JIACOMO A. RIGIOFFO 32506330, Private First Class, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 16 December 1943, near Pozzilli, Italy. Home address: New York, New York. (Medal Number 214171)

WILLIAM M. ARMSTRONG 38005946, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 21 December 1943, near Mt Cavallo, Italy. Home address: Pueblo, Colorado. (Medal Number 214206)

LOUIS C. MASIP 31061158, Sergeant, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 21 December 1943, near Mt Cavallo, Italy. Home address: Providence, Rhode Island. (Medal Number 214211)

JOSEPH T. CHARPENTIER 31289278, Private, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 20 December 1943, near Pozzilli, Italy. Home address: Central Falls, Rhode Island. (Medal Number 214218)

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Award of the First, Second, and Third Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal I
Award of the Air Medal. II

I - AWARD OF THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTERS TO THE AIR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First, Second and Third Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal are awarded to the following officer, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy:

MAYNARD B TANNER 01691878, Field Artillery, Second Lieutenant, Headquarters Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, from 4 February to 13 December 1944 in Italy and France. Entered military service from Hays, Kansas.

II - AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Air Medal is awarded to the following officer for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy:

FRANK A EIFLER 01168652, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Battery, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, from 31 October to 13 December 1944 in France. Entered military service from Roxbury, Massachusetts.

By command of Major General FREDERICK:

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Award of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster....I
Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart....II
Award of the Purple Heart.....III

I -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART AND THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart and Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received in action:

PATSY J CUZZOLA, 33100279, Infantry, Private, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, in Italy, 11 September 1943; and Italy, 14 October 1943. Home address: Franklin, Pennsylvania.

II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received in action:

DANIEL J MC GARRY JR 31061047, Infantry, Corporal, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, in Italy, 24 September 1943. Home address: Chicopee, Massachusetts.

III AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received in action:

FRANK CASSILLO 32023731, Field Artillery, Private, Service Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 10 December 1944. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

FRANKLIN COLLEY 13017142, Field Artillery, Private, Headquarters Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 5 December 1944. Home address: Clinchco, Virginia.

NORMAN A DENNY 01306709, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 December 1944. Home address: Ogdensburg, New York.

KENT G DICKSON 34895491, Medical Department, Private, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 January 1945. Home address: Silas Creek, North Carolina.

ROBERT L GEST 36296790, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Company C, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 3 January 1945. Home address: De Forest, Wisconsin.

SAMUEL A HALPERN 31382294, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 September 1944. Home address: New Britain, Connecticut.

DAVID S LEVINE 31372234, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, [illegible]. Home address: Brighton, Massachusetts.

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JOE L MOORE 34438675, Signal Corps, Technician Fifth Grade, Signal Company, France, 2 January 1945. Home address: Point, North Carolina.

HOWARD R PETTEY 39919653, Corps of Engineers, Private, Company A, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 24 December 1944. Home address: Ferron, Utah.

DONALD E ROHRER 35229856, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 October 1944. Home address: Springfield, Ohio.

CHARLES J UTT 01296120, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 December 1944. Home address: Slatington, Pennsylvania.

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Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal I
Award of the Bronze Star Medal. II

I — AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to each of the following enlisted men:

WILLIAM STANLEY 33694887, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 June 1944 near Corioli, Italy. Moving at the head of his platoon as lead scout, Private Stanley discovered a well-concealed enemy machine gun position. He immediately opened fire with a rifle grenade, pointing out the position to the men behind him, then crawled to within close range and assisted in destroying the nest with hand grenades. His alert and courageous action prevented an ambush and materially aided his company's attack. Entered military service from Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs Mary Stanley (Mother), Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania.

PETER S REYNOSA 38453112, Infantry, Private, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 June 1944 near Corioli, Italy. As it left a draw during an attack, Private Reynosa's company was stopped by heavy enemy fire. Crawling across open terrain covered by hostile mortar and artillery fire, Private Reynosa, using hand grenades, assisted in silencing several hostile machine gun positions and enabled his company to continue its advance. He was killed later in the day by enemy fire, but his courage and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Antonia Reynosa (Mother), 220 Virginia Boulevard, San Antonio, Texas.

FRED J BORYS 31061070, Infantry, Sergeant, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 June 1944 near Corioli, Italy. While advancing through a draw, Sergeant Borys' company was subjected to heavy enemy fire and forced to disperse. Sergeant Borys, however, led his own squad forward aggressively in spite of the intense artillery and mortar fire. With the use of hand grenades and rifle fire, his squad neutralized two enemy machine gun positions and enabled his company to continue its advance. He was killed later in the day, but his courageous and aggressive leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Chicopee, Massachusetts. Next of kin: Mrs. Victoria Borys (Mother), 153 Nonotuck Avenue, Chicopee, Massachusetts.

CURTIS B BEVILLE 34057990, Infantry, Private,
Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered military service from Live Oak, Florida.
Next of kin: Mrs. Lona Rodding (Mother), Mulberry, Florida.

FRED H WREGE 35702968, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.
Next of kin: Mrs. Gladys Wrege (Mother), 1707 Dundee Road, Louisville, Kentucky.

For heroic achievement in action on 31 May 1944 near Corioli, Italy. While advancing on strongly fortified enemy positions, the above named men's company was subjected to heavy artillery and mortar fire, and was forced to disperse. Privates Beville and Wrege, however, by remaining in the open to

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deliver sustained and accurate fire with their machine gun, inflicted substantial losses on the hostile force and inspired their comrades to continue the attack.

II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

NICHOLAS T AARON 34023942, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private), Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 February 1944 on the Anzio Beachhead, Italy. During a severe enemy attack, Sergeant Aaron's light machine gun was destroyed by hostile mortars. Sergeant Aaron crossed open terrain under a concentration of enemy mortar, tank and artillery fire, obtained another machine gun, and inflicted substantial losses on the enemy with sustained and accurate fire. When the second machine gun was destroyed and Sergeant Aaron was finally forced to withdraw, he fought back with grenades and an M-1 rifle, inflicting more casualties on the attacking forces. Entered military service from Pensacola, Florida.

CHARLIE E DUKE 38016140, Signal Corps, Sergeant, 45th Signal Company, for meritorious service in combat on 10 September 1944 near Romain, France. Entered military service from Eufaula, Oklahoma. * only

CHARLES J HENSHALL 32753658, Signal Corps, Private, 45th Signal Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 14 December 1943 to 27 December 1944 in Italy and France. Entered military service from Westville, New Jersey. * only

HORACE J HUGHES 39172551, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 31 May 1944 near Aprilia, Italy. When other means of communication were disrupted by a heavy concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire during an attack, Private Hughes carried a number of important messages through machine gun and small arms fire from the battalion commander to the front line companies. He provided communication between the battalion command post and forward observation posts and materially aided the battalion's attack. Entered military service from Ferndale, Washington.

RUSSEL E PENTECOST 37606440, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 May 1944 on the Anzio Beachhead, Italy. When two members of a patrol from his company were cut off by hostile machine gun fire, Private Pentecost crawled to an exposed position to gain good observation and opened fire on the enemy. Although the area was covered by sniper and machine gun fire, Private Pentecost's rapid and accurate rifle fire killed one member of the hostile machine gun crew, forced the remaining crew members and a sniper to withdraw, and enabled his comrades to return to friendly lines. Entered military service from West Plains, Missouri.

LESTER E PRAWITZ 37125451, Medical Department, Technician Fourth Grade, Company A, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from September to December 1944 in France. Entered military service from Pilger, Nebraska. * only

JAMES THOMPSON 38016401, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 120th Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 11 December 1944 near Neiderbronn, France. While Technician Thompson was evacuating wounded from the battalion aid station, the enemy placed the road under heavy artillery fire. In spite of the hostile fire, he stopped his ambulance long enough to allow the sitting patients to move to cover, then drove the remainder of the wounded through the shell fire to the safety of the collecting company. Entered military service from Kiowa, Oklahoma.

LEWIS B TURNER 20420241, Infantry, Sergeant (then Corporal), Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 November 1944 near St. Remy, France. Sergeant Turner's machine gun squad was attached to a rifle company during a series of attacks near St. Remy. On 8 November, the

enemy launched a powerful counterattack, using superior numbers of infantry, and succeeded in isolating the company from the other units of the battalion. When one enemy group infiltrated behind his machine gun position, Sergeant Turner personally took his gun from its prepared emplacement and placed it in action against the enemy advancing from the rear. Although in an exposed position and the object of intense enemy fire, Sergeant Turner delivered a sustained and accurate fire, inflicting substantial losses on the enemy force. When his machine gun ammunition was exhausted, he ordered his men to use their supporting arms to hold off the enemy, and repeatedly exposed himself to small arms fire to encourage his men and direct their fire. On the subsequent move to new positions, Sergeant Turner was the last man in his squad to leave, remaining to cover the move and insure that his men safely reached the new area. His courageous and determined leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Lake City, Florida.

NORBERT S CRUM 35113510, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade,
Company A, 120th Medical Battalion.
Entered military service from Sarahsville, Ohio.

BUDDIE L CULPEPPER 38016348, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade,
Company A, 120th Medical Battalion.
Entered military service from Konawa, Oklahoma.

For heroic achievement in action on 10 December 1944 near Neidorbronn, France. Technicians Crum and Culpepper, on their own initiative, braved heavy small arms and artillery fire to evacuate a number of wounded men to the battalion aid station. Their courageous acts provided prompt medical attention to the wounded men at a time when the battalion aid men could not handle the numerous casualties.

ALFRED C CRAWLEY 34300748, Infantry (Armored Force), Sergeant,
Company C, 191st Tank Battalion.
Entered military service from Cherryville, North Carolina.

FRANK W CZUPRYNSKI 36657886, Infantry (Armored Force), Corporal,
Company C, 191st Tank Battalion.
Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

WOODROW W WILKINSON 20380228, Infantry (Armored Force), Private First Class,
Company C, 191st Tank Battalion.
Entered military service from Danville, Virginia.

VINCENT A WARD 36310305, Infantry (Armored Force), Private,
Company C, 191st Tank Battalion.
Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

For heroic achievement in action on 1 December 1944 near Ueberach, France. While on a mission near Ueberach, an infantry patrol met heavy resistance and was forced to withdraw to avoid encirclement. One wounded man was evacuated on the withdrawal, but four others were missing. The above named men of a tank crew volunteered to drive their tank into the woods to help their comrades. They moved as far as the point reached by the patrol, when they saw two of the men about two hundred yards away, attempting to crawl to safety. In spite of the danger of capture and the heavy enemy fire, the above named men climbed from their tank, ran to the wounded men, carried them back to the vehicle, and safely evacuated them to the rear.

OK So much of General Orders Number 248, this headquarters, 27 October 1944, Section V, Award of the Bronze Star Medal, Heroic Achievement in Action, as reads, "JOHN P RUGGE JR 01179187 FA, First Lieutenant, Battery A, 189th Field Artillery Battalion" is amended to read, "JOHN P RUGEE JR 01179187 FA, First Lieutenant Battery A, 189th Field Artillery Battalion".

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Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star I
Award, Posthumous, of the Silver Star II
Award of the Silver Star, Prisoner of War III
Award of the Silver Star. IV

I — AWARD OF THE FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

BENJAMIN F MARKS 33132078, Infantry, Sergeant, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 September 1944 near L'Isle Sur Le Doubs, France. Sergeant Marks' platoon occupied a defensive position on a hill overlooking a town. During the afternoon these positions, which were under direct observation of the enemy, received repeated concentrations of artillery fire. Several direct hits were made on a nearby artillery observation post and the observer and two of his men were severely wounded and all communication lines severed. On his own initiative, Sergeant Marks crawled forward over two hundred yards of exposed, observed terrain under direct hostile fire to repair the several breaks in the telephone line to the observation post. On reaching the observation post, Sergeant Marks called for counterbattery fire which silenced the enemy artillery. He then administered aid to the wounded men and directed their evacuation. The courage and high sense of duty demonstrated by Sergeant Marks reflect much credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Hopewell, Virginia.

ARTHUR B ROGERS 39096869, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Sergeant Rogers' platoon was given the mission of driving the Germans from dug-in positions near Grandvillers, while the remainder of the company was to follow and hold the objective. Established in a woods, the enemy was occupying a system of deep holes connected by trenches and protected by good fields of fire. As acting platoon leader, Sergeant Rogers led his men forward quietly and the platoon, taking the Germans by surprise, drove through the first line of defenses. As they advanced, however, intense hostile fire caused them to halt, while at the same time a number of enemy infiltrated into the line which had been cleared. Faced with possible encirclement, Sergeant Rogers redistributed the depleted supply of ammunition, shouted encouragement to his men, and then, moving at the head of his platoon, led an attack back to the line of foxholes and trenches, clearing the enemy from the dug-in positions, taking eleven prisoners and killing many more. His courageous and aggressive leadership was a major factor in the platoon's successful attack and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Handsford, California.

II — AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to each of the following enlisted men:

FRANK J ARMENTANO 31062724, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 October 1944 near St. Remy, France. When a strong enemy attack threatened to inflict severe losses on the rifle platoon to which his heavy machine gun section was attached, Sergeant Armentano quickly placed his right machine gun in action to meet the enemy assault. On learning that the enemy was attacking in a new sector, Sergeant Armentano led one of his squads through heavy sniper, machine gun and mortar fire to counter the new threat. During the enemy attack, his section gave effective

support to the rifle company, but a gunner and assistant gunner were killed and one gun was destroyed. Again Sergeant Armentano braved the intense hostile fire to move the remaining weapon to a more advantageous position. While so engaged, he was fatally wounded. His initiative and courage were contributing factors in the successful defense of the sector and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from West Hartford, Connecticut. Next of kin: Mrs. Josephine M. Armentano (Wife), 288 South Quaker Lane, West Hartford, Connecticut.

ROBERT S FULTON 18044429, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Sergeant Fulton's platoon was engaged in a company assault on a strongly fortified hill position. In the advance up the slope the platoon came under heavy enemy fire, however, Sergeant Fulton constantly moved from one to another of his sections in order to encourage his men and maintain speed and control during the advance. The leadership and example which he showed to the men in the attack resulted in rapidly securing the platoon objective. The enemy immediately placed heavy fire upon the lost position and Sergeant Fulton rapidly disposed his men to defend his section of the hill. Sergeant Fulton was wounded by machine gun fire while moving from group to group in organizing his newly-won position for defense. Although unable to rise from the position where he fell, he ignored his own condition and continued to shout his instructions to the members of his platoon. Sergeant Fulton died as a result of the wounds received in this action, but his outstanding aggressiveness and devotion to duty continue to be an inspiration to his men and reflect credit upon himself and the armed services. Entered military service from Taft, California. Next of kin: Mr. Joss L. Fulton (Father), Merced, California.

ERNEST NIELSEN 36262813, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 September 1944 near Bournois, France. When his company's advance was stopped by heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Nielsen unhesitatingly led his machine gun section through the intense fire to a position on the right flank where he could best support the riflemen. As the attack progressed, Sergeant Nielsen, determined to use the fire power of his section as effectively as possible, moved across the open terrain ahead of his squads on each advance to choose each new gun position. He then signalled his men forward, covering their movements with fire from his carbine. During the action, Sergeant Nielsen repeatedly and unhesitatingly exposed himself to hostile fire in order to encourage his men and supervise their firing. While so engaged he was killed by an enemy sniper. His courageous and aggressive leadership was an important factor in the successful attack of his company and reflects much credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Darlington, Wisconsin. Next of kin: Mrs. Evelyn Nielsen (Mother), Route #2, Darlington, Wisconsin.

FRANCISCO A ROMANO 6974747, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 October 1944 near St. Remy, France. The enemy launched a strong counterattack against the position held by the company to which Private Romano's heavy machine gun squad was attached. Private Romano, ammunition bearer, was approaching the gun with additional ammunition as the German attack reached its peak. As he neared his position he observed that the gun was out of action, that the gunner had been killed, and the assistant gunner had been wounded by an enemy grenade. Private Romano ran through heavy hostile mortar and small arms fire to take the dead gunner's place. Swinging the gun into action, he inflicted heavy casualties upon the approaching enemy. While intently engaged in the targets to his front, he was instantly killed by a German sniper who infiltrated from the flank. Private Romano's heavy, accurate fire at that critical moment was a material contribution in beating off the enemy attack. His initiative, sense of duty, and soldierly skill reflect high credit upon him and his unit. Entered military service from Camillus, New York. Next of kin: Mr. Frank Romano (Father), RFD #2, Camillus, New York.

III - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, PRISONER OF WAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following enlisted man, prisoner of war:

SOCORO MARTINE 38005547 Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 157th Infantry

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Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 February 1944 near Carroceto, Italy. When powerful enemy forces launched an all-out offensive to reduce the Anzio Beachhead, the positions occupied by Sergeant Martine's company were assaulted by superior numbers of infantry supported by heavy armor, artillery and bombing. The bombing and artillery concentrations severed communication lines between the forward elements and the company and battalion command posts; vital information known to the front line troops could not be communicated to the controlling command post. Sergeant Martine volunteered as a messenger to carry detailed information to the company. He completed three trips across five hundred yards of open terrain, under enemy observation and subject to heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, to deliver information to the company and battalion commanders, which proved invaluable in their coordinating efforts to beat off the vicious attacks. Sergeant Martine's courage, loyalty and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to the front line troops and information he transmitted brought to their assistance coordinated fire power of the battalion and its supporting artillery. Entered military service from La Junta, Colorado. Next of kin: Mr. Alvino Martine (Father), 424 West 2nd Street, La Junta, Colorado.

IV - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

BLAINE W BARNEY 20824412, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private), Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 February 1944 near Padiglione, Italy. The enemy launched a strong attack against positions occupied by Sergeant Barney's battalion on the Anzio Beachhead. During the heavy artillery concentration preceding the offensive, the battalion command post received two direct hits, all communications were disrupted, two radiomen were killed and four other men wounded. Sergeant Barney, although suffering from concussion and shock, crawled across three hundred yards of open terrain to find and repair the several breaks in the telephone lines. While the artillery barrage continued, he made two more trips through the dangerous area to restore communications. The communications he maintained gave the battalion commander effective control of the front line elements. His courage and determination reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Wellston, Oklahoma.

MORRIS MONESSON 32957214, Infantry, Sergeant, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 October 1944 near Fromifontaine, France. Upon being counterattacked by a numerically superior force of enemy, Sergeant Monesson's squad was ordered to reoccupy its original positions. While his comrades effected the movement, Sergeant Monesson boldly remained at his forward position and fired his submachine gun at the enemy who infiltrated around both of his flanks. When his ammunition was exhausted, he skillfully disengaged and rejoined his squad at its new line. Sergeant Monesson's courageous performance reflects much credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Lakewood, New Jersey.

ERICK H OLSON 38207846, Medical Department, Private, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 September 1944 near Meximieux, France. The battalion to which Private Olson was attached was engaged in heavy fighting against German forces attempting to retake the town of Meximieux. During the action Private Olson worked unceasingly in an area swept by both enemy and friendly fire to evacuate wounded men. While so engaged he was wounded by a shell fragment, but he refused to be evacuated because of the urgent need for aid men. Ignoring his own wounds, he crossed an area being covered by hostile machine gun and tank fire to give aid to another group of wounded men. When he discovered that the intense fire directed at the position prevented his removing the wounded from the area, he remained with the casualties, providing care and encouragement, until the fire subsided and litter bearers could reach the position. Only after all the casualties had been evacuated did Private Olson accept medical attention for himself. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his unit and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

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SAMUEL A SOUTH 35658341, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 June 1944 near Velletri, Italy. When the enemy launched a fierce counterattack in the sector held by his company, Sergeant South's machine gun emplacement became endangered by the German thrust. Instead of moving to a more secure position, Sergeant South remained where he could deliver effective short-range fire as the enemy approached. Three times German troops assaulted his position but each time he repulsed them. In spite of the hostile fire directed at him, Sergeant South maintained a steady and accurate fire and when the attack was finally repulsed, several dead and wounded enemy soldiers were found within twenty-five yards of his position. Sergeant South's courage and determination were fundamental factors in repelling the counterattack and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Ironton, Ohio.

THOMAS R TEJEDA 32795641, Infantry, Private, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. While advancing in an attack through a heavily wooded area, Private Tejeda's company encountered a well-established enemy center of resistance built around a series of machine gun emplacements. The company's advance was halted by the heavy German machine gun fire. Private Tejeda armed himself with a rocket launcher and, although under the direct fire of the hostile machine guns, he worked his way forward toward one of the emplacements. When within range of the enemy position he fired a carefully aimed rocket which struck one of the emplacements, killed the German crew, and put the machine gun out of action. Private Tejeda then moved toward another hostile machine gun and launched another rocket which forced the enemy to abandon the gun and flee. With these two guns silenced and the inspiration of Private Tejeda's gallant action, his platoon moved forward and secured its objective. Private Tejeda's courage, determination and skill were major factors in his platoon's success and reflect upon him much credit. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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

I — AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

ROY L CARNES JR 33159308, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July to 10 November 1943 in Sicily and Italy. Entered the military service from Swissvale, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES C HULGAN 13063384, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery A, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 15 August to 25 October 1944 in France. Entered the military service from Fyffe, Alabama.

HENRY G MARSHALL 34082778, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private First Class), Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 1 December 1944 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Concord, Georgia.

GILBERT M PAYNE 20831003, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 1 November 1944 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Loyal, Oklahoma.

II - AWARD OF THE FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded to the following officer:

HUGH H MIZE 01184697, Field Artillery, Second Lieutenant, Headquarters Battery, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy from 11 October to 25 November 1944 in France. Entered the military service from Sabetha, Kansas.

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Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal I
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Award of the Bronze Star Medal. III

I — AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following enlisted man:

WILLIE V STINSON 38018445, Field Artillery, Corporal, Battery A, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action from 14 to 18 September 1943 on the Salerno Beachhead, Italy. To enable his battery to displace in the face of a strong enemy counterattack, Corporal Stinson manned a .50 caliber machine gun in an exposed position on the forward slope of a hill. Although he drew tank and artillery fire, Corporal Stinson remained at his post for a long period of time until the battery's withdrawal had been completed successfully. Entered the military service from Ardmore, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mrs. Nancy A. Stinson (Mother), General Delivery, Marietta, Oklahoma.

II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man, missing in action:

MICHAEL G BUNICK 32209053, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 June 1944 near Campoleone, Italy. Observing that a group of enemy threatened to infiltrate through the flank of the rifle company his machine gun section was supporting, Sergeant Bunick quickly moved to an exposed position from which he could direct his guns and at the same time fire effectively himself. When the group attempted to assault the machine gun position, he opened fire with his submachine gun, killed six of the enemy, and dispersed the remainder. Entered the military service from New York, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Victoria Bunick (Mother), 565 Prospect Avenue, Bronx, New York.

III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

CLIFTON A ANDREWS 34609072, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, Special Troops, 45th Infantry Division (then Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment), for heroic achievement in action on 4 June 1944 near Corioli, Italy. When a heavy concentration of tank, mortar and small arms fire inflicted a number of casualties on the company to which he was attached, Private Andrews immediately went forward to administer aid to the wounded. Forced to crawl from position to position, he continued to work without rest for nearly ten hours, giving first aid and supervising the evacuation of the wounded. His courage and devotion to duty saved a number of lives. Entered the military service from High Point, North Carolina.

JOHN R BRADLEY 20826543, Infantry, First Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant), Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 December 194[illegible] near Filignano, Italy. Taking command after his platoon leader became a casualty, Sergeant Bradley made a reconnaissance under mortar and small arms fire. He then led his platoon in an assault which overran an enemy position and enabled his company to continue its attack. Reorganizing his men at the company objective, Sergeant Bradley directed the platoon in repulsing a strong German counterattack. Entered the military service from Stillwater, Oklahoma.

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JAMES W DALLAS 18018928, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 November 1944 near St. Remy, France. During a heavy counterattack, the enemy succeeded in isolating Sergeant Dallas' machine gun section. As the enemy neared his emplacement, Sergeant Dallas moved to an exposed position and, in spite of intense fire from enemy automatic weapons, began to direct effective machine gun fire at the attacking force. As the heavy fighting continued, the supply of machine gun ammunition became exhausted and Sergeant Dallas then rallied his men and led them in a successful breakthrough to friendly lines. Entered the military service from Tulia, Texas.

JAMES A FISHER 34883921, Infantry, Private, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 November 1944 near St. Remy, France. When the enemy launched a severe counterattack and threatened the company to which Private Fisher's machine gun section was attached, Private Fisher, an ammunition bearer, moved to an exposed position in the face of intense fire from enemy automatic weapons. There, delivering effective fire with his rifle, he assisted in repulsing numerous attempts to take the machine gun position. As the heavy fighting continued Private Fisher was seriously wounded by an enemy grenade, but he refused to be evacuated and continued to fire at the attacking enemy until his section was able to displace successfully. Entered the military service from Shelbyville, Tennessee.

JOHN F HAYES 36527201, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944 near Geney, France. While on reconnaissance, Sergeant Hayes observed a concentration of enemy tanks and personnel near his position. Skillfully crawling past enemy soldiers only ten yards away, Sergeant Hayes was able to enter a building which gave him excellent observation. He captured a German in the building and forced the prisoner to crawl back with him to the patrol. His courage and initiative made valuable information available to the company commander. Entered the military service from Alpena, Michigan.

ALLAN A HISEROTE 37677595, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private), Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 September 1944 near Meximieux, France. While his company was moving to new positions, Sergeant Hiserote remained behind to cover the move with effective fire from his machine gun. Although in an exposed position and under heavy enemy fire, he did not withdraw until both his own machine gun squad and a rifle squad had safely reached the new positions. Entered the military service from Hubbard, Iowa.

WILLIE R HOLMES 38353044, Infantry, Sergeant (then Corporal), Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 June 1944 near Corioli, Italy. When three enemy soldiers infiltrated and threw grenades into the platoon command post, inflicting several casualties, Sergeant Holmes quickly retaliated with two of his own grenades, killing all three of the enemy. Then, despite the nearness of the hostile force, Sergeant Holmes crawled to the crest of a hill where he could obtain a good field of fire, opened fire with his M-1 rifle, and killed or wounded five of the attacking force, aiding greatly in repulsing the enemy counterattack. Entered the military service from Hazen, Arkansas.

PAUL G LYSKO 31065141, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 September 1944 near Vimenil, France. When Sergeant Lysko's company encountered strong enemy resistance, he crawled to a vantage point on a road, where he could obtain the best observation of the enemy. Although his position was exposed to fire, he remained there throughout the ensuing fight, directing such effective mortar fire on the hostile defenses that the enemy suffered many casualties and was forced to withdraw. Entered the military service from Lawrence, Massachusetts.

GEORGE B NICHOLSON JR 0422959, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 October 1944 near Fromifontaine, France. When an enemy barrage severed communications to his mortar observation post, Lieutenant Nicholson twice moved out into the heavy fire to repair the line. Returning to his observation post, he remained in spite of the hostile shelling to direct effective mortar fire on the enemy force, materially aiding the attack by his company which followed. Entered

the military service from Syracuse, New York.

ADAM F OFFENBECHER 36247832, Medical Department, Private First Class, Company B, 120th Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 31 May 1944 near Corioli, Italy. When a battalion suffered numerous casualties during an attack, Private Offenbecher, an ambulance driver, voluntarily assumed the duties of a litter bearer and made repeated trips to the front lines to evacuate the wounded. Crossing open terrain under heavy artillery fire, he assisted in removing a number of wounded men to the battalion aid station and then drove them in his ambulance to the collecting company. Entered the military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

MELVIN W OLINGER 38015844, Infantry, Sergeant, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 May 1944 near Campoleone, Italy. Driving his truck under enemy artillery and mortar fire and through hostile mine fields, Sergeant Olinger kept his company supplied with food and ammunition during a series of attacks. Taking ammunition to one platoon, he was forced several times to crawl across one hundred and fifty yards of open terrain under enemy fire, but he succeeded in reaching the platoon command post each time with the needed supplies, enabling his company to continue its advance. Entered the military service from Porter, Oklahoma.

DUDLEY PORTER 01289962, Infantry, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 28 to 30 May 1944 near Campoleone, Italy. When the enemy launched a strong attack against positions held by his company, Captain Porter organized personnel of the company headquarters and held off the German assault with small arms and grenades. Although adjacent units had withdrawn, Captain Porter, by exposing himself to the heavy enemy fire, succeeded in directing the men in a successful defense of the position. When the attack was finally repulsed, twelve dead and five wounded enemy soldiers were found within forty yards of the position and six had been taken prisoner. Entered the military service from Hingham, Massachusetts.

WAYNE C REED 39212173, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 September 1944 near Leximieux, France. As Private Reed was moving with his company to new positions, he observed a wounded soldier lying in the open field across which he was proceeding. Despite the heavy enemy fire covering the area, Private Reed carried the wounded man to a defiladed position, where he administered first aid and then evacuated him through the intense fire to the battalion aid station. Entered the military service from Seattle, Washington.

CHARLES A RYAN 35109155, Field Artillery, Corporal, Battery A, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 28 October 1944 in France. When the officer in command of his forward observer's party was seriously wounded during an enemy mortar concentration, Corporal Ryan moved through the enemy fire to help the wounded officer and carried him to a covered position where he administered first aid and arranged his evacuation. Corporal Ryan then assumed command of the party and directed effective artillery fire on the enemy until another officer took his place. Entered the military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

JOSEPH H SONDEJ 32207062, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 May 1944 near Campoleone, Italy. To keep pace with a fast moving attack, Private Sondej drove his vehicle through enemy small arms and artillery fire to reconnoiter positions for his heavy weapons company. When the hostile shelling became intense, Private Sondej, instead of abandoning his truck to seek cover for himself, skillfully maneuvered his vehicle through a shallow ditch under a bridge, where it was protected from flying shrapnel. Entered the military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

BENJAMIN H WALTERS 33110652, Infantry, Private, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 November 1944 near St. Remy, France. When a counterattacking enemy force surrounded his machine gun position, Private Walters, an ammunition bearer, made repeated attempts in spite of the intense enemy fire to establish contact with the rest of our troops. When

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an enemy soldier began to fire at the emplacement with a bazooka, Private Walters killed the enemy soldier with accurate rifle fire. He then laid down such rapid and accurate rifle fire that the enemy was unable to take the position. Entered the military service from Cuddy, Pennsylvania.

LEE G WOLF 38015483, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 June 1944 near Aprilia, Italy. During a prolonged fire fight, Sergeant Wolf worked tirelessly to supply his company with ammunition, weapons and other equipment. Although forced to move through heavy enemy artillery, tank and small arms fire, he succeeded in reaching the troops with the needed supplies and materially aided the company's attack. Entered the military service from Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

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Award, Posthumous, of the Silver Star I
Award of the Silver Star. II

I — AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to each of the following enlisted men:

FRANCIS E BOYD 36678630, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 September 1944 near Archettes, France. After crossing the Moselle River, a rifle company's attack on an enemy hill position was stopped in an open field by fire from enemy automatic weapons and self-propelled guns. At the same time, enemy machine gunners attempted to cut off the company by infiltrating to the rear. Realizing the seriousness of the threat, Sergeant Boyd, whose squad was in support, moved his machine gun forward to obtain the best possible field of fire, and then delivered a steady and accurate fire on the emplacements which had been impeding the advance. The self-propelled gun began to shell his position, but Sergeant Boyd remained at his weapon, firing until he had silenced the enemy machine guns, killing and wounding three of the enemy and forcing the others to withdraw. His courageous and aggressive conduct was a major contribution to the successful attack, and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Mount Carroll, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Bessie Boyd (Mother), Mount Carroll, Illinois.

CARL F DILL 3751[illegible]131, Infantry, Private, Company M, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 October 1944 near St. Remy, France. When the enemy launched a strong counterattack against the positions held by the rifle company to which he was attached, Private Dill emplaced his heavy machine gun and, in the face of intense enemy small arms fire, delivered deadly fire against the attacking enemy force. Soon after he had emplaced his weapon the rifle platoon nearby was ordered to occupy an alternate position and Private Dill remained to cover the platoon's move with fire from his weapon. Private Dill fired steadily against the advancing enemy and, while he gained time for the platoon to reach the alternate position, he was unable to stop the enemy's advance. He was killed by an enemy sniper who infiltrated to a nearby point. Private Dill's accurate fire inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy and secured for the platoon priceless time in which to occupy and hold alternate positions. His courage and determination reflect credit upon himself and emulate the high traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Halstead, Kansas. Next of kin: Mr. Lyle J. Dill (Father), 728 Main Street, Halstead, Kansas.

