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Section 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 officer and each of the following enlisted men:

FREDRICK R CRISP 38588916, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 September 1944 in Maximieux, France. A battalion defending a town suffered many casualties from a strong enemy attack supported by artillery and tanks. Dashing across streets covered by enemy machine gun fire, Technician Crisp and his squad entered a building under direct enemy fire and administered medical attention to two wounded officers. Constructing improvised litters, they waited until the tanks ceased firing, then carried the officers back through the machine gun fire to the aid station. Entered the military service from Olney, Oklahoma.

DELMAR A REITZ 02000752, Infantry, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 September 1944 near Grandvillers, France. While leading his platoon through heavily wooded terrain, Lieutenant Reitz saw two enemy soldiers coming down a trail. He quickly prepared an ambush and captured the two without a struggle. Suspecting others to be following, he ordered his men to remain concealed and soon observed eleven enemy approaching. These also surrendered when surprised by Lieutenant Reitz's well-planned ambush. Entered the military service from Paxton, Illinois.

EDWARD F SHELTON 34187581, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment for heroic achievement in action on 1 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. As his platoon was moving up a steep hill it was halted by a well-entrenched enemy soldier who threw hand grenades down on the advancing men. Despite the danger from the grenades as well as from small arms fire from the top of the hill, Sergeant Shelton crawled to within a few feet of the enemy foxhole. He waited patiently until the enemy soldier exposed himself to throw another grenade, then shot him. Entered the military service from Clarksville, Tennessee.

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JOHN SIMONETTI 32875046, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 22 September 1944 near Archettes, France. In the crossing of the Moselle River by his company, Sergeant Simonetti led his squad aggressively in the attack against the well-defended high ground on the enemy's side. Upon taking the high ground, he quickly reorganized his squad and held the ground protecting the company's flank, enabling the company to continue its advance and secure a bridgehead for the remainder of the battalion. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Section 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:

PAUL EVANS 34890560, Infantry, Corporal,
Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
Next of kin: Mrs. Rosa K. Evans (Mother), 2431 Stockton Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

JAMES S LEWIS 39278272, Infantry, Private First Class.
Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from San Jacinto, California.
Next of kin: Mrs. Freda K. Lewis (Mother), 202 East Main Street, San Jacinto, California.

HAROLD E KNODE 33768380, Infantry, Private,
Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Torrance, Pennsylvania.
Next of kin: Mrs. Ina G. Knodo (Mother), Petersburg, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 28 November 1944 near Muhlhausen, France. When three enemy half-tracks and one tank supported by infantry attacked their platoon position, the above men, armed with two automatic rifles and M-1 rifle, moved to exposed positions in order to bring their fire to bear on the attacking enemy. They continued to bring steady and accurate fire on the enemy, inflicting numerous casualties until all three were killed by enemy machine gun fire. Their courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon themselves and their organization.

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Section 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 each of the following enlisted men:

KENNETH E ALLISON 36692133, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 December 1944 near Wissembourg, France. When his battalion was occupying defensive positions, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack preceded by heavy mortar and artillery fire, causing several casualties among Sergeant Allison's heavy machine gun squad, including the first and second gunners. Although the shell fire continued and the enemy infantry, supported by automatic weapons, was beginning its attack, Sergeant Allison quickly moved across an open area to man the idle gun. The initial force of the enemy assault carried it to within grenade range of his position, but he courageously held his ground, fired steadily at the enemy, inflicted numerous casualties on the attacking force and finally frustrated their attempt to break through in that sector. His courage and determination reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Mount Sterling, Illinois.

JOHN C BALL 42024251, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private), Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 September 1944 near LaBaffe, France. Sergeant Ball, far in advance of the lines, was acting as security for the artillery forward observer. While his attention was focused on a disturbance to the front he was attacked from the rear by an enemy patrol of seven men. Although greatly outnumbered and armed only with an automatic pistol, Sergeant Ball began firing rapidly into the patrol, advancing boldly as he fired. He killed the patrol leader and his aggressive action so confused the remainder of the patrol that they withdrew. Entered the military service from Messina, New York.

ROBERT S BELL JR 34893234, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 18 to 23 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. When a rifle company began an attack against strong enemy forces the enemy directed heavy mortar and artillery fire on the attacking troops, inflicting numerous casualties. Sergeant Bell quickly assumed command of his supporting machine gun section when all the noncommissioned officers were either killed or wounded, hastily reorganized the squads, and led the section for the next five days in its advance against stubborn resistance. With Sergeant Bell frequently exposing himself to heavy enemy fire in order to find the best positions for his guns and to direct the fire of his section, it was mainly through his courage and leadership that the attacking rifle company was at all times furnished with close support and was able to reach its objective. Entered the military service from Andrews, North Carolina.

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KENNETH R FREESE 35172180, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 September 1944 in Maximieux, France. When a prolonged attack expended most of the mortar and small arms ammunition, Private Freese drove his vehicle through direct enemy tank and small arms fire to the battalion ammunition dump on two occasions. He returned with his truck and trailer loaded with mortar and rifle ammunition and distributed it under heavy fire, aiding materially in the repulsion of the enemy attack. Entered the military service from Danville, Illinois.

KENNETH R DARLING 32370182, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 September 1944 near Maximieux, France. A heavy enemy attack forced the movement of a mortar section to the top of a hill for better use against the enemy. Loading the mortars and ammunition into his vehicle for speedy ascent, Private Darling drove to the top of the hill through enemy small arms and mortar fire and unloaded his vehicle. Private Darling then made four more round trips down the hill to an ammunition supply truck, loading and unloading the heavy ammunition alone, despite enemy sniper fire that had killed the driver and was directed against him. Entered the military service from Dolgoville, New York.

FELIX E SOLTOS 32189186, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Although he was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire, Private Soltos drove his three-quarter-ton wire vehicle, accompanied by three wiremen, to a point along the road where communication wire between battalion headquarters and one of the companies had been cut by enemy action. After the break had been repaired an incoming shell landed within ten yards of them, wounding all four men. Although seriously wounded in the leg and neck, Private Soltos assisted his comrades into the vehicle and drove them safely back to the aid station. Entered the military service from New Brunswick, New Jersey.

BENJAMIN F SOUTHARD 12045355, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 31 May 1944 near Corioli, Italy. When his battalion suffered numerous casualties in an attack, Technician Southard used his quarter-ton truck to expedite the evacuation of the wounded. He made repeated trips to the front lines under heavy artillery and small arms fire, bringing the wounded back to the battalion aid station. He diligently pursued his task until all wounded had been evacuated. Entered the military service from Oceanside, Long Island, New York.

ROBERT WILLIAMS 01031690, Infantry, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 29 September to 3 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. During this period Lieutenant Williams' company was engaged in a series of attacks. Lieutenant Williams, the only platoon leader left in his company, continually moved back and forth between the platoons to advise and encourage his men. On one occasion he quickly deployed two rifle platoons and a light machine gun section to break up a sudden enemy counterattack. As a result of his aggressive action, fifteen enemy were killed, three were wounded, and the remainder withdrew. Entered the military service from Douglas, Arizona.

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DELMAR B CHAMBLEE 34161940, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Sarpson, Georgia.

DOUGLAS C STILLMAN 31344795, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Pawcatuck, Connecticut.

For heroic achievement in action on 19 August 1944 near Barjols, France. Having overcome heavy enemy resistance to take strategic high ground overlooking a town, a rifle company was counterattacked by a strong enemy force. Although subjected to direct enemy fire, Privates Chamblee and Stillman moved their light machine guns into position to the left and right front of the riflemen and maintained a heavy volume of cross fire upon the attackers. When an enemy machine gun opened up on them, Privates Chamblee and Stillman swung their guns around and silenced the weapon. By their accurate and rapid fire, they helped to repulse the counterattack and accounted for a large proportion of the ten enemy killed and fifteen wounded.

ROBERT A PAOLETTI 31137759, Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class),
Company D, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Plymouth, Massachusetts.

ROY P LEDFORD 34129703, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company D, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Stockville, North Carolina.

For heroic achievement in action on 25 May 1944 near Padiglione, Italy. When the enemy launched a strong counterattack and the entire battalion sector was subjected to heavy enemy small arms, machine gun and mortar fire, Corporal Paoletti and Private Ledford remained at their mortar, even though in an exposed position, and continued to place a heavy volume of accurate mortar fire on the enemy. The fire delivered by Corporal Paoletti and Private Ledford inflicted many casualties upon the enemy and aided greatly in repulsing the counterattack.

HENRY G SCHMIDT 42024230, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private),
Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Baldwinville, New York.

DONALD D STATLER 33764691, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Windber, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 25 September 1944 near Chamois, France. When our attack overran a well-fortified enemy hill position, other enemy forces opened fire on our troops with an antiaircraft gun, antitank gun, mortars and small arms, causing confusion and wounding several men. Sergeant Schmidt and Private Statler, gunner and assistant gunner of a light machine gun, quickly moved their weapon to a new position and silenced the enemy antiaircraft gun. Continuing to fire on other enemy positions, both men were wounded in the arms and legs but declined evacuation until the encounter ended.

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CLYDE R EDWARDS 33764836, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade,
Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

LEONARD H HENDRICKSON 37292522, Medical Department, Private First Class,
Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

WILLIAM A LAPEV, R 33872531, Medical Department, Private First Class (then
Private),
Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action in Meximieux, France, on 1 September 1944.
A battalion defending a town suffered many casualties from a strong enemy attack
supported by artillery and tanks. Dashing across streets covered by enemy ma-
chine gun fire, Corporal Edwards and his squad entered a building under direct
enemy fire and administered medical attention to two wounded officers. Construct-
ing improvised litters, they waited until the tanks ceased firing, then carried
the officers back through the machine gun fire to the aid station.

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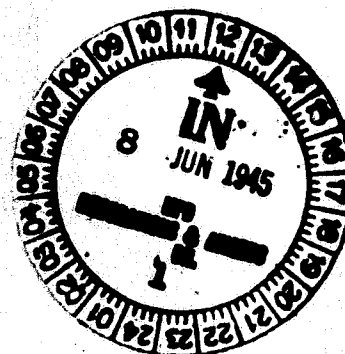
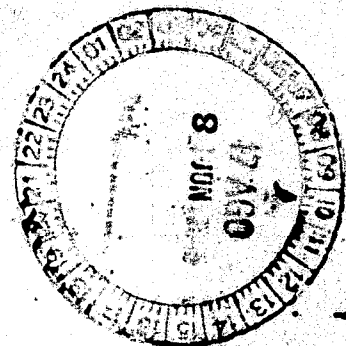
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Section I

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:

DANIEL WILSON JR 33783959, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. When his 60mm mortar section was encircled by two platoons of enemy infantry, Sergeant Wilson although wounded, worked his way through the enemy ring, located a friendly tank, and under its protective cover was able to rejoin his men. With the support of the tank, Sergeant Wilson and his men were able to beat back the attack with heavy loss to the enemy. Entered the military service from Newcastle, Delaware. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Wilson (Wife), Box 241, Newport, Delaware.

Section 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 and to each of the following enlisted men:

JAMES H ETHRIDGE 14035500, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. When his squad was pinned down by machine gun, machine pistol fire and grenades from an enemy strongpoint, Sergeant Ethridge worked his way around to the flank where open terrain exposed the enemy's positions and shot the enemy officer in command of the strongpoint. Later when his squad became pinned down for the second time, Sergeant Ethridge worked himself forward to an enemy outpost and by the use of grenades caused the surrender of its occupants, enabling his squad to advance. Entered the military service from Abbeville, Alabama.

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PAUL P FRANK 01289405, Infantry, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 December 1944 near Reichshoffen, France. Given the mission of seizing and holding a road junction near the railroad station in the town of Reichshoffen, Lieutenant Frank led his men through heavy machine gun fire to their objective. Although their force consisted of only two rifle squads, under Lieutenant Frank's courageous leadership, the group was able to beat off six counterattacks, kill or wound fifty of the enemy, and account for seventeen prisoners. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

WALTER E JORDAN JR 11063271, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 May 1944 on the Anzio Beachhead, Italy. When the ammunition supply of one of the companies of his battalion was depleted, Private Jordan made two trips over a road under enemy observation and subject to interdictory artillery fire to replenish the supply. Later in the day he made several more trips through the enemy fire to evacuate casualties and deliver urgently needed supplies. Entered the military service from Appenaug, Rhode Island.