JAMES L GRABLE 3700[illegible]522, Infantry, Sergeant, Company M, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 September 1944 near Domevre-Sur-Durbion, France. After successfully securing a bridgehead across the Moselle River, the rifle company to which Sergeant Grable's machine gun squad was attached was subjected to a strong enemy counterattack. Braving the heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire covering the area, Sergeant Grable set up his weapon in a favorable location and directed the squad in inflicting substantial losses on the enemy. As he moved forward to gain better observation, Sergeant Grable was wounded in the shoulder, but he refused to be evacuated. Moving forward again to keep his fire as effective as possible, Sergeant Grable was killed by an enemy shell burst. Sergeant Grable's determination and courageous leadership were major factors in repulsing the enemy attack and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Brookfield, Missouri. Next of kin: Mrs. Myrtle Grable (Mother), 567 South Livingston, Brookfield, Missouri.

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II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following officer and to each of the following enlisted men:

VINCENT CAPECE 42031825, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 August 1944 near St. Aygulf, France. Private Capece's platoon had attacked, secured and consolidated upon an enemy strongpoint guarding a coastal road. One member of the platoon, while moving forward to observe nearby enemy positions, was severely wounded by enemy small arms fire. Private Capece voluntarily went forward into the danger zone to rescue his comrade. Upon reaching the wounded man he administered aid and attempted to remove him. The enemy directed machine gun and mortar fire in the direction of the two men and Private Capece used his body as a shield for his wounded comrade. While continuing his effort to return the wounded man to safety, Private Capece was himself wounded by a shell fragment. Private Capece's loyalty and self-sacrifice reflect high credit upon him and his organization. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

GEORGE M DAVIS 01312751, Infantry, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7-8 November 1944 near Etival, France. Captain Davis was ordered to lead his company in an attack against a well-defended enemy strongpoint. Immediately after passing the line of departure the company was subjected to intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire which prevented further advance. Captain Davis called for mortar and artillery fire support, then moved forward alone to an exposed position from which he could direct the fire. Although harassed by enemy sniping and machine gun fire, Captain Davis remained in his forward position until artillery fire he directed neutralized the enemy installations. He then led his men in a successful assault against the enemy strongpoint. The following morning an enemy force in superior numbers counterattacked and isolated his company's position. After four hours of difficult fighting, Captain Davis assaulted the encircling forces, broke through to supporting units and safely removed all wounded men from the forward area. His courage and skillful leadership reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Greenville, South Carolina.

EDWARD J HAWKINS JR 42034974, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 August 1944 near Barjols, France. During an attack, the infantry company to which Technician Hawkins was attached as aid man came under heavy enemy mortar fire and six men were seriously wounded. Without waiting for the intense fire to lift, Technician Hawkins moved immediately into the shelled area to give prompt medical attention to the wounded men. As he crossed the open terrain, the enemy sought to stop him with fire, but he continued on until he reached the casualties. Although forced to expose himself to constant small arms, mortar and machine gun fire, he gave each of the wounded men expert medical aid and remained with them offering encouragement and care until the barrage ceased and litter bearers could complete their evacuation. Technician Hawkins' courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

JAMES L SHERIDAN 32839153, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Sergeant Sheridan was occupying a dug-in position in a forward area when a platoon of enemy infantry, approaching along a trail, observed him and opened fire on his position. Despite enemy small arms fire, Sergeant Sheridan stood up in his foxhole and fired a .50 caliber machine gun at the enemy group. The enemy scattered when fired upon and the machine gun jammed after approximately one hundred rounds had been fired. Sergeant Sheridan seized a sub-machine gun and resumed the firing. One of the enemy was stealthily approaching the position with a hand grenade when he was detected and killed directly in front of the position by Sergeant Sheridan. Sergeant Sheridan's fire finally forced the enemy to withdraw. Later the same day the enemy again attacked this sector and Sergeant Sheridan, then supported by other members of his squad, directed the fire which beat off the enemy attack for the second time. Sergeant Sheridan's courage, determination and leadership reflect much credit upon himself and his

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unit. Entered the military service from Courtland, New York.

DAVIS STANTON 35534359, Infantry, Sergeant, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 October 1944 near Autrey, France. Sergeant Stanton, a heavy machine gunner, was attached during darkness to a rifle company which was to begin an attack at noon the following day. Prior to the attack Sergeant Stanton was directed to emplace his gun on the extreme right flank of the company covering a road which was to be used in the attack. At daybreak Sergeant Stanton observed two enemy soldiers carrying mines approaching on the road along which the attack was to take place. His accurate fire killed both of the enemy. At 0900 the enemy launched an attack preceded by a heavy concentration of mortar and artillery fire against the company's position. Although Sergeant Stanton was wounded in the course of this attack, he remained resolutely beside his gun delivering fire which formed the base of the company's right flank defense. Enemy infantry attempting to bring two machine guns into position against the exposed right flank were beaten off by Sergeant Stanton's fire. During the action he is credited with killing four and wounding two of the enemy. Sergeant Stanton's courage, determination and skill were a major contribution to the defense of the company area. Entered the military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

MALCOLM G WENTWORTH 33731734, Infantry, Corporal, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 October 1944 near St. Remy, France. Corporal Wentworth was a squad leader in a rifle company during a strong enemy counterattack. The enemy force was advancing rapidly and under the intense fire Corporal Wentworth's squad was forced to occupy alternate positions. Corporal Wentworth remained behind and, by covering the move with effective rifle fire, enabled his men to complete the maneuver successfully. While attempting to follow the squad, however, he was wounded and was forced to take cover in a ditch. The enemy occupied the area and dug in. Corporal Wentworth remained hidden in the ditch throughout the night and following day until a counterattack by friendly forces drove the enemy from the area. Corporal Wentworth's courage and stamina are in keeping with the high traditions of the infantry soldier. Entered the military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

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Award of the Silver Star, Missing in Action. III
Award of the Silver Star IV

I — AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to each of the following enlisted men:

HAROLD D McINTYRE 32212072, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 September 1944 near Vaudeville, France. During an attack on the town of Vaudeville, Sergeant McIntyre's platoon was fighting from house to house along a road running through the right side of the village. As Sergeant McIntyre's squad moved along the street, the enemy opened fire and, covering all approaches, succeeded in pinning the men down. Sergeant McIntyre began to creep toward the enemy position along a ditch parallel to the road. The ditch itself was under hostile machine gun fire, but Sergeant McIntyre succeeded in approaching to within close range of the house being used as a strongpoint. Then, hurling a grenade through the window, he rushed the building, captured eight of the enemy and killed or wounded two others. With the strongpoint reduced, the platoon was able to advance. Sergeant McIntyre's courage and aggressiveness were major contributions to the successful attack and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from South New Berlin, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Augusta McIntyre (Mother), South New Berlin, New York.

MERRIL F RAAB 33149676, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 September 1944 near Archettes, France. When the gunner of Private Raab's machine gun squad was wounded during a vicious enemy counterattack, Private Raab took over the gun and continued to fire on the attacking force. Realizing that the enemy assault threatened the company position and determined to bring as effective fire as possible on the attackers, Private Raab moved his gun forward of our lines to a position offering a better field of fire. He drew intense enemy fire, and was seriously wounded, but he remained at his post despite his wounds, inflicting substantial losses on the enemy with sustained and accurate fire. He later died of wounds received in this action, but his courage and determination to defeat the enemy were major contributions to his company's successful defense and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Madera, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Theresa Raab (Mother), Madera, Pennsylvania.

II - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to each of the following enlisted men:

STANLEY E JURGELONIS 36679844, Infantry, Private, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 September 1944 near La Chapelle, France. During an attack on a strongly fortified enemy position, Private Jurgelonis, advancing as scout at the head of his squad, suddenly encountered a group of enemy personnel proceeding in his direction. Dropping to the ground, Private Jurgelonis opened fire and killed three of the enemy and dispersed the remainder. While his squad was deploying, Private Jurgelonis continued to scout out the terrain for two hundred yards ahead. He skillfully worked his way close to the enemy positions and remained there in observation. Discovering an enemy armored car that had been firing upon his company, Private Jurge-

lonis crawled back to his platoon leader and gave him information which enabled our mortars to force the enemy vehicle to withdraw, and the platoon was able to continue its advance. Private Jurgelonis' courage and resourcefulness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Aurora, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Lucy V. Jurgelonis (Mother), 618 College Avenue, Aurora, Illinois.

ANTHONY H PRINZBACH 35799813, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 October 1944 near St. Remy, France. The enemy, in a strong counterattack against Sergeant Prinzbach's company, succeeded in gaining a deep ditch, a part of which was in use by troops of his own company. Sergeant Prinzbach, then a platoon messenger, observed the perilous position of these men who did not know the enemy's exact location and moved across an open area under enemy machine gun fire to warn them of the danger. He then remained with the platoon to assist it in changing positions. When the platoon's ammunition was nearly exhausted, Sergeant Prinzbach voluntarily returned to the company command post to obtain additional ammunition. On his return trip it was again necessary for him to cross an area interdicted by grazing machine gun fire. The courage and devotion to duty demonstrated by Sergeant Prinzbach in carrying out his self-assigned task reflect much credit upon him and his unit. Entered the military service from Cincinnati, Ohio. Next of kin: Mrs. Eleanor A. Prinzbach (Wife), 1877 Biegler Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

III - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man, missing in action:

JOHN A DAVIS 02055217, Field Artillery, Second Lieutenant (then First Sergeant), Battery B, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 1 September 1944 near Meximieux, France. While attacking from Meximieux to Chelamont, the leading rifle company to which Lieutenant Davis was attached as forward observer was separated from the rest of the battalion by a powerful enemy force supported by armor and self-propelled guns. The enemy also cut the road between the battalion and Meximieux, and the battalion was ordered to disengage and fight back to Meximieux with the isolated company acting as rear guard. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Lieutenant Davis crawled out in advance of the infantry lines, braving heavy small arms, tank and gun fire to gain the best possible vantage point. He remained in this exposed position throughout the action, directing effective artillery concentrations on the enemy forces, often bringing the fire of his battery to within one hundred yards of his position, and enabling the artillery to inflict heavy losses on the enemy. His courage and initiative were major factors in the battalion's successful withdrawal and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from McAlester, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mrs. Glennis Fay Davis (Wife), Box 8, Waverly, Massachusetts.

CARL W DOWNEN 35634476, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 December 1944 near Mietesheim, France. During an attempt to reinforce another platoon, the unit to which Private Downen was attached as aid man encountered heavy tank, machine gun and rifle fire as it crossed an open area. The platoon suffered a number of casualties, and Private Downen went immediately into the area to give aid to several wounded men. An officer had received severe leg wounds while crossing a stream less than ten yards from an enemy strongpoint. Despite the intense fire and the danger of capture, Private Downen crawled to the wounded officer, rendered aid, improvised a splint, and remained with him while the fire fight continued. Private Downen was engaged in caring for the wounded officer as the enemy closed in. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his comrades and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Shelburn, Indiana. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Downen (Wife), Shelburn, Indiana.

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IV - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

ARTHUR E BROWN 31056575, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 October 1944 near Housseras, France. When heavy enemy pressure made a forward artillery observation post untenable, the observers were forced to seek new positions and abandon their radio. Sergeant Brown, realizing the need for the valuable equipment, made an attempt to prevent the radio from being captured by the enemy. He crawled forward across one hundred and fifty yards of open terrain, through small arms, machine gun and mortar fire to reach the observation post. Although the enemy force was only fifty yards away, he prepared the radio for carrying, then crawled with it back to friendly lines. Using the radio, he then directed effective artillery fire on enemy tanks being used in the attack, and his accurate fire adjustment was an important factor in repelling the enemy assault. Sergeant Brown's courage and initiative reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Westerly, Rhode Island.

DEAN M KEISER 33761023, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 September 1944 near Cubrial, France. While returning from a reconnaissance mission, Sergeant Keiser's patrol was fired on by a group of enemy deployed along the narrow trail over which the patrol was proceeding. In the ensuing fire fight, one member of the patrol was killed and the remaining two men wounded. In spite of the odds against him, Sergeant Keiser continued resistance, and by rapid and accurate rifle fire forced the enemy to withdraw. Sergeant Keiser then carried the more seriously wounded man to a covered position and assisted the other injured soldier back to the company. Procuring medical personnel, Sergeant Keiser then led them to the casualty he had left behind. When a group of enemy attempted to intercept them, Sergeant Keiser again dispersed the enemy with rifle fire and then assisted the litter bearers in evacuating the wounded man. His courage and determination reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

REYFORD J KELLEY 38019662, Field Artillery, First Sergeant (then Sergeant), Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 1 June 1944 near Compoleone, Italy. Sergeant Kelley was serving as a member of an artillery liaison party when the nearby infantry battalion command post received a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire. One shell exploded on a bank above a group of foxholes, completely burying a number of men in their positions. Disregarding the fire falling in the area, Sergeant Kelley left cover and set about removing the trapped men. Two soldiers were dead, but he succeeded in rescuing three others, all seriously wounded. Sergeant Kelley assisted in administering aid and in evacuating the wounded to the aid station. A short time later, the continued enemy shelling destroyed the liaison party's radio and injured several members of the group. Sergeant Kelley helped those men to the rear and returned immediately through the enemy fire with replacement personnel and a badly needed radio, enabling friendly artillery to place accurate fire on the attacking enemy forces. Sergeant Kelley's courage and initiative reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

RAUL G LEAL 38558747, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 October 1944 near St. Remy, France. Private Leal's company was subjected to a strong enemy counterattack which forced the company to dig in hurriedly in the positions then occupied. As the counterattack increased in intensity, it became necessary to withdraw the platoon to more favorable terrain. Private Leal volunteered to remain in his shallow foxhole in the forward area to cover the movement of his platoon with rifle fire. His position was under direct observation of the enemy and was subjected to heavy automatic and small arms fire. Private Leal [illegible] and tenaciously held his position delivering effective fire [illegible] vancing enemy. When four of the enemy attempted to infilt[illegible] from his position with hand grenades, he killed the enti[illegible] Leal's gallant resistance stemmed the enemy advance at [illegible]

platoon and was a major contribution to the successful def[illegible] position. Entered the military service from Brownsville, Tex[illegible]

DOYLE H MORGAN 37704803, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private Firs[illegible] Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 Septembe[illegible] 1944 near Accolons, France. As it attacked across the crest of a hill, the rifle company Sergeant Morgan's machine gun section supported encountered heavy cross fire from enemy machine gun positions established on the reverse slope. Sergeant Morgan immediately moved his heavy machine gun over the crest on to the forward slope of the hill, where he was under enemy observation but could obtain a good field of fire. The enemy discovered his position and made every effort to knock out his gun. Small arms, mortar and machine gun fire were brought to bear on him, but Sergeant Morgan remained at his weapon, delivering a sustained and accurate fire which silenced two hostile machine guns and enabled the attacking company to overrun the resistance and continue on to its objective. Sergeant Morgan's courage and aggressiveness were important factors in the successful attack and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Burlington, Colorado.

MORTON J RUSOFF 12141672, Medical Department, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private), Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 May 1944 near Anzio, Italy. Technician Rusoff was aid man with an infantry company occupying a defensive position on the Anzio Beachhead. As his company was being relieved by another unit, the enemy placed a heavy concentration of shell fire on the area and continued firing for almost three hours. Numerous casualties were inflicted and all men sought safety from the shelling. Technician Rusoff promptly began giving assistance to the wounded of both units. He crawled more than two hundred yards across an open area to reach one seriously wounded man, administered aid, and then dragged him to a defiladed position for evacuation. During the period of the heavy shelling he cared for at least ten casualties, two of whom would have died before evacuation had it not been for his prompt and skillful assistance. Technician Rusoff's gallant courage and devotion to duty exemplify the high traditions of the medical service. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

JULIUS T THOMPSON 20828215, Infantry, Private, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1944 near Luxiol, France. Private Thompson's platoon, advancing in an attack, received heavy small arms fire from enemy positions approximately two hundred yards distant across an open field. Private Thompson, a scout, skillfully advanced under the enemy fire across the field and singlehandedly destroyed an enemy machine gun, captured three members of the crew, and so disorganized the remaining enemy troops that his platoon was enabled to advance rapidly and seize the position. Later the same day, after entering the town, Private Thompson scouted ahead of his squad to reconnoiter a route of approach to an enemy antitank gun whose fire had halted the advance of an adjacent platoon. Unable to find an approach route for the squad, Private Thompson advanced alone and killed both the gunner and assistant gunner of the enemy antitank weapon. Although severely wounded at this time, Private Thompson crawled back to his squad and gave his squad leader exact information concerning the location of the gun and twelve enemy soldiers. The courage, skill and determination demonstrated by Private Thompson reflect much credit upon him and his organization. Entered the military service from Ada, Oklahoma.