GEORGE W ROACH 20830144, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company M, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 October 1944 near Fromfontaine, France. While acting as platoon leader of a heavy machine gun platoon in support of a rifle company, Sergeant Roach, although suffering from concussion and advised to report to the aid station, remained with his men. Sergeant Roach's action was an inspiration to his men and, although subjected to intense artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, his platoon stood fast, inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and repelled the repeated attacks. Entered the military service from Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

RICHARD A SINGER 33435296, Infantry, Sergeant, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945 near Wimmenau, France. Observing the enemy working around to the left of his light machine gun position, Sergeant Singer ordered his squad to move to the threatened area, remaining in the old position himself as a decoy. When the enemy charged the old position his squad inflicted heavy casualties on them. Sergeant Singer killed two with his pistol and prevented many others from penetrating the company positions. Entered the military service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

CARROLL R STRICKLAND 20828037, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 December 1944 near Reichshoffen, France. During an attack over open terrain, Private Strickland and an officer came across an abandoned American tank. Although they were being fired upon by enemy artillery and were in plain view of the enemy, they successfully brought the tank back to a defiladed position, preventing it from being destroyed by enemy action. Entered the military service from Atoka, Oklahoma.

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FRANK E WILCOX 37540380, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 January 1945 near Wildonguth, France. Sergeant Wilcox had established a security outpost overlooking a road leading to a thinly held section of our line. Observing approximately one hundred enemy and two tanks approaching our lines he reported this fact to his company and called for an artillery, mortar, and chemical mortar barrage, which dispersed the enemy although some succeeded in lodging themselves between the outpost and the company. Sergeant Wilcox was ordered to return to the company but he made frequent stops, tapped in on his phone line, and adjusted artillery fire on the enemy which aided materially in preventing the enemy from renewing the attack. Entered the military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

JOSEPH M WYNNE 12058935, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 5-8 January 1945 near Wimmenau, France. Although painfully wounded Sergeant Wynne, then acting First Sergeant, chose to remain with his men until they had taken their objective from a strong force of "SS" troops. Because the company strength was very low, Sergeant Wynne performed his regular duties for three additional days, and only after thoroughly orienting his noncommissioned officers, did he report for much needed medical attention. Entered the military service from Minocla, Long Island, New York.

OSCAR A AKIN 37540098, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Summerfield, Kansas.

PETER J MOLLO 31430043, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Hyde Park, Massachusetts.

For heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945 near Wildonguth, France. When an estimated enemy company attacked their platoon Sergeant Atkin and Private Mollo had their automatic rifle in position on the right flank which had been exposed by the withdrawal of an adjacent unit. The enemy infiltrated and began to throw hand grenades in an attempt to drive them from their gun, but they remained in position, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy until the platoon was ordered to withdraw.

CALVIN C DODDROE 35632132, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class),
Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Columbus, Ohio.

BOYD F MERRITT 34898906, Infantry, Sergeant,
Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment,
Entered the military service from Burlington, North Carolina.

For heroic achievement in action on 13-15 March 1945 near Frauenberg, Germany. Sergeant Doddroe and Sergeant Merritt made their way at night through enemy wire and mine fields to the Blies River. There they crossed,

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reconnoitered the area on the other side in preparation for the coming attack by their company, and returned to their organization. On the night of the attack Sergeant Doddroe and Sergeant Morrill led their company through the same enemy wire and mine fields to the River, and despite enemy flares and machine gun fire, succeeded in crossing the River, with a coil of rope, tied an end to a tree on the far bank and returned to East side, and to a stump on the friendly side. Sergeant Doddroe's and Sergeant Morrill's courage and initiative greatly aided their company in crossing the River and establishing a firm bridgehead.

LEO HORNSBY JR 34767298, Medical Department, Corporal (Technician Fifth Grade),
Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Macon, Georgia.

ROBERT E ALDE 36653068, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade,
Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

BERNARD V O'DONNELL 33760116, Medical Department, Private First Class,
Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Beaverdale, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945 near Bliesborsingen, France. When nineteen men were wounded by enemy mines in the battalion sector during the night, the above men, disregarding their personal safety, unhesitatingly entered the mine field and carried out the wounded until all were evacuated to the battalion aid station. Their courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the entire battalion.

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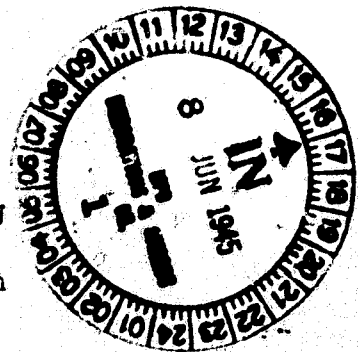
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Section I

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 officers:

LEO V BISHOP 0411329, Infantry, Major, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 3 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Canon City, Colorado.

LAURENCE C BROWN 020876, Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 27 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Syracuse, New York.

EVERETT W DUVALL 0364249, Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.

FRANK J GLASGOW 0399450, Infantry, Major, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 18 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from San Diego, California.

GRANT C LORD 0324293, Infantry, Major, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

CARL D McGEE 0372381, Quartermaster Corps, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), 45th Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 3 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Pawnee, Oklahoma.

Section 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:

EDWARD L AUSTIN 0311026, Field Artillery, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 January 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Burlington, Vermont.

KENNETH H CONNER 0325729, Infantry, Captain, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Longmont, Colorado.

WILLIAM H DRUSHEL 0322725, Infantry, Captain, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Edna, Texas.

JOHN F DUNN 02009677, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Elk City, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM J ENYEART 01300948, Infantry, Captain, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 27 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Girard, Ohio.

CHARLES O ERWIN 0379805, Corps of Engineers, Major, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Santa Rosa, New Mexico.

RICHARD A FREYGANG 0223934, Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel, 700th Ordnance Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Denver, Colorado.

RUPERT W GUENTHNER 01302642, Infantry, Captain, 45th Counter Intelligence Corps, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Bridgewater, South Dakota.

HENRY J HORT 0265593, Signal Corps, Lieutenant Colonel, 45th Signal Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Alva, Oklahoma.

NESBITT L MILLER 0244466, Medical Corps, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

ROBERT A MATHENY 0338543, Chaplain's Corps, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Ludlow, Kentucky.

MANUEL S NOVINS 01305635, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 19 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Brookline, Massachusetts.

ROSS H ROUTH 0287602, Finance Department, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

BERNARD SACHS 01165946, Field Artillery, Captain, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 2 May 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES S STOUGH JR 0385610, Infantry, Captain, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

ABRAHAM L WOOD JR 0302728, Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters, Special Troops, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Merchantville, New Jersey.

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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:

CHARLES K BRIGGS 51398207, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 October 1944 near Vimont, France. Although his mortar squad had no opportunity to dig in when the enemy launched a strong counterattack that wounded his first gunner, Sergeant Briggs chose to remain in position. Kneeling beside his mortar on open ground with the advancing enemy not more than two hundred and fifty yards away, he fired nearly five hundred rounds at the advancing enemy. At one time during the attack, several of the enemy infiltrated and advanced to a point fifty yards from his position, but Sergeant Briggs quickly picked up his carbine and fired, killing two and forcing the others to retreat. His effective fire proved to be a major factor in repulsing the strong enemy counterattack and preventing the recapture of an important sector. His courage and determination reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Portland, Maine. Next of kin: Mrs. Elsa F. Briggs (Mother), 52 Cumberland Avenue, Portland, Maine.

WILLIE H VINES 35654131, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near Goetzenbruck, France. A rifle company was ordered to attack and clear a wooded area of enemy forces that had isolated elements of Sergeant Vines' battalion. During the attack the light machine gun section made several displacements forward to support the advancing riflemen. In one of these movements one of the machine guns in Sergeant Vines' section was knocked out by enemy automatic weapons fire. Without hesitation, Sergeant Vines took over the other machine gun in his section, dragged it to where he had an open field of fire, and quickly put the gun in operation. In an intense exchange of fire that followed, Sergeant Vines succeeded in silencing an enemy machine gun. Then, under protection of his covering fire, the riflemen moved forward and secured the objective. Sergeant Vines then prepared to move his gun forward again for the next phase of the advance, but he was killed by an enemy sniper. Sergeant Vines' courage and skill saved the lives of his comrades and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Matoaka, West Virginia. Next of kin: Mrs. Ollie Vines (Mother), Matoaka, West Virginia.

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Section 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:

MARION W CROUSE 0391054, Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Headquarters, First Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near Wingen, France. A large force of enemy SS troops who had infiltrated the forward positions of Colonel Crouse's battalion attacked a town in an effort to capture his command post and sever rear lines of communication. Colonel Crouse was able to organize a hasty defense of his command post and to hold off the numerically superior enemy forces for several hours. Then when his staff was captured, Colonel Crouse made his way to the forward elements of his command and immediately organized a defense which later successfully repelled the main enemy attack. Colonel Crouse's courage and determination reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Vermont, Illinois.

IRVING ELLIS 02010717, Infantry, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. A heavy counterattack by enemy forces, employing approximately sixty riflemen and one tank, succeeded in overrunning our most forward positions and partially disorganized the riflemen who had borne the brunt of the attack. Lieutenant Ellis quickly deployed his heavy machine guns to the flanks, ordering the gunners to maintain continuous fire. Despite the heavy volume of small arms fire directed at his positions, Lieutenant Ellis moved about from gun to gun directing their fire. He then rounded up the disorganized riflemen, reorganized them and established a stable secondary position. Under his able leadership the riflemen assumed the initiative and counterattacked, regaining the lost ground. Lieutenant Ellis' courage and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOHN H GERMAYER 33061018, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Attacking in an attempt to drive the enemy from an important road junction, Sergeant Germayer's platoon encountered heavy machine gun and small arms fire and was forced to halt. Sergeant Germayer, a squad leader, immediately organized a twelve-man patrol for the purpose of outflanking the enemy position. Leading his men through a densely wooded area, Sergeant Germayer was moving in advance of the patrol to reconnoiter the best route of approach, when he observed fifteen enemy soldiers setting up three machine guns. Sergeant Germayer deployed four of his men as a base of fire, then worked his way to within close range and hurled two hand grenades at the enemy group in quick succession. Following up his advantage, Sergeant Germayer assaulted the position, firing his submachine gun as he moved in. The grenades and his destructive fire killed four of the enemy and wounded a number of others. As a result, the company was able to continue its advance and occupy the objective. Sergeant Germayer's courageous and aggressive leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

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ARDER D GIBSON 35808241, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1945 near Kohlhutte, France. Sergeant Gibson led a combat patrol forward to attack on enemy outposts on the right flank of a strongly fortified hill position. As the patrol approached the enemy position, the enemy began a heavy defensive fire with small arms and mortars. Quickly deploying his squad to give him covering fire, Sergeant Gibson moved forward alone, armed with an M-1 rifle fitted with a grenade launcher. Although under heavy enemy fire, he succeeded in crawling within range and with a well placed grenade killed the three members of the outpost. Fire was then taken up by another enemy position a short distance to the right. Directing his squad to give him covering fire again, Sergeant Gibson crawled within distance of the second enemy outpost and succeeded in killing the three occupants with another well placed rifle grenade. Quickly reassembling his patrol, Sergeant Gibson then began the difficult task of withdrawing to his own lines. When one man was wounded by enemy fire, Sergeant Gibson carried the wounded man safely to friendly lines. Sergeant Gibson's courageous leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Dixon, Kentucky.

JAMES T HAMLIN 02014846, Infantry, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near Kohlhutte, France. A rifle company was engaged in moving into defensive positions after heavy counterattacks by strong forces of enemy SS troops. Lieutenant Hamlin had just moved his squad into position protecting the company's left flank when the enemy attacked again. Realizing the seriousness of the threat, Lieutenant Hamlin instructed his men where to dig in, then, crawling thirty yards under heavy enemy fire, he reached an abandoned light machine gun and began to fire at the enemy. Immediately the enemy focused its full attention upon his position, but Lieutenant Hamlin remained behind the gun and inflicted numerous casualties upon the attacking force. His effective fire repulsed four attacks and finally forced the enemy to withdraw. Lieutenant Hamlin's courageous and determined leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Elwood, Indiana.

JAMES F JOHNSON 42092321, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near Wingen, France. While withdrawing to more favorable positions, Private Johnson's company was hit by heavy enemy machine gun fire from both flanks, halting its progress and wounding the first gunner in Private Johnson's squad. Private Johnson immediately took over the idle gun. Dragging the heavy weapon behind him, he crawled sixty yards, under intense enemy machine gun cross fire and fire from mortars and small arms, until he reached a position offering a better field of fire. The enemy, taking notice of his movements, concentrated heavy fire on him but Private Johnson determinedly set up his gun and by accurate and rapid fire succeeded in silencing the machine gun fire from one of the flanks. Then, noticing two aid men attempting to reach wounded soldiers, he directed his fire in such a way as to cover the medics' movements, enabling them to complete their mission. Private Johnson's courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Locke, New York.