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Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 345, 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following-named organization. Individuals assigned or attached to this unit are entitled to wear the Meritorious Service Unit Insignia only so long as they remain assigned or attached:

SERVICE COMPANY, 157TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, for outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period from 15 August to 8 November 1944 in France. During the rapid advance of its regiment from the beaches of Southern France to the foothills of the Vosges Mountains, this company maintained an adequate flow of supplies to the units of the regiment, shuttled troops, maintained its equipment, and carried on its administrative functions in a superior manner. The company was frequently required to maintain a flow of supplies from dumps located more than a hundred miles to the rear. Although all vehicles were kept in virtually constant operation, accidents and breakdowns were held to an absolute minimum. During this period the company improvised additional equipment, including a portable shower unit, for the welfare of the regiment. During twenty-five days of the period, the company operated a regimental rest area in which every frontline soldier of the regiment received a minimum of two days of rest and recreation. The splendid manner in which this company not only performed its assigned tasks in a superior manner in spite of heavy difficulties, but also contributed to the welfare and morale of the regiment, reflects the devotion to duty demonstrated by each member of the company.

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700TH ORDNANCE LIGHT MAINTENANCE COMPANY, for superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period from 15 January to 31 May 1944 in Italy. In preparation for the amphibious landing at Anzio, Italy, the members of the 700th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company worked long and tiring hours to reequip, refit, and repair divisional ordnance materiel which had become unserviceable after hard usage in the difficult combat conditions of mud, rain, and mountainous terrain encountered in the Italian Campaign. This monumental task was completed in the short space of ten days. During operations on the Anzio Beachhead where adverse weather conditions, constant harassment by enemy artillery fire, and frequent enemy air raids made routine operations difficult, members of this organization serviced all division units in a superior manner. The issue, repair and salvage of an unprecedented quantity of ordnance materiel was accomplished with unusual efficiency and speed. The loyalty, technical skill, and esprit de corps of the men of the 700th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company were a material contribution to the combat efficiency of the division.

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SAMUEL M HUDSPETH 20833630, Infantry, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 January 1945. Home address: Chickasha, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM H MC FATRIDGE 20829257, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 January 1945. Home address: Eufaula, Oklahoma.

JOHN J MC KEOWN 33431876, Infantry, Sergeant, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 December 1944. Home address: Carnegie, Pennsylvania.

HULBERT MUCCI 11045587, Infantry, Sergeant, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 17 February 1944. Home address: Waterbury, Connecticut.

MICHAEL J NATALIZIO 32651616, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 31 December 1944. Home address: Long Island City, New York.

SILVIO P PILRONI 32207554, Infantry, Sergeant, Company M, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 December 1944. Home address: New York, New York.

BAIRD R QUIGG 36478083, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 January 1945. Home address: Virginia, Illinois.

EDMUND E REILLY 36954333, Medical Department, Private, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 January 1945. Home address: Springfield, Illinois.

~~ROBERT D RONCHI 35702462, Cavalry, Private First Class, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, France, 22 September 1944. Home address: Aurora, Ohio.~~ Revoked by Ltr #25 - Jan. 21, 1945

BETHEL M ROBERTS 34795161, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Home address: Clearwater, Florida.

FREDERICK R SCHNEIDER 11121711, Infantry, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 January 1945. Home address: Ozone Park, New York.

CHARLIE B SHEPPARD 34574508, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 October 1944. Home address: Milan, Georgia.

GERARD R STALDER 33141462, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 6 November 1943. Home address: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

BUDDY C STILLMAN 39205334, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 25 December 1944. Home address: Manette, Washington.

ROBERT H STOCK 15106340, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 1 June 1944. Home address: Elkhart, Indiana.

JOHN A TOPAUM 38406197, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 September 1944. Home address: Carnegie, Oklahoma.

THOMAS E VAN LIEU 35899470, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 January 1945. Home address: Bloomingdale, Indiana.

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IRA D WARD 34892041, Infantry, Private First Class, Co. I, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 October 1944. Home address: Laurel Bloomery, Tennessee.

KNEELAND B WHEELER 35788364, Cavalry, Technician Fifth Grade, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, France, 4 November 1944. Home address: Cincinnati, Ohio.

DANIEL WILSON 33783959, Infantry, Sergeant, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 December 1944. Home address: Newcastle, Delaware.

NORMAN S ZENKER 01306930, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 January 1945. Home address: New York, New York.

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Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.....I
Award of the Purple Heart.....II

I -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds received in action:

JOHN GENIS 36737626, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 December 1944. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

OVAL L HICKS 34361622, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Home address: Parsons, Tennessee.

WILLIAM J JONES 38123032, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 August 1944. Home address: Carlsbad, New Mexico.

MARSHALL I KINSLEY 36684935, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Home address: Princeton, Illinois.

ANDREW M KOLANAGE 32207600, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 January 1945. Home address: New York, New York.

LUTHER A LEBO 7024156, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 January 1945. Home address: Tower City, Pennsylvania.

BERNARD M PEARLMAN 32745849, Infantry, Corporal, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 17 February 1944. Home address: Albany, New York.

CARMEN V PERRONE 33706015, Infantry, Private, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 January 1945. Home address: New Castle, Pennsylvania.

MARVIN C PICKARD 20453064, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 December 1944. Home address: Burlington, North Carolina.

CHARLIE B SHEPPARD 34574508, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 January 1945. Home address: Milan, Georgia.

ANDREW SMITH 32193774, Infantry, Corporal, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 October 1944. Home address: Maspeth, New York.

GEORGE A SMITH 11055809, Infantry, Private, Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 January 1945. Home address: Derby-Line, Vermont.

IRA D WARD 34892041, Infantry, Private First Class, Com[illegible] 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 December 1944. Home ad[illegible] Laurel Bloomery, Tennessee.

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JOSEPH M WYNN 12058935, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 January 1945. Home address: Mineola, New York.

JOHN J ZIELINSKI 36584742, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 January 1945. Home address: Detroit, Michigan.

II - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received in action:

HARRY J BARDONSKI 36670128, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 January 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

MELVIN L BAZE 02055289, Cavalry, Second Lieutenant, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, France, 19 October 1944. Home address: Outlook, Washington.

HOWARD C BIGGERS 38017290, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 January 1945. Home address: Hobart, Oklahoma.

WOODROW W BROWNING 34796658, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Home address: Tampa, Florida.

JOE P BRUNT 12057140, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 9 June 1944. Home address: Far Rockaway, New York.

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~~JACK BULLINGTON 36372761, Cavalry, Sergeant, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, Germany, 18 December 1944. Home address: Shelbyville, Illinois.~~

PETER C CASHARA 32943991, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Home address: Glasco, New York.

RALPH COSENTINO 32205962, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 January 1945. Home address: Waldwick, New Jersey.

JOHN L FOX 33464881, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 January 1945. Home address: Orangeville, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES W FYLES 32548512, Infantry, Sergeant, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 January 1945. Home address: Webster, New York.

FRANK HALLEN 32218016, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 January 1945. Home address: Corona, New York.

ROY A HARMS 36900639, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Home address: Ashkum, Illinois.

NORMER Z HAVIS 38628388, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 January 1945. Home address: Marlin, Texas.

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

I — AWARD OF THE FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

JOHN E FRANKLIN 38016948, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 December 1944 near Mietesheim, France. While moving forward in an attack on well-entrenched enemy positions, Sergeant Franklin called up a supporting tank destroyer. When it was unable to find the target, he moved to an exposed position on the road, from which he attempted to direct its fire. Since the destroyer's observation was still obscured, Sergeant Franklin climbed to the top of the vehicle, exposing himself still more to enemy fire, but this time he successfully directed it in neutralizing the enemy fire. Entered the military service from Duncan, Oklahoma.

LESTER E PRAWITZ 37125451, Medical Department, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Company A, 120th Medical Battalion (then Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment), for heroic achievement in action on 15 December 1943 near Traverecce, Italy. When the platoon to which he was attached as aid man received a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire, Technician Prawitz braved the enemy fire to bring prompt medical attention to four wounded men. Learning that an adjacent company had suffered a number of casualties, Technician Prawitz, on his own initiative, left his foxhole and made his way through the heavy enemy fire to the other area. There he worked for nearly two and a half hours, moving from one man to another in the face of the enemy fire, giving aid and carrying the more seriously wounded men to safer positions. Entered the military service from Pilger, Nebraska.

II - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following enlisted man:

JOE A BLAIR 20828429, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1944 near Padiglione, Italy. Sergeant Blair was platoon sergeant during a period when the enemy launched a strong attack, supported by heavy mortar, artillery and tank fire, against the positions occupied by his battalion. Several enemy tanks began to shell his machine gun positions from close range, but by moving from man to man in the platoon area, checking their emplacements and supervising their fire, Sergeant Blair succeeded in laying down such effective fire that the enemy force was unable to penetrate the sector. Entered the military service from Castle, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mrs. Anne Blair (Mother), Box 127, General Delivery, Castle, Oklahoma.

III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and to each of the following enlisted men:

SAM J CLARK 0347955, Signal Corps, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 45th Signal Company, for heroic achievement in action on 9 November 1943 near Pre-

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senzano, Italy. During an enemy artillery barrage, a bursting shell killed one and seriously wounded three enlisted men and hurled Captain Clark from his shelter. Although suffering from shock and working under continuous artillery fire, Captain Clark administered first aid to the three injured men, placed them in slit trenches, and later directed their evacuation. He did not seek medical attention for himself until the enemy shell fire had subsided and he had assured himself that all his men had received proper care. Entered the military service from Wichita Falls, Texas.

DELBERT F HEMMINGER 35017380, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 31 May 1944 near Campoleone, Italy. As the infantry elements of his battalion advanced in the attack the enemy launched a heavy counterattack against the positions occupied by Sergeant Hemminger's company. Sergeant Hemminger, a forward observer, observed the enemy as they approached the company position and adjusted a heavy barrage of artillery and mortar fire on the attacking force. The enemy quickly retaliated with artillery and mortar fire, seriously wounding Sergeant Hemminger and killing his messenger. Disregarding his own serious condition, Sergeant Hemminger refused evacuation and remained steadfastly at his post. His observation of enemy positions and close adjustment of fire stopped the attack and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. Entered the military service from Fostoria, Ohio.

FORREST M HOLMES 32955822, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Sergeant Holmes' company was engaged in repelling a fierce counterattack by a numerically superior enemy force. To obtain the maximum effect from the fire power of his machine gun section, Sergeant Holmes moved repeatedly from one of his gun squads to the other, exposing himself to the enemy fire to encourage his men and direct their fire. Deciding that better observation was needed, he crawled to a vantage point forward of our lines and, although he drew intense fire, remained in the exposed position, adjusting accurate fire on the enemy force until the attack was repulsed. Entered the military service from Wildwood, New Jersey.

ALVIN D KOPINSKI 33549552, Infantry, Sergeant, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 November 1944 near St. Remy, France. Sergeant Kopinski was leader of a heavy machine gun squad supporting a company of infantry when an enemy force launched a strong counterattack and succeeded in isolating the unit from the remainder of the battalion. In the face of this attack Sergeant Kopinski used his weapon to inflict the maximum number of casualties upon the enemy and continued to fire until his ammunition was exhausted. When the approaching enemy came within grenade range, Sergeant Kopinski destroyed his machine gun and, organizing his men now armed only with hand weapons, led them in a break through the enemy position to the area occupied by his own infantry. Entered the military service from Toledo, Ohio.

ALBERT L YOUNG 32977391, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 September 1944 near Chalamont, France. When a superior enemy force concentrated heavy fire on his machine gun position, Sergeant Young ordered his squad to the rear while he remained to cover its withdrawal with sustained and accurate fire from the machine gun. The enemy directed increased fire at him, but he continued his protective fire while aid men went forward to evacuate the wounded. Only when the last man had been cleared from the area did he cease firing and rejoin his squad. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

HENRY H ARNOLD JR 023299, Coast Artillery Corps, Lieutenant Colonel, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 15 August to 22 December 1944 in France. Entered United States Military Academy from California.

HERMAN C BARNETT 35480952, Medical Department, Private First Class, Company C, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 15 November 1943 to 7 January 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Danville, Kentucky.

ORA H BLEVINS 35116872, Coast Artillery Corps, Sergeant, Battery B, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 September 1943 to 28 December 1944 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Owingsville, Kentucky.

LOUIS B CALLI 32312470, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Battery, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 28 October 1943 to 25 December 1944 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Newburgh, New York.

HARRY T COOK 20543689, Coast Artillery Corps, Sergeant, Battery B, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 7 November 1942 to 28 December 1944 in Africa, Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Glasgow, Kentucky.

CARL F BERRY 31013231, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 28 January to 6 June 1944 in Italy; and from 15 August to 2 December 1944 in France. Entered the military service from Colebrook, New Hampshire.

FRANCIS F DILLON 32358904, Field Artillery, Private, Battery A, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 29 January to 15 February 1944 near Anzio, Italy. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

LEONARD D ERBE 33077451, Coast Artillery Corps, Sergeant, Battery B, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 31 December 1944 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania.

SYLVESTER J FENNEWALD 36346955, Field Artillery, Corporal (then Technician Fifth Grade), Headquarters Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 20 October 1944 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

TEDDY S GALAS 32130479, Coast Artillery Corps, Corporal, Battery A, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 25 September 1943 to 25 November 1944 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Buffalo, New York.

CLELL M GOFORTH 38016748, Medical Department, Private First Class, Company C, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 5 March 1944 to 8 January 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Snow, Oklahoma.

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JOSEPH C JOHNSON 01166298, Field Artillery, Captain, Headquarters Battery, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 28 October 1943 to 20 December 1944 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

CHARLES B KIMMEL 35101635, Coast Artillery Corps, Sergeant, Battery B, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 22 January to 26 December 1944 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Greenville, Kentucky.

VIRGIL O KOLLER 35175387, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 1 December 1944 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Wakarusa, Indiana.

ISADORE L KLAVITZ 36022497, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery B, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 29 January to 1 June 1944 on the Anzio Beachhead, Italy. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

HAROLD N MASSINGALE 35119011, Coast Artillery Corps, Corporal, Battery A, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 26 March to 25 November 1944 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Somerset, Kentucky.

GILBERT F MATSON 37093411, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 28 January to 6 June 1944 in Italy; and from 15 August to 2 December 1944 in France. Entered the military service from Winona, Minnesota.

CALVIN A MEADOWS 20544044, Coast Artillery Corps, Sergeant, Battery D, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 8 November 1942 to 25 November 1944 in Africa, Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Monticello, Kentucky.

WILLIAM M NEWCOME 20543877, Coast Artillery Corps, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 1 September to 28 December 1944 in France. Entered the military service from Lebanon, Kentucky.

VERCIL L PATTERSON 0387180, Field Artillery, Captain, Headquarters 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 1 January 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Edmond, Oklahoma.

JAMES W PACE 38074211, Coast Artillery Corps, Sergeant, Battery D, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 22 January to 25 November 1944 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Austin, Texas.

WILLIE B PEEK 37130540, Coast Artillery Corps, Corporal, Battery B, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 September 1943 to 28 December 1944 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Kirksville, Missouri.

JAMES H REED 35101526, Coast Artillery Corps, Technician Fourth Grade, Battery A, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 2 March to 30 May 1944 on the Anzio Beachhead, Italy. Entered the military service from Hodgenville, Kentucky.

HARRY W RUSCH 01165944, Field Artillery, Captain, Headquarters 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 28 October 1943 to 25 December 1944 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Cobb, Wisconsin.