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EUGENE H KACHERMEYER 35771534, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945 near Dambach, France. When his company occupied strategic high ground, the enemy launched a strong counterattack. When the strong enemy attack against the position held by his company had been repulsed, it was discovered that the enemy had left behind six well concealed snipers whose fire prevented the company from reorganizing and evacuating the wounded. Sergeant Kachermeyer, on his own initiative, moved about in the open terrain in order to draw fire from the snipers. As quickly as he observed the location of one of the enemy, he opened fire with his M-1 rifle, and by this repeated process succeeded in killing three and wounding one of the snipers, forcing the other two to withdraw. As a result of this action, the company was able to reorganize its positions and evacuate the wounded. His courage and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from East Bank, West Virginia.

CHESTER S KINGURE 02011647, Infantry, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945 near Dambach, France. When it became evident that the town of Dambach was being used by the enemy as a base from which to infiltrate troops through our lines, Lieutenant Kingure's company was given the mission of clearing the town. Working its way at night to the outskirts, the company was subjected to heavy small arms and mortar fire which held up the attack. Instructing his men to cover his advance, Lieutenant Kingure succeeded in crawling to within range of an enemy strongpoint. Firing a rifle grenade, he killed two enemy soldiers, then quickly brought up his squad and led them in eliminating the strongpoint, capturing one officer and twenty-seven enlisted men. Then by opening fire on the other enemy installations in the area, he enabled the company to infiltrate quickly into the town, dislodge the entire enemy force, and take a total of forty-four enlisted men and two officers prisoner. Lieutenant Kingure's courage and aggressiveness materially contributed to the success of the attack and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Youngstown, Ohio.

EDUARD E MOUSSEAU JR 31363647, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 November 1944 near Danglesheim, France. When his company was stopped in its attack on fortified enemy positions by enemy barbed wire entanglements covered by fire, Private Mousseau realized that a path through the entanglement had to be made. In the face of rapid and continued mortar, machine gun and small arms fire from the enemy strongpoint, he crawled forward two hundred and fifty yards and succeeded in reaching the outer perimeter of the barbed wire. From there, although under direct fire, Private Mousseau cut a path measuring eighty feet in depth through the obstacle. This daring and courageous act enabled his fellow soldiers to continue their attack and quickly overrun the enemy strongpoint. Entered the military service from Franklin, Massachusetts.

STANLEY W NIEMINSKI 36688191, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. When the enemy launched a strong counterattack supported by automatic weapons in an effort to force a break-through, the gunner in Sergeant Nieminski's squad was killed. Sergeant Nieminski immediately took over the firing of the gun. Although other heavy weapons squads were falling back to more favorable positions, Sergeant Nieminski, realizing that he was in

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a position to provide covering fire for the withdrawal of the troops, decided to hold his position in spite of the fact that the enemy was less than one hundred yards away and pouring fire on his position. Maintaining a steady and accurate fire, he silenced two enemy machine guns, killed or wounded the crews and accounted for a large number of the advancing infantrymen. He continued his fire until his gun was knocked out of action by small arms fire. Sergeant Nieminski's courage and devotion to duty materially aided in repulsing the counterattack. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

IRA A PALM 01292580, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 December 1944 near Engwiller, France. When his company was forced to cross open terrain in its assault on an enemy position, the enemy directed intense mortar, artillery, tank and small arms fire on the area, killing the company commander and disorganizing the men. Lieutenant Palm assumed command and by moving among the men, encouraging them and directing their deployment, reorganized the company to continue the attack. With Lieutenant Palm leading it in the face of the heavy enemy fire, the company went on to take its objective. Lieutenant Palm's leadership and courage reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Salisbury, North Carolina.

CHRISTOPHER J PAPPANOU 01283476, Infantry, Captain, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 January 1945 near Wingen, France. A strong force of six hundred enemy SS troops succeeded in forcing a gap between our flank and the units on our left. As a result of this attack elements of the company adjoining our left flank became confused and began to fall back under the pressure of the enemy attack. Informed of the situation, Captain Pappianou rushed to the threatened point and found the advance enemy elements less than fifty yards away. He regrouped and reorganized the men and then, moving about under enemy small arms fire, he set up a defensive position so well organized that the entire enemy attack was repulsed and the threat to the supply and communication lines eliminated. From these positions a successful counterattack was launched that resulted in the reestablishment of a solid line before the enemy. Captain Pappianou's courageous and determined leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOSEPH C YELENCIC 33139896, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945 near Althorn, France. A rifle company leading the attack against the town was subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy small arms, automatic weapons, mortar and artillery fire. Sergeant Yelencic, in the face of this heavy fire, led his squad forward in his determination to reach the objective. Although confronted by a superior number of enemy, Sergeant Yelencic kept his squad deployed behind him for covering fire while he moved forward alone to assault enemy strongpoints. Advancing alone in this manner, Sergeant Yelencic moved to within grenade range of an enemy machine gun position that had been holding up the attack. Then, in a bold attack, Sergeant Yelencic, with skillful use of hand grenades and rifle fire killed three of the enemy and forced the remainder to withdraw. Reassembling his squad, Sergeant Yelencic then led them forward again to capture an enemy platoon headquarters and switchboard, disrupting enemy communications in that sector. Sergeant Yelencic's courage and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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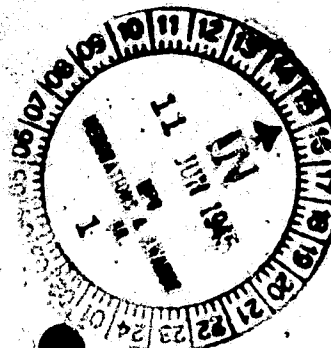
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Section I

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 enlisted man:

STEPHEN PELLER 33425510, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 March 1945 near Sarreguemines, France. After completing a river crossing, Sergeant Peller's platoon advanced about two hundred yards when an adjacent unit encountered a mine field. Four soldiers were wounded and at the same time his own platoon began to receive heavy machine gun fire from a knoll to its front. Sergeant Peller immediately moved through the heavy fire to his scouts and, urging them to follow him, led the platoon forward in spite of the danger of mines and the increasing intensity of the enemy fire in an aggressive attack which attained the objective. As a result of Sergeant Peller's courageous and aggressive leadership, ten enemy soldiers were captured, three killed, the remainder forced to withdraw, and an enemy strongpoint was reduced. Entered the military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Section 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 officers:

PAY C FEE 0410118, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. Lieutenant Fee's platoon, supported by two tanks, was given the mission of neutralizing two enemy road blocks that were holding up the advance of his company on the streets of Nurnberg. While under bazooka, machine gun fire, and fire from enemy riflemen dispersed in buildings in the vicinity, Lieutenant Fee maneuvered the tanks into position and by carefully directing their fire eliminated resistance from that point. He then brought his platoon into position

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and skillfully led it just short of its objective. While reconnoitering to his front and pointing out positions for two squads to occupy, he was killed by enemy small arms fire. Lieutenant Fee accounted for many enemy killed and seventy-five taken prisoner. His courage and leadership ability reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Next of kin: Mrs. Mildred B. Fee (Wife), 600 Washington Avenue, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

JAMES B MOORE 0538734, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 March 1945 near Rhinodurkheim, Germany. Lieutenant Moore, with sixteen of his men, was crossing the Rhine River in the first wave of assault boats when his boat capsized. Confusion resulted when four enemy flak guns and several machine guns began covering the surface of the river with bullets and air bursts. In the swift current the men were struggling to free themselves from their heavy equipment. Lieutenant Moore, by treading water, was able to secure his trench knife. Then, working desperately as enemy fire continued to cover the river, he made his way to four of his men, quickly slashed their pack straps and directed them to some floating wreckage. When a rescue party arrived, Lieutenant Moore refused a seat in the boat, directed it to other drowning men and began swimming to shore. On the way, Lieutenant Moore observed two other men struggling to survive and immediately swam to their side and aided them to safety. Lieutenant Moore's courage and devotion to his men during this trying period reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Escalon, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Edith Moore (Mother), Route 1, Box 123, Escalon, California.

Section III

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:

JOHN H DINSMOORE-36464700, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 January 1945 near Wingen, France. Sergeant Dinsmoore's rifle company was counterattacked by a numerically superior force of SS troops attempting to fight their way out of the town of Wingen. Although other elements of the company began moving back to more tenable locations, Sergeant Dinsmoore from his position on the right flank opened fire with his light machine gun. He drew a great force of the attackers away from their main effort, inflicted heavy casualties on them, and eliminated the threat of an attack from the right flank. Noticing eight enemy attempting to displace an automatic weapon in an effort to bring it to bear upon his position, Sergeant Dinsmoore proceeded to kill six of the enemy and wound the rest. His courageous action undoubtedly prevented serious losses and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Bay City, Michigan.

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ROBERT B STARK 02006126, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 near Habkirchen, Germany. While leading his platoon forward after a successful crossing of the Blies River, Lieutenant Stark encountered an enemy mine field. Several of his men were wounded and Lieutenant Stark, finding himself in the center of the field, ordered the other two squads to move around it. Telling the men in the squad he had been guiding to stay in place, he began to aid one of the wounded soldiers. Another mine exploded, wounding Lieutenant Stark seriously in the leg. Despite the severity of his wound, however, he remained calm and in control of the situation. Taking off his belt and applying a tourniquet to his wound, Lieutenant Stark ordered his men to remain in place until daylight. When a soldier returned the next day with medical aid, Lieutenant Stark was found neutralizing several of the enemy mines. He insisted that his men be treated before he permitted himself to be evacuated. Lieutenant Stark's courage and fortitude reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Bronx, New York.

THOMAS L TRAVIS 36967524, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 March 1945 near Frauenberg, France. As first scout, Private Travis led his company in the attack across the Blies River and through the mine fields on the far bank. Continuing up a hill he encountered an enemy guard. Acting quickly, Private Travis shot and killed him, but the sound of the shot alerted the enemy strongpoint and a machine gun opened fire on his company. Without waiting for assistance, Private Travis crawled to within fifteen feet of the enemy emplacement and threw a hand grenade into it, knocking out the gun, killing two of the occupants and forcing the surrender of three others. Private Travis' courage and aggressiveness were instrumental in the successful attack across the river and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Muskegon, Michigan.

JACK L TREADWELL 01703018, Infantry, Captain (then First Lieutenant) Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 January 1945 near Wimmenau, France. A numerically superior enemy force in well-entrenched defensive positions, directed intense machine gun and rifle fire at Captain Treadwell's attacking company and stopped the advance. Moving through the heavy fire to the platoon which was bearing the brunt of the enemy pressure, Captain Treadwell found the platoon leader wounded and the platoon itself disorganized. Acting quickly to meet the situation, he regrouped the squads, called for close mortar and tank support, maneuvered his other platoons into position, and then led his men in an aggressive assault up the enemy-held hill. Captain Treadwell so inspired his platoon by his own courage and daring, and so skillfully directed the fire of the supporting tank, that the enemy defenses were overrun with a minimum of casualties to his company, while fifty enemy soldiers were killed and fifty more captured. Entered the military service from Snyder, Oklahoma.

CHARLES A WILLARD 33701188, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 March 1945 near Biesengen, Germany. Private Willard, wire driver, volunteered to lay and maintain a telephone line from a rifle company to the battalion command post. The ground over which the wire ran was exposed for a thousand yards to complete enemy observation and cross fire from enemy pillboxes and

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THOMAS M PATTON 37600109, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 March 1945 near Habbkirchen, Germany. Just short of the crossroad which was the objective, Private Patton's platoon received a heavy volume of small arms, machine pistol and machine gun fire from a house situated on commanding ground. With the remainder of the unit pinned down, Private Patton exchanged his automatic rifle for a comrade's M-1 rifle, procured a hand grenade and prepared to assault the house. While the other soldier provided covering fire, Private Patton dashed through the heavy enemy fire to the building. He first threw a grenade through the window killing two enemy riflemen, then burst into the house firing the M-1. In the face of his bold attack the other enemy soldiers withdrew from the strongpoint and Private Patton, capturing an enemy machine gun intact, enabled the platoon to reach its objective. Entered the military service from Hill City, Minnesota.