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Award of the Silver Star I
Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal II
Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal. III
Award of the Bronze Star Medal, Missing in Action. IV
Award of the Bronze Star Medal V

I — AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

HAROLD C HANSON 37566876, Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 October 1944 near St. Remy, France. While attacking an enemy occupied hill position Corporal Hanson's company was subjected to heavy fire from enemy tanks and machine guns located four hundred yards to the front. Under cover of this fire enemy infantry approached and engaged the company in close fighting, using hand grenades and small arms which inflicted numerous casualties in the company. After sending a request to the platoon sergeant to have fire concentrated on an enemy machine gun directly to the front, Corporal Hanson crawled forward through heavy enemy fire to remove seriously wounded men from the forward positions. He made three separate trips through this dangerous area, each time removing a man unable to move himself. The courage and devotion to his comrades displayed by Corporal Hanson on this occasion reflect much credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Hibbing, Minnesota.

HENRI A SCHMITT 31061099, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 29 May 1944 near Velletri, Italy. While passing through another unit, Sergeant Schmitt's company was pinned down by a concentration of enemy mortar, machine gun and tank fire. Sergeant Schmitt was ordered to lead a patrol into the enemy lines to ascertain the location of the harassing tanks. He carefully worked forward as far as possible, then ordered his squad to cover while he moved on with another man to high ground, where he was able to observe the enemy tanks and relay their location to the artillery. Sergeant Schmitt advanced a thousand yards into enemy territory to a group of dug-outs which he found to be evacuated. When he had returned and led his company back into the area, the enemy had reoccupied the positions, and an intense fire fight ensued. The forward platoon was ordered to withdraw, but Sergeant Schmitt remained in spite of the enemy fire to observe enemy mortar and machine gun positions. Returning with exact information concerning the enemy deployment, Sergeant Schmitt enabled friendly artillery to drive the enemy from its emplacements, and his company was able to take its objective. Sergeant Schmitt's determination and courage reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Manville, Rhode Island.

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

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

PAUL G LYSKO 31065141, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 March 1944 near Padiglione, Italy. When enemy artillery scored a direct hit on a nearby dugout, burying two men beneath the debris, Sergeant Lysko crawled forward to help the trapped soldiers. Working under heavy fire, he removed the men from the hole, administered first aid and then carried each man to a covered position from

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which he could be evacuated. Entered the military service from Lawrence, Massachusetts.

LOUIS TERRACIO 33698189, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

WALTER M VETTER 32987791, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class),
Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from North Valley Stream, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 25 May 1944 near Padiglione, Italy. Sergeant Vetter, Private Terracio and one other man were members of a patrol that crawled through enemy small arms and mortar fire to within close range of an enemy strongpoint. Using rifle fire and rifle grenades, they silenced a machine gun, wounded three enemy, captured seven others, and eliminated the strongpoint.

III - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following officer:

WILLIAM W HOOD 01174893, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Battery A, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 and 19 August 1944 near Barjols, France. During a series of attacks, Lieutenant Hood unhesitatingly exposed himself to enemy small arms and mortar fire in order to direct effective artillery fire on the enemy. His courageous action resulted in the destruction of three large trucks, inflicted other substantial losses of equipment and personnel on the enemy, and materially aided the attack of the infantry force he was supporting. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Emma Hood (Mother), 2418 East Hazzard Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

IV - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man, missing in action:

CEDRIC E COOLEY 34076321, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1944 near Aprilia, Italy. Sergeant Cooley drove a truck through heavy artillery and mortar fire to recover a quarter-ton vehicle abandoned in a ditch forward of friendly lines. Although the enemy had begun an attack and continued to shell the area while he worked, Sergeant Cooley succeeded in recovering the vehicle and towing it back to his unit. Entered the military service from Singer, Louisiana. Next of kin: Mrs. Cassie Cooley (Mother), Singer, Louisiana.

V — AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

LAWRENCE R CADY 01031542, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Service Company (then Company A), 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 August 1944 near Barjols, France. While attempting to force the enemy from a well-fortified hill position, Lieutenant Cady's platoon received heavy enemy fire and suffered a number of casualties. Although forced to expose himself to concentrated enemy fire, Lieutenant Cady calmly moved among his men to reorganize and encourage them and to direct their fire. He then led the platoon in a successful assault on the objective. Entered the military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

PAUL L COMSTOCK 38323661, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 October 1944, near Housseras, France. During an attack on enemy positions, Private Comstock's platoon was

pinned down by concentrated fire from enemy automatic weapons and small arms. The platoon was ordered to occupy more favorable positions, and Private Comstock voluntarily remained behind to cover the move with his light machine gun. The enemy directed intense fire at Private Comstock, but he refused to be driven off, continuing to lay accurate fire on the counterattacking enemy, which gave his platoon time to reorganize for a subsequent successful attack. Entered the military service from Lenapah, Oklahoma.

CARL W CRICKENBERGER 01692540, Infantry, Second Lieutenant (then Sergeant), Cannon Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 October 1944 near Autrey, France. While accompanying a patrol into enemy territory, Lieutenant Crickenberger discovered a concentration of about one hundred and fifty enemy troops. Immediately calling for artillery fire, he effectively directed the fire of his battery on the enemy group. Returning with the patrol, he assisted it in a successful action against a numerically superior enemy patrol. Entered the military service from Chickasha, Oklahoma.

MARVIN L DENNING 38018505, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Headquarters Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1944 near Aprilia, Italy. Technician Denning drove a truck through heavy artillery and mortar fire to recover a quarter-ton vehicle abandoned in a ditch forward of friendly lines. Although the enemy had begun an attack and continued to shell the area while he worked, Technician Denning succeeded in recovering the vehicle and towing it back to his unit. Entered the military service from Ringwood, Oklahoma.

MILLES W KOLODZIEJ 32212430, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 May 1944 near Padiglione, Italy. Sergeant Kolodziej, with two other members of a patrol, crawled through enemy small arms and mortar fire to within close range of an enemy strongpoint. Using rifle fire and rifle grenades, they silenced a machine gun, wounded three enemy, captured seven others, and eliminated the strongpoint. Entered the military service from Buffalo, New York.

HAROLD H ROHRBACH 33076111, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Cannon Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 October 1944 near Fremifontaine, France. When his platoon was subjected to a heavy artillery barrage, one man was killed and several wounded. In spite of the intense fire falling in the area, Sergeant Rohrbach assisted in evacuating the wounded, then proceeded to move about the sector to reorganize his remaining gun section and keep it firing effectively until the barrage subsided. Entered the military service from Red Hill, Pennsylvania.

RAYMOND C WILKERSON 35039675, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 21 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Sergeant Wilkerson's platoon was making an attack through dense woods when it was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Sergeant Wilkerson on his own initiative moved forward under fire to an advance position from which he fired a rifle grenade and destroyed an enemy machine gun and crew. During the fire fight, the platoon sergeant was severely wounded and without his direction the platoon's attack lost its cohesion and force. Sergeant Wilkerson promptly took charge of the platoon and successfully led it in completing the attack. Entered the military service from Jamestown, Kentucky.

WILLIAM R WILSON 20824637, Infantry, Corporal,
Service Company, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

ARTHUR J RICKS 38475139, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private),
Service Company, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Gladwater, Texas.

For heroic achievement in action on 2 September 1944 near Neximieux, France. Corporal Wilson and Technician Ricks were hauling ammunition to their battalion when an enemy tank column suddenly appeared and opened fire on the convoy, disabling trucks both to front and rear of their own. Each

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quickly drove his truck off the road to cover and remained nearby to protect it in spite of fire from the enemy tank and a subsequent concentration of artillery fire that endangered his position.

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Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.....I
Award of the Purple Heart.....II

I -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received in action:

ROBERT L CARY 01308471, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 September 1944. Home address: Brockport, New York.

PAUL B FRY 0371766, Infantry, Major, Headquarters Second Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 22 February 1944. Home address: Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

VINSON W KREIMEIER 01311228, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company H, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 October 1944. Home address: Wilmington, Delaware.

LANIER J NICKEL 13071964, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Company C, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 4 January 1945. Home address: Baltimore, Maryland.

ALBERT J RONCOLE 31032488, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 September 1944. Home address: Chelsea, Massachusetts.

JEROME D SKEES 35257468, Chemical Warfare Service, Corporal, Company D, 3rd Chemical Battalion, Germany, 21 December 1944. Home address: Glendale, Kentucky.

JOE P TRUJILLO 37352562, Infantry, Sergeant, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 December 1944. Home address: Pueblo, Colorado.

BENJAMIN A WILLIAMS 01323268, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 December 1944. Home address: Courtland, Virginia.

II - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received in action:

ERO W AHOLA 31062734, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 3 June 1944. Home address: Gardner, Massachusetts.

HENRY BAUER 36631074, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 26 May 1944. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

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ELBERT L BIAS 01306694, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 28 May 1944. Home address: Washington, D.C.

NORMAND J BRAUCHY 37608794, Infantry, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 October 1944. Home address: St. Louis, Missouri.

JOHN CARRILLO 36732228, Field Artillery, Private, Battery B, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, France, 22 September 1944. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

ALEXANDER L CHICORELLI 32578413, Field Artillery, Private, Battery A, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, France, 7 January 1945. Home address: Oneonta, New York.

ARTHUR C CLARK 33131182, Infantry, Private, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 26 November 1943. Home address: Glen Burnie, Maryland.

JAY E GORDON 37040696, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery A, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, France, 7 January 1945. Home address: Webster City, Iowa.

IVAN E HARMON 39589296, Infantry, Private, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 January 1945. Home address: Los Angeles, California.

ANTHONY M NADILE 31312769, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery A, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, France, 3 October 1944. Home address: Willimantic, Connecticut.

EMMITT O OSBORNE 20833088, Field Artillery, Private, Battery C, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, France, 20 October 1944. Home address: Davenport, Oklahoma.

JOHN D RICE 0435639, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 January 1945. Home address: Portland, Oregon.

WOODROW W SLOUSE 38010182, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 6 January 1945. Home address: Santa Fe, New Mexico.

ALBERT V TOMLS 33105207, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Company C, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 4 January 1945. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JAMES F WILLIAMS 38017790, Field Artillery, Corporal, Battery C, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, France, 14 September 1944. Home address: Sisterville, West Virginia.

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Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.....I
Award of the Purple Heart.....II

I -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

EUSEBIUS BOSSERT 37555612, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 17 May 1944. Home address: Strasburg, North Dakota.

JACK BULLINGTON 36372761, Cavalry, Sergeant, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, Germany, 18 December 1944. Home address: Shelbyville, Illinois.

BERNARD L HEANEY JR 32810009, Cavalry, Private First Class, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, France, 4 December 1944. Home address: New York, New York.

II - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

WAYNE HARKNESS 35040970, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Antitank Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 October 1944. Home address: Indianapolis, Indiana.

ROBERT W HEIMBACH 33147342, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Home address: Barto, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM M LEFEVER 33872531, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 December 1944. Home address: Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

FRANK MEIZLER 6974221, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 September 1944. Home address: New York, New York.

ROBERT H MERRILL 31269810, Cavalry, Private First Class, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, France, 4 December 1944. Home address: Nashua, New Hampshire.

JAMES F MULLINS 34005029, Cavalry, Technician Fourth Grade, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, France, 4 December 1944. Home address: Blue Mountain, Alabama.

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PHILLIP REMEDIES 38388653, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 October 1944. Home address: Zwolle, Louisiana.

So much of General Orders Number 14, Section II, Award of the Purple Heart, this headquarters, cs, pertaining to JACK BULLINGTON 33372761, Cavalry, Sergeant, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, is hereby revoked.

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Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.....I
Award of the Purple Heart.....II

I -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

CHARLES I BUSH 38667351, Infantry, Private, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 January 1945. Home address: Datto, Arkansas.

RAYMOND H CUTLER 01296822, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Headquarters First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 December 1944. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

CARLTON F JOHNSON 32677931, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 January 1945. Home address: Binghamton, New York.

ALBERT G TURK 32839334, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 January 1945. Home address: Union, New York.

II - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

CYRIL J BRENNAN 32207651, Infantry, Corporal, Company M, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 31 May 1944. Home address: Corona, Long Island, New York.

PAUL R DITTENHAFER 13092723, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 January 1945. Home address: York, Pennsylvania.

JOHN S FILIPOWICZ JR 36695636, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 October 1944. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

JACK M GARRETT 20845528, Infantry, Private, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 22 September 1943. Home address: Coolidge, Arizona.

PAUL V LAMBERT 0519693, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 December 1944. Home address: New Orleans, Louisiana.

ROBERT V MANES 01822707, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Italy, 24 May 1944. Home address: Steubenville, Ohio.

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ROBERT H RUDOLPH 37515169, Infantry, Sergeant, Company M, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 24 May 1944. Home address: St. Louis, Missouri.

CHARLES V SELLS 20830631, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Battery A, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 16 January 1945. Home address: May, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM C SHACKELFORD C1055972, Infantry, Second Lieutenant. Anti-tank Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 October 1[illegible]. Home address: Houston, Texas.

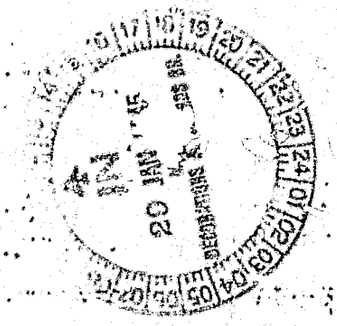
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Award of the Seventh and Eighth Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal . . I
Award of the Third Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal II
Award of the Bronze Star Medal. III

I — AWARD OF THE SEVENTH AND EIGHTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTERS TO THE AIR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the seventh and eighth Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal are awarded to the following officer:

NORBERT M COLLINS 01166461, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy from 26 August 1944 to 2 January 1945 in Franco and Germany. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

II - AWARD OF THE THIRD BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL.

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 officer:

JAMES C DEPURY 01691875, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy from 29 September 1944 to 5 January 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Tampa, Florida.

III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

RAY B VAUGHTERS 0369855, Infantry, Captain, Headquarters 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 October 1944 to 18 January 1945 in France. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

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

I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

JAMES M HALEY JR 35761761, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 September 1944 near Vionnes, France. Private Haley's company was advancing near Vionnes when an enemy tank opened fire on the leading elements and stopped the advance. On his own initiative, and armed only with a rifle and rifle grenades, Private Haley immediately began to move toward the tank. In spite of the enemy fire he continued on, crawling until he came within close range of the tank. Opening fire with a well-aimed rifle grenade, he scored a direct hit on the vehicle, wounding one of the crew and forcing the tank to move to the rear. Private Haley's boldness and courage made a major contribution to his company's advance and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Farmington, West Virginia.

WILLIAM L McDERMOTT 31389505, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 October 1944 near St. Benoit, France. As his platoon attacked across an open area, it received heavy fire from enemy machine guns and small arms and suffered a number of casualties. Technician McDermott, the platoon's aid man, without hesitation began to move through the fire-swept area to provide medical attention for the wounded men. Working alone, he continued to brave the machine gun and rifle fire, making his way from man to man until each had received his attention. When darkness fell, Technician McDermott, who had remained in the area, carried the wounded men to safety. He did not seek cover himself until all the wounded had been evacuated. Technician McDermott's courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

STEPHEN S PILAT 31348522, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1944 near Bobenthal, Germany. Sergeant Pilat's company was attempting to drive the enemy from several pill box positions when an enemy force suddenly counterattacked and secured high ground to the rear of the company. Sergeant Pilat, then acting platoon sergeant, called on four other men to accompany him and with them worked his way to the flank of the enemy position. Suddenly opening fire with rifles and throwing hand grenades, his party rushed the enemy group, and, catching them by surprise, silenced their machine gun, killed four enemy and disorganized the remainder. Sergeant Pilat's gallant action broke the enemy counterattack and permitted the company to continue its advance. Sergeant Pilat's courageous and aggressive leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Northampton, Massachusetts.

CLARENCE H SPREHE 36482612, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 October 1944 near Fremifontaine, France. In preparation for crossing the Montagne River, Sergeant Sprehe's platoon was ordered to reduce machine gun positions between the company's line of departure and the river, a distance of fifteen hundred yards. In the absence of the platoon leader and platoon sergeant, Sergeant Sprehe, then a Private First Class, assumed command. The enemy met the platoon's advance with heavy machine gun and mortar fire, but Sergeant Sprehe moved constantly about, without regard for the enemy fire, encouraging and directing his

men and urging them on. He guided supporting tanks to firing positions, remaining exposed to enemy artillery and small arms fire, and adjusting the fire of the tanks on the enemy strongpoints. So effective was his leadership that two machine gun positions were reduced, nine enemy were taken prisoner, and many more were killed and wounded. Sergeant Sprehe's courage and initiative were major factors in the successful completion of the platoon's mission and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Nashville, Illinois.

II - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following enlisted man:

ROCCO DE PALO 35235205, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 24 May 1944 near Carano, Italy. During a night attack on enemy positions Sergeant De Palo's company unknowingly entered a large mine field which remained undiscovered until a soldier accidentally stepped on a mine and was seriously wounded by the resulting explosion. To avoid further casualties the company withdrew from the minefield to maneuver around it. Sergeant De Palo was left behind with the wounded man. When the condition of the wounded man became worse and it was evident that his life depended upon prompt medical attention, Sergeant De Palo placed the man on his back and worked his way on his hands and knees through three hundred yards of mined terrain. He then carried the soldier a distance of fifteen hundred yards to the battalion aid station. Entered the military service from Akron, Ohio. Next of kin: Mrs. Rosemary De Palo (Wife), 893 Huron Street, Akron, Ohio.

III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and to each of the following enlisted men:

CHARLES J BARR 31062586, Medical Department, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 February 1944 near Anzio, Italy. When a sudden concentration of enemy artillery fire struck the battalion command post, many men were wounded. Technician Barr, a truck driver for the battalion aid station, began to evacuate the wounded from the command post to the aid station, a distance of five hundred yards across open terrain under full enemy observation. The enemy barrage became more intense, but Technician Barr, disregarding the danger, completed five trips through the heavy fire, carrying all of the wounded men to safety. Entered the military service from Medford, Massachusetts.

ALFRED A BRAGALONE 0446913, Infantry, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 November 1944 near Rauwiller, France. When his leading platoon in an attack on a strongly fortified hill position received a heavy concentration of enemy small arms fire, the platoon leader was seriously wounded and the platoon became disorganized. Captain Bragalone, company commander, ran through the heavy fire to the platoon sector. There, shouting encouragement, calling the men by name and ordering them back into position, he succeeded in reorganizing the platoon and then led his men in a series of assaults which drove the enemy from the hill. Entered the military service from Campbell, Ohio.

OVAL L HICKS 34361622, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 31 October 1944 near St. Remy, France. Discovering that the fire from his 60mm section was masked in a wooded area, Sergeant Hicks, using a fallen log as his only protection against the enemy small arms fire, crawled forward and cut down a tree, removing the obstruction. He then returned to his men and directed effective mortar fire on the attacking enemy. Meanwhile, the enemy had endangered the company's right flank, and when his mortar ammunition had been expended, Sergeant Hicks reorganized his section and deployed them as riflemen at the threatened point, materially aiding in the successful defense of the sector. Entered the military service from Parsons, Tennessee.

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Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.....I
Award of the Purple Heart.....II

I -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

LOUIS E CALLICO 32425455, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 January 1945. Home address: Bronx, New York.

JOE E EVANS 33535833, Infantry, Private, Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 January 1945. Home address: Scottsburg, Virginia.

PAUL E GUSTUS 37254842, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 January 1945. Home address: Geneseo, Kansas.

ONNIE H HILL 33656609, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 January 1945. Home address: Covington, Virginia.

WILLIAM JORDON 35104518, Infantry, First Sergeant, Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 January 1945. Home address: Louisville, Kentucky.

MAYNARD L KELLING 20838954, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 January 1945. Home address: Kanorado, Kansas.

CARMEN J LOMBARDO 32828310, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 January 1945. Home address: Cleveland, Ohio.

JOSEPH P MARTARELLA 33265176, Cavalry, Sergeant, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, France, 16 January 1945. Home address: Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH F MATRANGOLA 33383893, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 January 1945. Home address: Baltimore, Maryland.

BILLY R MC COOL 20827661, Medical Department, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 January 1945. Home address: Muskogee, Oklahoma.

FRANCIS N MC QUAID 37047921, Corps of Engineers, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 21 December 1944. Home address: Arion, Iowa.

ALBERT F NEWTON 34890864, Infantry, Private, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 January 1945. Home address: Concord, North Carolina.

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ROBERT F PARK 33635356, Cavalry, Private First Class, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, France, 23 October 1944. Home address: Petersburg, Virginia.

ALBERT B PINA 32803489, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 January 1945. Home address: New York, New York.

BETHEL M ROBERTS 34795161, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 January 1945. Home address: Clearwater, Florida.

JOSEPH RUSNOK 20318953, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 23 May 1944. Home address: Wilpen, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM T SAIN 38283233, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 January 1945. Home address: Dallas, Texas.

DALE E WEAVER 32778197, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 January 1945. Home address: Elizabeth, New Jersey.

II - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

CLARENCE E BARRINGER 34775928, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 January 1945. Home address: Concord, North Carolina.

MORRIS R BAXTER 6287803, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 January 1945. Home address: Healdton, Oklahoma.

CHARLES M CAMPBELL 01321289, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 January 1945. Home address: Wyalusing, Pennsylvania.

CARL L CANNADAY 20828304, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 January 1945. Home address: Vinita, Oklahoma.

REGINALD L CHILDS 34795041, Infantry, Corporal, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 January 1945. Home address: Fort Pierce, Florida.

AUSTIN CHUBBEE 20829733, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 30 December 1944. Home address: Keota, Oklahoma.

EDWARD A CONWAY 33365218, Infantry, Corporal, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 October 1944. Home address: Millvale, Pennsylvania.

KENNETH M CULBERTSON 33437338, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 21 August 1944. Home address: Oil City, Pennsylvania.

ALBERT DUSKE 31030077, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 January 1945. Home address: Lawrence, Massachusetts.

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JAMES E GIVENS 35738259, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 January 1945. Home address: Echols, Kentucky.

GEORGE H GRAY 33522073, Infantry, Private, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Home address: Emporia, Virginia.

HAROLD D GRAY 20842170, Corps of Engineers, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 13 January 1945. Home address: Idabel, Oklahoma.

WILSON GROSS 35881997, Infantry, Private, Company M, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 January 1945. Home address: Oakdale, Kentucky.

DONALD N HUGHES 38006191, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 January 1945. Home address: Denver, Colorado.

GLENN E JONES 33656553, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 January 1945. Home address: Mount Jackson, Virginia.

JAMES J KING 32679710, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 January 1945. Home address: Maspeth, Long Island, New York.

GLENN E KOENIG 36195562, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 January 1945. Home address: Hoodsport, Washington.

ROBERT E LAITE 31372464, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Home address: Newbury, Massachusetts.

MAYNARD LORBIECKI 36294652, Infantry, Private, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 January 1945. Home address: Galloway, Wisconsin.

MAURICE C MARTIN 6994106, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 January 1945. Home address: Ladiesburg, Maryland.

RAYMOND A MEYERS 33832863, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 January 1945. Home address: Ashland, Pennsylvania.

RICHARD G ROSSI JR 36196767, Corps of Engineers, Private, Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Italy, 8 April 1944. Home address: Iron Mountain, Michigan.

PETER F SIMONE 32681492, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 January 1945. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

ALBERT M THORN 12211727, Infantry, Private, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 January 1945. Home address: Bordentown, New Jersey.

WILLIAM E TOMLINSON 35082342, Infantry, Private, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 January 1945. Home address: Abbott, West Virginia.

ANGELO TRIBOLI 35659129, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 January 1945. Home address: Huntington, West Virginia.

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IRVING B WEIDMAN 32047774, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 January 1945. Home address: Central Bridge, New York.

EDWARD WHITBECK 32830154, Infantry, Corporal, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 January 1945. Home address: Lancaster, New York.

So much of General Orders Number 223, Award of the Purple Heart, this headquarters, 2 October 1944, pertaining to:

VIRGIL W BEAVERS 38529675, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

PASQUALE PIAZZA 33106405, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

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Award of the Second and Third Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart.....I
Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.....II
Award of the Purple Heart.....III

I -- AWARD OF THE SECOND AND THIRD BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTERS TO THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the second and third Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

MARTIN CRUCITTI 11064935, Infantry, Private, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 December 1944 and France, 17 January 1945. Home address: Greenwich, Connecticut.

II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

PETER P CASTELIANO 31103768, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Company C, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Italy, 23 May 1944. Home address: New Haven, Connecticut.

THOMAS W DAVIS 01284673, Infantry, Captain, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 January 1945. Home address: Alexandria, Louisiana.

ARTHUR O LOCKWOOD 38005309, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Home address: Olathe, Colorado.

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KENNETH W WRIGHT 32945534, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 October 1944. Home address: Peru, New York.

NORMAN J YOUNG 01317217, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 21 October 1944. Home address: Staten Island, New York.

III AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

VIRGIL L BAKER 35168489, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, France, 17 January 1945. Home address: Indianapolis, Indiana.

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LEWIS F BARNETTE 35111660, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, France, 17 January 1945. Home address: South Bend, Indiana.

IVAN L BEAN 38006732, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 January 1945. Home address: Wichita Falls, Texas.

LEO A BERNIER 6130359, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery A, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, Italy, 25 May 1944. Home address: Burlington, Vermont.

HOWARD R GRINDLE 34440640, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 August 1944. Home address: Chattanooga, Tennessee.

CHARLES R HOYER 33934143, Infantry, Private, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 January 1945. Home address: Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

ARTHUR O LOCKWOOD 38005309, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 14 November 1944. Home address: Olathe, Colorado.

CHARLES R RAKES 34897644, Infantry, Corporal, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 January 1945. Home address: Kannapolis, North Carolina.

ANTHONY ROMEO 34799881, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 January 1945. Home address: Tampa, Florida.

ROBERT W THATCHER 33240631, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 January 1945. Home address: Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM B WILMOT JR 36977058, Infantry, Private, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 January 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

OK So much of General Orders Number 14, Section II, Award of the Purple Heart, this headquarters, cs, pertaining to ROBERT D ROACHE 35702462, Cavalry, Private First Class, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, is hereby revoked.

By command of Major General FREDERICK:

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GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 26)

Award of the Silver Star I
Award of the Bronze Star Medal II

I — AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following officer and to each of the following enlisted men:

ERNESTO R OCHOA 35705123, Medical Department, Private First Class (then Private), Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 August 1944 near Peyrolles, France. During the rapid advance in Southern France, the infantry unit to which Private Ochoa was attached as medical aid man encountered an enemy unit astride a road. During a period of more than four hours the opposing troops were engaged in a heavy fire fight in which small arms, mortar, artillery and tank fire was exchanged. During this period numerous casualties were incurred in Private Ochoa's company. With complete disregard of the heavy firing in the area, Private Ochoa exposed himself continuously in moving across the battlefield to serve the wounded men. At least three times he crossed the open road which was covered by enemy machine guns and tanks to assist the wounded on the opposite side. Private Ochoa's high sense of duty and gallant conduct under fire were an inspiration to the men of his unit and reflect upon him much credit. Entered the military service from Brownsville, Kentucky.

VBE B H MULLENAX 01692567, Infantry, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 September 1944 near Girmont, France. Lieutenant Mullenax commanded the leading platoon of his company as it approached an enemy held village. As he attempted to enter the town, his advance was stopped by accurate small arms fire from a well-concealed enemy. Lieutenant Mullenax immediately gained control of his platoon, directed the employment of his weapons, and began an attack upon the enemy. Meanwhile, the remainder of his company was ordered to bypass the town, leaving the leading platoon to clear it of enemy. With outstanding leadership and skillful manouvering, Lieutenant Mullenax maintained a steady attack upon the enemy in the town and by constantly shifting his weapons and carefully directing their fire, he inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy and completely disrupted the enemy plan of defense. Lieutenant Mullenax had virtually completed the destruction of the enemy when assistance from the remainder of his company arrived. In this forceful assault the enemy lost more than one hundred prisoners in addition to many killed and wounded. The success of this vigorous attack was due in great measure to the skill and vigor of Lieutenant Mullenax's leadership. Entered the military service from Eads, Colorado.

MARSHALL SCARBROUGH JR 20827667, Medical Department, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 November 1943 near Venafro, Italy. A member of Sergeant Scarbrough's battalion had been seriously wounded during a fire fight on the summit of Mt. Cornu. One litter squad unsuccessfully attempted to reach the wounded man but was forced by enemy fire to turn back. Learning of the failure of this attempt and that the wounded man required plasma, Sergeant Scarbrough volunteered to attempt to reach him. To approach the man's position, it was necessary to traverse a narrow mountain pass covered by enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, but Sergeant Scarbrough, by crawling a portion of the way, succeeded in reaching the sector where the soldier lay. Discovering that the man he had been seeking was dead, he moved to another seriously wounded soldier, administered aid and plasma, then evacuated him through the enemy fire to safety. Sergeant Scarbrough's devotion to duty and his courage reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Muskogee, Oklahoma.

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II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

LEROY S CLARK 38017286, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 October 1944 near Fremifontaine, France. Sergeant Clark's heavy machine gun section was supporting an infantry company when the unit was attacked by a numerically superior enemy force supported by armor. The intense enemy pressure caused the infantry company to occupy alternate positions, and Sergeant Clark's section remained in its advanced position to cover the move. Under heavy enemy small arms, mortar and tank fire Sergeant Clark held off the enemy until his ammunition was exhausted. Then, although enemy forces had infiltrated into the withdrawal area, making the movements of his section extremely hazardous, Sergeant Clark skillfully led his section under cover of darkness through a wooded area to the alternate position. Entered the military service from Hobart, Oklahoma.

GEORGE N McCALL 01288416, Captain, Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy at Rome, Italy, on 4 June 1944. Captain McCall was a member of a small command group directing the operations of a task force spearheading the drive into the city of Rome. Throughout a long day of fast-moving engagements, Captain McCall was continually with the forward elements of the task force obtaining information and delivering instructions. In the street fighting in Rome he was frequently in danger of being isolated and trapped. In several instances his mission took him to points in the city past which enemy groups were attempting to escape. As a member of a small party, Captain McCall participated in a severe fire fight which prevented the escape of a large German force and the destruction of bridges on important routes. Captain McCall's courage and energy in carrying out his important duties reflect credit upon him as a soldier and officer. Entered the military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

JAMES G WILHELM 01683511, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Battery C, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 25 October 1944 near Housseras, France. Lieutenant Wilhelm was an artillery forward observer with an infantry battalion during an attack on strong enemy positions. As the leading platoons attempted to cross a large open area machine gun and artillery fire pinned the units down and inflicted a number of casualties. Lieutenant Wilhelm immediately worked his way through the heavy fire to a forward vantage point, set up his radio and began to adjust effective artillery fire on the hostile positions. He then called for smoke shells to the immediate front of the hard-pressed platoons, and under the protective screen the platoons were able to move to more favorable positions, regroup, and drive on to secure their objective. Entered the military service from Perry, Oklahoma.

ALBERT MAGYAR 33147401, Infantry, Corporal,
Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

RALPH COSENTINO 32205962, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

For heroic achievement in action on 2 June 1944 near Corioli, Italy. When his motor convoy carrying supplies was subjected to heavy enemy shell fire, Corporal Magyar ordered the vehicles unloaded and then directed his men to return all but one of the trucks to the motor pool. He and Private Cosentino then shuttled the important supplies through the heavy fire covering the road to the supply point. Their courage and initiative protected the vehicles and brought much-needed supplies to their attacking battalion.

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Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.....I
Award of the Purple Heart.....II

I -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

DAVID S LEVINE 31372234, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 January 1945. Home address: Brighton, Massachusetts.

ALEXANDER MC CLARY 33804449, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 September 1944. Home address: Eddystone, Pennsylvania.

ELVIS O PETRY 37540803, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 January 1945. Home address: Stanberry, Missouri.

JOHN J QUIROLO 32641580, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 October 1944. Home address: New York, New York.

II - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

ROBERT K AVERY 36985401, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 January 1945. Home address: East St. Louis, Illinois.

JOHN F BLATT 33792498, Infantry, Sergeant, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 October 1944. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

NATHANIEL G DAVIS 34129893, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 January 1945. Home address: Greer, South Carolina.

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~~FREDERICK H.NNSGEN 33206647, Infantry, Private, Company H, 180th Infantry Regiment, Sicily, 16 July 1943. Home address: Woodside, Long Island, New York.~~

EDWARD A HUCK 36837873, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 January 1945. Home address: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

HAROLD JEROWSKI 31305804, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 January 1945. Home address: Boston, Massachusetts.

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HENRY B LANTRY 32045898, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Home address: Helena, New York.

MILLARD N POTTER 36968695, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 January 1945. Home address: Danville, Illinois.