CARMEN V PERRONE 33706015, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 January 1945 near Wingen, France. Sergeant Perrone was preparing to move out with the leading elements of his company in a scheduled attack when a strong enemy force of SS troops assaulted its positions. The numerically superior enemy, laying down heavy concentrations of machine gun, machine pistol and small arms fire, succeeded in disorganizing the company. Sergeant Perrone, on his own initiative, worked his way over a snow-covered peak and through intense enemy fire to a supporting tank which he led to a position where it could fire on the attacking force. Although forced to expose himself to machine gun fire, Sergeant Perrone directed the tank's fire so effectively that many casualties were inflicted upon the enemy, and he disrupted the counterattack to such an extent that his company was able to regroup and successfully fight off the enemy thrust. During the action Sergeant Perrone was wounded in the head but he courageously continued with his mission. His quick thinking and determination reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from New Castle, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES F ROBERTS JR 01998662, Infantry, First Lieutenant (then 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 enemy weapon. Later, when the platoon was again held up by an enemy strongpoint, Lieutenant Roberts led his men in a successful assault on the enemy position, killing three and taking twelve enemy prisoners. Going on, Lieutenant Roberts and an enlisted man came across an abandoned American tank. Although they were being fired upon by enemy artillery and were in plain view of the enemy, they successfully brought the tank back to a defiladed position, preventing it from being destroyed by enemy action. Lieutenant Roberts' courage and leadership reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from East Bradford, Pennsylvania.

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slit trenches. Artillery, mortar and small arms fire continually severed the wire line and Private Willard made five complete trips along its length repairing breaks during the day. Then, after a particularly heavy barrage rendered the line useless, Private Willard laid a complete new line. At times the small arms fire across this open stretch of ground was of such intensity that tanks were employed to bring up supplies and evacuate the wounded, but by his courage and devotion to duty Private Willard enabled the strategically-located rifle company to maintain communications with battalion headquarters and contributed materially to the successful operations in his battalion's sector. Entered the military service from Washington, Pennsylvania.

JOHN W DUNN JR 34839809, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Adel, Georgia.

JOHN I STIVASON 33037573, Infantry, Private,
Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from McGram, Pennsylvania.

For gallantry in action on 20 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. After personnel from a friendly unit had been unsuccessful in clearing out an enemy-held tunnel due to heavy enemy small arms fire and hand grenades, Private Dunn and Private Stivason volunteered to enter the tunnel and attempt to clear it of the enemy. They felt their way along the walls in the dark until they came to a locked door. Firing a rifle grenade they broke down the door, wounded several enemy personnel, and in the resulting confusion captured the enemy that remained in the room. Then, using the captured enemy as a guide, they persuaded others in the tunnel to come out of hiding, resulting in the capture of fifty more. The daring and courage displayed by Private Dunn and Private Stivason so demoralized the remaining enemy in the tunnel that shortly thereafter two hundred more were induced to surrender. Private Dunn's and Private Stivason's brave actions reflect credit upon themselves and their organization.

OK } So much of General Orders Number 34, Section IV, Award of the Silver Star, this headquarters, as, as pertains to CHARLES F ROBERTS JR 01998662, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked,

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Award of the Silver Star I
Award of the Soldier's Medal II

Section 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:

LOIS J HARNESS 35790887, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 November 1944 near St. Remy, France. Although he and his squad had been fighting an offensive action for over two weeks without relief, Sergeant Harness, by a personal display of courage in attacking enemy positions single-handedly, inspired his men to advance against strong enemy opposition. Sergeant Harness killed five of the enemy with his Thompson submachine gun and by his aggressive action caused the surrender of six more. His leadership brought about the neutralizing of an enemy strongpoint consisting of two machine guns, three machine pistols and several riflemen. Sergeant Harness' action reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Crab Orchard, Kentucky.

MARTIN S TASZREK 33149744, Chemical Warfare Service, Private First Class, Company C, Second Chemical Mortar Battalion, for gallantry in action on 16 March 1945 near Camp de Bitche, France. When an infantry regiment assaulted Camp de Bitche, Private Tazsrek accompanied the leading elements as observation post radio operator. Intense small arms and self-propelled gun fire had temporarily stopped the advance. Realizing the necessity of mortar support, Private Tazsrek, although under direct enemy fire, worked his way, with the forward observer, to a nearby house from which he began transmitting fire data. Although he was painfully wounded, he determinedly remained at his post relaying fire orders which resulted in successfully neutralizing the enemy fire and permitted the infantry to advance to its assigned objective. His courageous action reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Morann, Pennsylvania.

JAMES F TOBIN 33778384, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 December 1944 near Hirschtal, Germany. While the rifle company to which Sergeant Tobin's machine gun squad was attached was withdrawing to more favorable positions, an officer was wounded and left behind. After emplacing his machine gun, Sergeant Tobin volunteered to attempt to rescue the officer. He was forced to work his way forward for several hundred yards through a heavy concentration of enemy mortar and artillery fire to reach the old positions. The area in which the wounded

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man was lying was under enemy observation and covered with machine gun fire, but Sergeant Tobin succeeded in crawling to the side of the wounded officer. Pulling him into a nearby shell-hole, Sergeant Tobin administered aid and that night, under cover of darkness, evacuated the wounded officer to safety. Sergeant Tobin's courage and determination reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Section II

Award of the Soldier's Medal

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

LESLIE M NESS 37773009, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 26 April 1945 near Bartoldsheim, Germany. A boat filled with troops capsized, resulting in its occupants being thrown into the Danube River. One soldier, unable to swim, called for help. Private Ness unhesitatingly ran to the water's edge and dove into the swiftly-moving river. He swam to the drowning man and pulled him back to shore. Dragging him to a suitable spot, Private Ness then administered artificial respiration until the man could breathe easily and be evacuated. Private Ness' courageous action resulted in the saving of a fellow soldier's life and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from South Shore, South Dakota.

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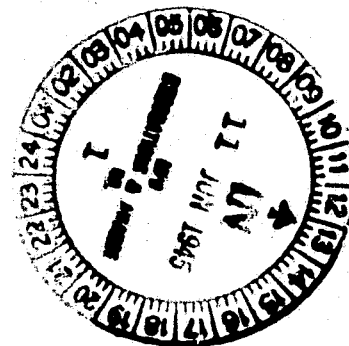
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Section I

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:

CARL L HANSEN 42115300, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. When numerically superior enemy forces, backed by heavy barrages of mortars, rockets and artillery, infiltrated and built up positions to the rear of our lines, Private Hansen with other members of a mortar squad made repeated assaults against these enemy positions to force open a supply route to the surrounded troops. During one of these assaults, Private Hansen, as first scout, penetrated to within twenty yards of an enemy machine gun nest where he was fatally wounded. His courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Nutley, New Jersey. Next of kin: Mrs. Laura Hansen (Mother), 3321 Brighton Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Section 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:

LEON BROWN JR 35549471, Infantry, Private, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 5-8 November 1944 near St. Remy, France. A counterattack by numerically superior enemy forces surrounded the rifle company and cut it off from the rest of the battalion. When infiltrating enemy reached his position, Private Brown, assistant machine gunner, killed two of the attacking force with his pistol. Caught between friendly and enemy automatic fire, Private Brown was forced to remain in this position for several hours before he was able to crawl back to friendly lines. Entered the military service from Angola, Indiana.