ASHBY A PROFFITT 33627135, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Home address: White Hall, Virginia.

RICHARD E REITZ 35900902, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 January 1945. Home address: Kendallville, Indiana.

BERNARD E SLETENHELM 36976128, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 January 1945. Home address: Lake City, Michigan.

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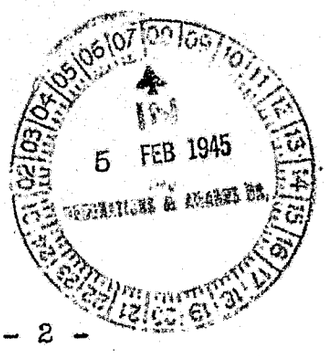
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GENERAL ORDERS)

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Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.....I
Award of the Purple Heart.....II

I -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

HOWARD C BIGGERS 38017290, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 21 January 1945. Home address: Hobart, Oklahoma.

MELVIN W DOBRATZ 36218290, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 October 1944. Home address: Lena, Wisconsin.

BEDFORD J GROVES 33736033, Infantry, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 January 1945. Home address: Still Pond, Maryland.

LEE R HARRISON 20830101, Cavalry, Technician Fifth Grade, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, France, 4 January 1945. Home address: Peggs, Oklahoma.

ROBERT C KOONTZ 33764731, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 21 January 1945. Home address: Everett, Pennsylvania.

DAVID F REID 42037890, Medical Department, Private, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 January 1945. Home address: Oberlin, Ohio.

ROBERT D ROACHE 35702462, Cavalry, Private First Class, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, Germany, 19 December 1944. Home address: Aurora, Ohio.

SIDNEY S DEBRE 38497202, Infantry, Sergeant, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 October 1944. Home address: Edgard, Louisiana.

II - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

CHARLES F ALARIO 32875040, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 October 1944. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

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JOHN W AUD JR 35109035, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Battery C, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 13 January 1945. Home address: Whitesville, Kentucky.

EARL W BAKER 33706904, Infantry, Sergeant, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 January 1945. Home address: Parnassus, Pennsylvania.

STEVE BARAT 34023741, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Home address: Stuart, Florida.

THEOPHILE BLANCHARD 34076352, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Antitank Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 October 1944. Home address: Grosse Tete, Louisiana.

WALTER BOLEN 35761954, Infantry, Sergeant, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 January 1945. Home address: Paden City, West Virginia.

AMERIGO J BOSSO 32217088, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 1 March 1944. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

LOUIS E BURBA 33697334, Infantry, Sergeant, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 September 1944. Home address: McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

BRYANT F CASTERLINE 01692535, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 November 1944. Home address: Dover, New Jersey.

JOHN L DUBRAVETZ 35112235, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 January 1945. Home address: Akron, Ohio.

JAMES H ETHRIDGE 14035500, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 January 1945. Home address: Abbeville, Alabama.

ALVIN L FRANK 0461128, Corps of Engineers, Captain, Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 21 January 1945. Home address: Adams Run, South Caroline.

JESSE M GAINES 20833097, Field Artillery, Corporal, Battery C, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, Italy, 10 April 1944. Home address: Sparks, Oklahoma.

LONNIE B JOHNSON 38018265, Field Artillery, Corporal, Battery A, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 1 December 1944. Home address: Oakhurst, Oklahoma.

JOSEPH F KAHN 32396664, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 12 September 1943. Home address: Ridgewood, New Jersey.

ROBERT O KOONTZ 33764732, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 August 1944. Home address: Everett, Pennsylvania.

RAYMOND J MARTINEZ 13053237, Infantry, Sergeant, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, Sicily, 14 July 1943. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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WILLIAM MC NEW 6391464, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, France. 18 October 1944. Home address: Mosheim, Tennessee.

LEONARD J NIEMCZYK 36270926, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery A, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 4 January 1945. Home address: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

CHARLES E O'BRIEN 36685702, Infantry, Private, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 2 March 1944. Home address: Ohio, Illinois.

JAMES E ROACH 37476180, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 September 1944. Home address: Lincoln, Nebraska.

JOHN J SITLAVA 35297656, Infantry, Private, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 October 1944. Home address: Toledo, Ohio.

FRANK SMITH 20830124, Infantry, First Sergeant, Company M, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Home address: Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

ALEX L STAHL 01292956, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 26 November 1943.

ROBERT J TURNER 37741658, Infantry, Private, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Home address: Flat City, Missouri.

WILSON J VAVAK 39718845, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 December 1944. Home address: Bellflower, California.

FREDERICK M WILMER 42026270, Infantry, Private, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 October 1944. Home address: East Syracuse, New York.

EDWIN C WOJCINSKI 35149468, Infantry, Private, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 30 May 1944. Home address: Hammond, Indiana.

EDGAR H WORNER 37177323, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 23 January 1945. Home address: Winnebago, Minnesota.

By command of Major General FREDERICK:

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Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal I
Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal II
Award of the Bronze Star Medal, Missing in Action III
Award of the Bronze Star Medal. IV

I — AWARD OF THE FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

ALEXANDER P RASA 32649031, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 November 1944 near St. Remy, France. A numerically superior enemy force attacked the positions occupied by Sergeant Rasa's company and infiltrating groups cut the lines of communication to the rear. In an attempt to repair the severed wires, Sergeant Rasa exposed himself several times to the heavy enemy fire to find the breaks in the line. Unable to maintain communications in this manner, he worked his way back to his radio, and remained in constant touch with battalion headquarters throughout the night. The following morning when the company was ordered to a new position, Sergeant Rasa personally directed effective artillery fire on the enemy which enabled his company to complete the move successfully. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

II - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to each of the following enlisted men:

KENNETH R CARKHUFF 33407242, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fourth Grade, Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion.
Entered the military service from Westford, Pennsylvania.
Next of kin: Mr. Ray Carkhuff (Father), Westford, Pennsylvania.

ARTHUR W NOFFSINGER 17052879, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion.
Entered the military service from Porterville, California.
Next of kin: Mrs. Rena Noffsinger (Mother), Lawnsdale, California.

For heroic achievement in action on 23 December 1944 near Bobenthal, Germany. Technician Carkhuff and Private Noffsinger were ordered to prepare for demolition all facilities in a certain area of the Siegfried Line which would be useful to the enemy. As they neared two pillboxes with another member of their party, the enemy laid down an artillery barrage on the positions. Infantrymen present warned that an enemy attack was under way, and enemy small arms fire began to fall in the area. Technician Carkhuff and Private Noffsinger and their companion crawled to the two pillboxes, placed the charges, and destroyed them both.

III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man, missing in action:

AARON W CURTIS 37101083, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 21 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. During an attack, Sergeant Curtis' platoon encountered three enemy machine guns occupying well dug-in positions. Sergeant Curtis

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moved through the heavy fire to his squad's automatic rifleman and directed accurate fire on one of the machine guns, putting it out of action. Disregarding the fire from the other two enemy weapons, he continued to work through his squad, supervising its movement and at the same time placing effective fire on the enemy positions with his own submachine gun. As a result of Sergeant Curtis' efforts, the squad silenced the remaining enemy guns and created a break in the enemy lines which enabled the company to continue its advance. Entered the military service from Marianna, Arkansas. Next of kin: Mr. George W Curtis (Father), Star Route, Forrest City, Arkansas.

IV - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and each of the following enlisted men:

HOWARD D ANDERSON 01308775, Infantry, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 24 May 1944 near Carano, Italy. On the second day of the offensive to break out from the Anzio Beachhead, the enemy launched a heavy counterattack, supported by large numbers of tanks and infantry, against positions occupied by the company to which Lieutenant Anderson's machine gun platoon was attached. Lieutenant Anderson unhesitatingly moved to a forward vantage point and began to direct accurate machine gun fire on the attacking enemy. The enemy laid down a concentration of tank and machine gun fire on his position, and several times during the action Lieutenant Anderson was knocked to the ground by concussion from enemy shells exploding nearby. Without regard for his own safety, however, Lieutenant Anderson returned each time to his observation post, encouraging his men and continuing to adjust effective supporting fire until the attack had been repulsed. Entered the military service from Hawley, Pennsylvania.

RICHARD Z KINKADE 36767647, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 24 September 1944 near Mossoaux, France. Private Kinkade's platoon became isolated during an intense fire fight. With considerable movement of enemy forces taking place and with ammunition depleted, it became imperative to establish contact with the company. Private Kinkade, realizing the gravity of the situation, began to crawl through the heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire. He worked his way across two hundred yards of open terrain to a clump of woods, then made a dash for the company command post. There, he reported the enemy deployment and strength, the position of his platoon, and then guided mortar and artillery observers to a point from which they directed fire which enabled the company to seize its objective. Entered the military service from Port Byron, Illinois.

WALLACE E MILEWSKI 33796173, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 December 1944 at Morhzwiller, France. When the enemy launched a heavy counterattack supported by artillery and tank fire, Private Milewski's forward observer, in attempting to find a better vantage point, became separated from him. Realizing the need for effective mortar support, Private Milewski crawled through the shelled area to a small hedge, carrying his radio on his back, and began to adjust the section's mortar fire himself. Although the terrain offered little cover and the radio made concealment difficult, Private Milewski remained in this exposed position directing accurate fire which greatly reduced the enemy's pressure on our troops. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JOHN S REID 37472775, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 October 1944 near Brouvelieures, France. As his patrol moved down a valley, a strong enemy force opened fire and the patrol was ordered to withdraw before supporting enemy units could reach the area. Immediately, Private Reid moved to an exposed position which gave him a good field of fire. Opening fire with his automatic rifle, he held off the enemy with heavy and accurate fire while the other members of the patrol procured a wounded man and returned with him safely to the company. Entered the military service from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

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STEVE SENEDIAK 35605353, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class (then Private), Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 23 December 1944 near Bobenthal, Germany. Private Senediak was ordered to prepare for demolition all facilities in a certain area of the Siegfried Line which would be useful to the enemy. As he neared two pillboxes with the other members of his party, the enemy laid down an artillery barrage on the positions. Infantrymen present warned that an enemy attack was under way, and enemy small arms fire began to fall in the area. Private Senediak and his companions crawled to the two pillboxes, placed the charges, and destroyed them both. Entered the military service from Youngstown, Ohio.

MILTON MASSLER 32993965, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant),
Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES J BARROWS 31063084, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Lowell, Massachusetts.

DANIEL A GIANSANTE 33758071, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 23 October 1944 near Fremifontaine, France. The above three men as an advance patrol crossed the Mortagne River under heavy enemy machine gun fire. Reaching the other side they silenced the enemy machine gun nest, established a road block, and enabled their company to cross and carry on the attack.

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Award of the Silver Star, Missing in Action I
Award of the Silver Star, ... II

I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following enlisted man, missing in action:

CARMEN R DALPHONSE 31267623, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private), Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 October 1944 near Housseras, France. Sergeant Dalphonse, armed with a rocket launcher, was defending a road block when a German tank approached covering both sides of the highway with machine gun fire. In the thickly wooded terrain, Sergeant Dalphonse was forced to take a position near the road in order to gain a field of fire. He waited until the tank was only twenty yards from him before he exposed himself and fired two rockets in quick succession. The first pierced the turret of the tank and killed or wounded the crew, while the second set the tank on fire. Sergeant Dalphonse's skill and courage were largely responsible for the successful defense of the road block and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Cascade, New Hampshire. Next of kin: Mrs. Restituta Dalphonse (Mother), Cascade, New Hampshire.

II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

EDWARD M CAIN 01311868, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 November 1944 near Etival, France. As leader of the assault platoon in an attack, Lieutenant Cain led his men up a steep slope toward well-entrenched enemy forces who commanded approaches to the hill with numerous automatic weapons. After the platoon had advanced half-way up the slope the enemy laid down intense machine gun, rifle, rifle grenade and mortar fire, pinning the men to the ground and making further advance almost impossible. After making two attempts at reaching his objective, both of which were repulsed by heavy enemy fire, Lieutenant Cain reorganized and rallied his platoon for a third attempt to capture the hill. In this, the final assault, Lieutenant Cain braved the heavy fire directed at the area to move from man to man, issuing instructions and pointing out to each the location of the enemy emplacements. Lieutenant Cain's platoon, spurred on by his heroic efforts, gained the objective, driving the enemy from the hill and taking several prisoners. The inspiration furnished by Lieutenant Cain's personal display of courage, leadership and determination to close with the enemy was largely responsible for the success of the attack. Entered the military service from Rayville, Louisiana.

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HAROLD R GUINN 33617546, Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 October 1944 near Housseras, France. Corporal Guinn, a machine gunner, was occupying an emplacement covering a trail through the woods. Just before daylight, the assistant gunner, who was on guard, mistook a twelve-man German patrol for one of our own, and was shot and wounded when the enemy approached to within three yards of the position. The shot awakened Corporal Guinn, who quickly emerged from the foxhole firing his pistol. The ferocity of his attack caught the enemy by surprise. Two were killed, a third surrendered, and the other nine attempted to escape. Corporal Guinn continued to fire after them, and when full daylight came, three more German bodies were discovered on the trail. Corporal Guinn's courage and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM J MULVEY 31384285, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private), Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 September 1944 near Soyo, France. As Sergeant Mulvey's squad led an attack across open terrain, it received heavy fire from an enemy antitank gun and a flak wagon. The intensity of the fire made it necessary for the squad to move to cover, but Sergeant Mulvey remained in position and opened fire on the enemy strongpoint with his rifle and rifle grenades. Enemy snipers immediately attempted to silence his weapon, but despite the fire directed at him, Sergeant Mulvey continued to use his M-1 rifle accurately and effectively. With three well-placed rifle grenades he succeeded in damaging the flak wagon, killed six enemy, wounded several others, and forced the remainder to withdraw. Sergeant Mulvey's courage and skill enabled his company to continue its advance and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

RICHARD J PODANY 35059712, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 May 1944 near Carano, Italy. Private Podany's company encountered stiff resistance during an attack and suffered a number of casualties. Private Podany, in spite of the heavy fire falling in the area, crawled for more than fifty yards across open terrain to help two seriously wounded men. After he had administered aid, he carried each of the soldiers through enemy machine gun fire to a defiladed position. Finding that enemy automatic weapons were still holding up the advance, Private Podany worked himself to within fifteen yards of a German machine gun nest, threw a hand grenade into the emplacement, silenced the weapon and killed the entire crew. With the position reduced, the company moved forward again, but a group of enemy riflemen began to engage it from the flank. Once more, Private Podany crawled to within a few yards of the enemy and hurled a grenade, killing two and capturing the remaining four. Private Podany's courage and aggressiveness were fundamental contributions to the success of the attack and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

CONRAD A SMITH 02055085, Infantry, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Company D (then Company B), 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 October 1944 near St. Remy, France. Lieutenant Smith's company in a rapid advance succeeded in capturing a ridge overlooking a valley and town still held by the enemy. While the company was organizing the defense of this ridge, the enemy laid down artillery and mortar fire on the position and inflicted numerous casualties. The fire became so heavy that the company was forced to move to

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covered positions. With full appreciation of the importance of retaining this dominating terrain, Lieutenant Smith moved forward to an exposed position from which he could adjust artillery and mortar fire upon the enemy in the valley. Although his position was frequently under heavy fire, Lieutenant Smith remained for over two hours directing artillery and mortar fire against enemy emplacements, attacking troops and vehicles. Lieutenant Smith's fire threw back one assault on the position and destroyed several enemy vehicles. His courage and determination were a material factor in retaining for our forces dominating terrain which made the enemy position untenable. Entered the military service from Greeley, Colorado.

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Award of the Silver Star I
Award of the Bronze Star Medal II

I — AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following officers:

BUFORD E BOYD 0256610, Infantry, Major, 274th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near Wingen, France, on 4 January 1945. Major Boyd's battalion was ordered to drive an entrenched enemy from a commanding position at the edge of a woods on a hill dominating the town of Wingen. Major Boyd placed himself with the leading elements of the battalion in order to closely supervise the attack. In the face of short range rifle and machine gun fire he maintained the rapid advance of the leading elements. Other attacking units, inspired by his gallant example, pushed rapidly forward to overwhelm the enemy and drive them from their entrenchments. Major Boyd's courage and outstanding leadership secured dominating terrain from a strong enemy with the minimum of casualties to his own unit. His actions reflect much credit upon himself and his unit. Entered the military service from Naches, Washington.

None amend Ltr Hq 45- Feb. 10, 1945

EDWIN B KEITH 01299898, Infantry, Captain, 274th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near Philippsbourg, France, on 15 January 1945. Captain Keith's company was ordered to attack and seize a hill on which a strong enemy force was entrenched in positions affording direct observation upon his company. After carefully organizing his company for the attack Captain Keith placed himself with the leading elements which were immediately taken under fire from the dominating enemy positions. When the company was momentarily pinned down by enemy fire, Captain Keith boldly moved among his men, called to them by name, reorganized his forces and led them in a successful attack against the enemy positions. Under his leadership the company overwhelmed the enemy force, inflicted heavy casualties against the enemy, and secured terrain vital to the defense of the regimental sector. Captain Keith's determination, courage, and gallant leadership were a major contribution to the successful attack of his company. Entered the military service from Magnolia, Arkansas.

II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

SAMUEL G CONLEY 015707, Infantry, Colonel, 274th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 3-29 January 1945, in France. Colonel Conley commanded a unit new to combat when it was committed to assist in stopping a major enemy drive into the Hardt Mountains of Alsace. In a rapidly changing and obscure situation, Colonel Conley moved his unit quickly and smoothly to points where his troops were promptly committed. By his careful planning and personal supervision his regiment contributed materially to the failure of the enemy offensive. Entered the United States Military Academy from Ohio.

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AWARD OF THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 346, 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following-named organization. Individuals assigned or attached to this unit are entitled to wear the Meritorious Service Unit Insignia only so long as they remain assigned or attached.

CLEARING COMPANY, 120TH MEDICAL BATTALION, for superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks and for achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline from 29 January to 29 May 1944 on the Anzio Beachhead, Italy. During this period the Clearing Company rendered superior medical service to the units of this division and to many other units. In spite of adverse conditions of weather, frequent hostile air attacks and enemy shellfire, the members of the Clearing Company worked unceasingly to process and to treat the sick and wounded. Individually and collectively the men of this company did everything possible to add to the comfort of their patients and to make for their speedy return to duty. The technical ability and the great devotion to duty of the personnel of the Clearing Company undoubtedly saved many lives, prevented much suffering, and contributed immeasurably to the physical and mental welfare of the numerous patients handled.

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Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.....I
Award of the Purple Heart.....II

I -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

EARL W BAKER 33706904, Infantry, Sergeant, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Home address: Parnassus, Pennsylvania.

JOHN D BUDZIAK 33461645, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Home address: Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM W GERBER 01298695, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 January 1945. Home address: Red Bank, New Jersey.

LESTER B GOSS 38067938, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery B, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 26 January 1945. Home address: Watonga, Oklahoma.

MONTFORD LOCKLEAR 14188124, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 January 1945. Home address: Pembroke, North Carolina.

JOSEPH MARTIN 33792469, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 October 1944. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ARTHUR YOUNGEATER 35017317, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 November 1944. Home address: Perrysburg, Ohio.

II - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

DONALD R ANTHONY 33171406, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 January 1945. Home address: Lehighton, Pennsylvania.

GLEN L BARBER 36569501, Infantry, Private First Class, Anti-tank Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 January 1945. Home address: Saginaw, Michigan.

JAMES R BAYLEY 36811854, Infantry, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 January 1945. Home address: Waukesha, Wisconsin.

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CHARLES A BEAVER 37658610, Medical Department, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 January 1945. Home address: Harvey, Iowa.

JAMES M BECKLEY 32196633, Infantry, Private, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Home address: New York, New York.

CHARLES CHEVALIER 31047820, Medical Department, Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 January 1945. Home address: Fairfield, Connecticut.

COLLIS D COLLINS 36105334, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 21 January 1945. Home address: Detroit, Michigan.

CHARLES C CREECH 34115308, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 10 October 1943. Home address: Zebulon, North Carolina.

NICHOLAS DAGILIO 33462480, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 January 1945. Home address: Kenson, Pennsylvania.

RALPH W DUSTMAN 37642597, Infantry, Private, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Home address: Wentzville, Missouri.

NORMAN T HANSEN 39925051, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 21 January 1945. Home address: Smithfield, Utah.

ROY IRONS 20829087, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 17 February 1944. Home address: Idabel, Oklahoma.

ROBERT C JONES 38018895, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 January 1945. Home address: Tulsa, Oklahoma.

PARK H LILLEY 33946941, Infantry, Private, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 January 1945. Home address: Corry, Pennsylvania.

RAYMOND S OLOWINSKI 33432575, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 January 1945. Home address: Erie, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH J ROCK 31085491, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 January 1945. Home address: Uxbridge, Massachusetts.

PAUL A SIMMONS 31287354, Infantry, Private, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 9 November 1943. Home address: Greenfield, Massachusetts.

FRANK SMITAY 12043573, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 January 1945. Home address: New York, New York.

ALFRED J VIGLIANTE 32209021, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 21 January 1945. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

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HAROLD WENGER 33500343, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 January 1945. Home address: Bareville, Pennsylvania.

STANLEY OSKO 31061084, Infantry, Private, Company H, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 October 1944. Home address: Providence, Rhode Island.

EUGENE J ZACHACKI 36761955, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 October 1944. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

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Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star I
Award, Posthumous, of the Silver Star II
Award of the Silver Star, Missing in Action III
Award of the Silver Star. IV

I — AWARD OF THE FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to the following officer:

VIRGIL P WOODALL 01308747, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1944 near Wingen, France. Advancing along a wooded hill, Lieutenant Woodall's company was delayed by heavy fire from an enemy group on its flank. Armed only with a .45 caliber pistol, Lieutenant Woodall moved alone into the hollow from which the fire was coming. He carefully worked his way around the enemy positions, using the trees for concealment, and approached from the rear. Suddenly opening fire, he killed one enemy soldier, wounded one, and forced the remaining seven to surrender. With its flank cleared, the company was able to proceed. Lieutenant Woodall's courage and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Fredonia, Kentucky.

II - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following officer and each of the following enlisted men:

CHESTER L LEE 35626683, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Antitank Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 October 1944 near Fremifontaine, France. While attempting to move forward to provide flank protection for other attacking units, one of the rifle companies in Technician Lee's regiment was pinned down by intense enemy fire. Supporting tanks were called upon, but they were unable to advance because of a heavily mined road. Technician Lee, realizing the urgent need for clearing the highway, moved out to sweep the exposed road. Enemy machine guns and small arms immediately opened fire, harassing him contantly, but Technician Lee persisted in his task, methodically sweeping one side of the road, then the other, marking the mines as he moved along. When the road was cleared, the armor was able to bring its fire power to bear on the enemy defenses and the company moved forwarded. Technician Lee's courage and devotion to duty were major factors in the success of the attack that followed and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Athens, Ohio. Next of kin: Mrs. Jessie Lee (Mother), Route 2, Athens, Ohio.

WILLIAM A REEB 01318224, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. During an attack by his platoon on a strongly fortified enemy position, Lieutenant Reeb continually moved from squad to squad, braving the heavy enemy fire to direct and encourage his men. After partially gaining its objective, the platoon was subjected to an intense concentration of mortar fire followed by a vicious counterattack, and Lieutenant Reeb immediately moved up with his forward elements. Despite the mortar and the small arms fire, he again worked his way from man to man, reassuring them and supervising their fire. While so engaged, Lieutenant Reeb was killed by enemy mortar fire. His courage and his superior leadership were an inspiration to his men and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Oak Park, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Carl A. Reeb (Mother), 823 Gunderson Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

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WILLIAM J RHODES 33644996, Infantry, Private, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 December 1944 near Mietesheim, France. While advancing across open terrain against a strongly defended enemy position, Private Rhodes' company received heavy fire from six enemy machine guns. Placing his light machine gun in advance of the riflemen, Private Rhodes engaged the enemy from an exposed position while the attacking platoons maneuvered around the enemy's flank. Maintaining accurate fire on the hostile guns until he was killed in action, Private Rhodes was greatly responsible for the successful seizure of the company objective. Entered the military service from Norfolk, Virginia. Next of kin: Mrs. Frances R. Swain (Sister), 1601 Morris Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia.

III - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following enlisted man, missing in action:

PAUL E STOOKEY 35274045, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 December 1944 near Bobenthal, Germany. As Private Stookey's company was moving to an alternate position, the enemy launched a strong attack, employing mortar, machine gun and rifle grenade fire. Observing that his platoon was bearing the brunt of the assault, Private Stookey and a fellow soldier immediately moved through the heavy fire to a light machine gun and placed it in action against the attacking force. Covered by Private Stookey's accurate fire, the platoon was given time to leave the area. When it became evident that the enemy had infiltrated on the flanks, Private Stookey ordered his assistant gunner to join the company while he remained behind, continuing to harass the enemy force and impede its advance until his position was finally overrun. Private Stookey's courage prevented serious losses to his platoon and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Washington C. H., Ohio. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruth V. Stookey (Wife), 1830 Sumter Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

IV - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following officer and each of the following enlisted men:

MICHAEL J DOHERTY 42035500, Infantry, Private, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 August 1944 near Geros, France. Attacking across an open area before a town, Private Doherty's platoon encountered heavy machine gun fire, followed by an artillery and mortar concentration which stopped the advance. While the other members of his unit were pinned down, Private Doherty crawled toward the enemy machine gun position. He worked himself to within twenty yards of the enemy inspite of the sniper fire directed at him, and fired a rifle grenade into the emplacement which silenced the gun and killed or wounded four of the crew. He then made his way back to his platoon, now able to regroup and continue the attack and secure the town. Private Doherty's boldness and courage reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Long Island City, New York.

HAROLD J GRIFFIN 32807207, Infantry, Private, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 October 1944 near Brouvelieures, France. When his company was stopped by heavy cross fire from well-emplaced enemy machine guns and small arms, Private Griffin, in an attempt to neutralize some of the enemy positions, crawled forward across two hundred yards of open terrain covered by grazing enemy fire. He succeeded in working his way to within thirty yards of one emplacement and by using grenades and rifle fire, silenced the gun, killed two of the enemy and forced three to surrender. Unable to get within grenade range of another machine gun position, Private Giffin remained long enough to observe the enemy deployment, then returned through the heavy fire with information which proved an important factor in the successful attack on these positions which followed. Private Giffin's courage and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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JOSEPH E LONG 33886279, Infantry, Corporal (then Private), Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 December 1944 near Bundenthal, Germany. In a final attempt to rescue seventy-eight American soldiers who were surrounded in a small town on the Siegfried Line, Corporal Long and two other soldiers volunteered to form a small patrol which would attempt to reach the encircled men and bring them back to friendly lines. After an artillery preparation, the patrol raced into the town and moved to the houses in which the seventy-eight men were holding out. While the other members of the patrol collected the tired and weakened soldiers and began to lead them out of the town, Corporal Long organized a number of the men to provide covering fire for the withdrawal. When the enemy subjected the route to intense machine gun and mortar fire, Corporal Long moved among the men, encouraging them, directing their fire and urging them on. He did not withdraw himself until everyone had safely left the town. Corporal Long's skill, daring and concern for his fellow soldiers were major factors in the successful rescue and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Washington, D. C.

LEONARD N MACH 36559268, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 29 November 1944 at Kindwiller, France. Private Mach's company was attacking Kindwiller when the enemy launched a fierce counterattack and succeeded in cutting his platoon off from the rest of the unit. Private Mach, an automatic rifleman, immediately opened fire, killing three and wounding several others. He then moved in, firing as he advanced, and his rapid and accurate fire forced the infiltrating enemy to abandon their positions, enabling the platoon to reestablish contact with the company and complete the seizure of the town. His courage and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Wyandotte, Michigan.

FREDERICK F MASSIE 31387027, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. As Sergeant Massie's platoon reached the ridge line in an attack on a hill, it encountered heavy machine gun fire from the enemy positions dug in on the reverse slope. While the platoon was forced to halt, Sergeant Massie began to crawl down the slope toward the enemy defenses. He worked himself through the enemy fire for more than one hundred yards to within thirty yards of the enemy positions, where he observed the terrain and the enemy deployment. He then threw several grenades at one of the emplacements, silencing the machine gun. As he began to make his way back to the company, the enemy attempted to intercept him with heavy fire, but he safely returned with information which materially aided the successful attack that followed. Sergeant Massie's courage and initiative reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

BERNARD V MIDDLETON 35584562, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 October 1944 near Fremifontaine, France. Sergeant Middleton was ordered to establish a roadblock on the far side of the Mortagne River, in preparation for a crossing by his company. Skillfully leading his patrol beneath heavy machine gun fire to the opposite bank, Sergeant Middleton encountered an enemy machine gun nest near the location chosen for the roadblock. He immediately ordered his men to lay down a base of fire while he crawled to within close range of the enemy position. Hurling two hand grenades into the emplacement, Sergeant Middleton destroyed the machine gun, killed three of the crew and captured one. His courage and aggressiveness enabled his company to cross the river without resistance and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Muncie, Indiana.

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~~CHARLES F ROBERTS JR 01998662, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company K, 180th~~ Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 December 1944 near Reichshoffen, France. Lieutenant Roberts' company was ordered to clear enemy resistance between Neiderbronn and Reichshoffen. His platoon, leading the attack, came under heavy machine gun fire shortly after leaving the line of departure. Lieutenant Roberts immediately led his scouts forward and engaged one of the enemy positions with hand grenades and rifle fire, killing one enemy soldier, wounding another and silencing the machine gun. Pushing on toward the objective, the platoon subsequently encountered a large group of enemy using a house as a strongpoint. Lieutenant Roberts, again moving at the head of his platoon, began an assault

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on the building. With Lieutenant Roberts firing, and shouting encouragement to his men as he moved in, the platoon drove the enemy from the house, killed three of the enemy and took twelve prisoners. When the mission was finally completed, Lieutenant Roberts' courageous and aggressive leadership had resulted in the elimination of four bazooka teams and six machine guns and the capture of forty-eight of the enemy. Entered the military service from East Bradford, Pennsylvania.

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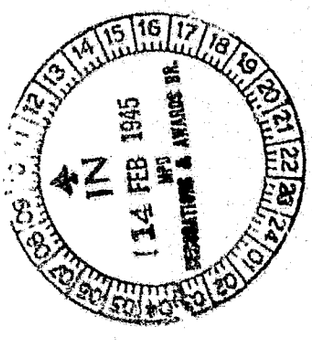
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I — AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following officer:

JOHN M BALLARD 0411240, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 November 1944 near Etival, France. Lieutenant Ballard's platoon was moving into an attack when the enemy suddenly engaged the unit from the front and flanks. Lieutenant Ballard found himself in a position exposed to enemy sniper and machine gun fire, but he immediately began to move through the platoon area, checking each position and encouraging his men to lay down a base of fire to enable the platoon on the left to advance. As the intensity of the enemy fire increased, the hostile force succeeded in infiltrating to within grenade distance, but Lieutenant Ballard maintained his position. Although painfully wounded, he refused to be evacuated, skillfully directing his platoon's fire until the adjacent unit had reached its objective. Lieutenant Ballard subsequently led his platoon forward in a successful attack on the enemy positions, consolidated his gains, and repulsed a counterattack with severe losses to the enemy. Lieutenant Ballard's determined and courageous leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Indianapolis, Indiana. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruby A. Ballard (Mother), 3360 North Meridian, Apartment G-2, Indianapolis, Indiana.

II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following enlisted men, missing in action:

EMILIEN A LEVESQUE 31344055, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company M, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944 near Loire, France. During a heavy enemy counterattack, Sergeant Levesque crawled forward through concentrations of enemy machine gun and mortar fire to set up his machine gun and return the fire on enemy personnel and vehicles. His accurate fire and courageous action aided materially in the successful defense of the sector. Entered the military service from Hartford, Connecticut. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Levesque (Mother), Monroe Street, Keegan, Maine.

EDWARD D WOODMANCY 33704502, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private), Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 31 October 1944 near St. Remy, France. Forced to man an outpost alone when the other soldier assigned returned to the company command post for more ammunition, Sergeant Woodmancy maintained his position in the face of heavy enemy fire. He found a limited supply of ammunition nearby, and continued to direct effective rifle fire on the enemy until the enemy's infiltration under cover of darkness required him to withdraw. Entered the military service from Indian Head, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruth O Woodmancy (Mother), Indian Head, Pennsylvania.

III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

ERO W AHOLA 31062734, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 December 1944 near Reichshoffen,

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