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ROBERT W BRUNDIGE 36572206, Infantry, Private, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 5-8 November 1944 near St. Remy, France. When numerically superior enemy forces cut the company off from the remainder of the battalion and infiltrating enemy began firing upon his machine gunners, Private Brundige, an ammunition bearer armed only with a carbine, moved to an exposed position and opened fire, inflicting many casualties upon the enemy. Enemy rifle and bazooka fire directed against his position severely wounded Private Brundige, but he declined evacuation until the enemy assault had been repulsed. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

ALLEN C CUTLER 33576146, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 5-8 November 1944 near St. Remy, France. Private Cutler, ammunition bearer, made repeated trips during this period to keep his section supplied with ammunition, even though the country over which he was forced to travel was void of cover and heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortars fell in the area. When the ammunition supply became exhausted, Private Cutler then assisted in the evacuation of several seriously wounded men. His courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Clearfield, Pennsylvania.

RICHARD S MARSHALL 31031590, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 5-8 November 1944 near St. Remy, France. A counterattack by numerically superior enemy forces surrounded the rifle company and cut it off from the rest of the battalion. When infiltrating enemy began firing upon his machine gunners, Private Marshall, an ammunition bearer, armed only with a carbine, moved to an exposed position and killed three of the attacking force who worked to within a few yards of the gun emplacement. When the section moved to new positions Private Marshall assisted in the evacuation of the wounded. Entered the military service from Wollaston, Massachusetts.

GEORGE W MASON 34546651, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 21 October 1944 near Rambervillers, France. The 81mm mortar platoon of which Private Mason was a member had just gone into position when it was observed by the enemy who promptly covered the area with a heavy concentration of artillery fire, seriously wounding an ammunition bearer. Private Mason, realizing that an aid man was not available, dashed across the open area to the wounded man and was administering first aid when the area was again subjected to an intense concentration of artillery fire. Despite the severity of the fire, Private Mason succeeded in carrying the man to a position of safety. Entered the military service from Miami, Florida.

EDFORD T MELTON 34580880, Infantry, Private First Class, (then Private), Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment for heroic achievement in action on 3 June 1944 near Velletri, Italy. When his regiment launched its attack to break out of the Anzio Beachhead, Private Melton, member of a pioneer platoon, volunteered to form and lead a litter squad. Seeing several riflemen wounded by the heavy enemy artillery fire, Private Melton elected to go alone and ran three hundred yards to the wounded men. Placing one on his back he carried him to safety.

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Other squad members, inspired by his actions, followed suit and soon all the wounded soldiers were evacuated. Entered the military service from Wadley, Alabama.

JOSEPH J SALDIS 42037135, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Headquarters Company, Second Battalion (then Company G), 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 19-24 December 1944 in Bundenthal, Germany. When his company attempted to move into the village of Bundenthal, heavy enemy machine gun fire pinned Private Saldis and his company down. Working his way under this fire, Private Saldis and several of his comrades reached a barn approximately fifty yards from an enemy strongpoint. Despite the heavy fire that was directed at him Private Saldis, by his alertness and accuracy in returning the enemy's fire, assisted in holding the enemy until it was possible to effect a withdrawal. Entered the military service from Bronx, New York.

ELMAN R SMYTH 35900883, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 December 1944 near Bundenthal, Germany. Private Smyth was a member of a platoon cut off from the rest of the company. When enemy incendiary bullets set fire to the building in which they were seeking shelter Private Smyth with another soldier unhesitatingly rushed to the loft and succeeded in extinguishing the blaze, preventing serious injury to their comrades. Entered the military service from Franklin, Indiana.

WAYNE A STARR 37540374, Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 November 1944 near Etival, France. While attacking heavily fortified positions one of the rifle companies received a strong counterattack and infiltrating troops destroyed all wire communication. Corporal Starr, radio operator with the supporting heavy weapons company, immediately moved to an exposed point from which he directed mortar fire on enemy positions. Although observed by the enemy and the target of heavy artillery and mortar fire, he continued his effective directing of fire until the attack had been repulsed. Entered the military service from Sewal, Iowa.

CLARENCE G WRIGHT 20837904, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 5-8 November 1944 near St. Remy, France. A counterattack by superior enemy forces surrounded the rifle company and cut it off from the rest of the battalion. Although they were outnumbered Sergeant Wright and his men were determined to resist capture and moved into more exposed positions to return the enemy fire. When their machine gun ammunition became exhausted, Sergeant Wright, though suffering from concussion as the result of an enemy hand grenade, led his men in a successful assault which reached friendly lines. Entered the military service from Montrose, Colorado.

CLIFFORD R HADDOCK 34586682, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private), Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Florence, Alabama.

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JAMES D REDMOND 34684309, Infantry, Corporal (then Private),
Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Columbus, Georgia.

PATRICIO L GARCIA 38455094, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Patoot, Texas.

For heroic achievement in action on 28 May 1944 near Anzio, Italy.
Many men became seriously wounded when the enemy laid down a heavy barrage on the company's position. These three men volunteered to help evacuate the men and, although under intense artillery fire, kept at their task until all wounded personnel were moved to safety.

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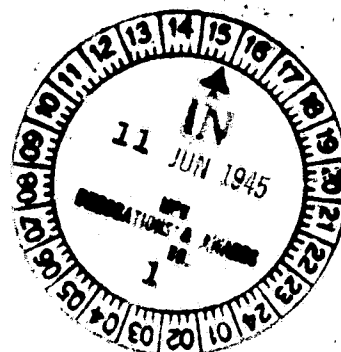
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Award of the Bronze Star Medal

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

RALPH H AULT 20838341, Infantry, Corporal, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February 1944 on the Anzio Beachhead, Italy. During the heavy fighting all the artillery forward observers were killed or wounded and Corporal Ault was sent forward to man the battalion observation post and was assigned the task of directing artillery fire. Crawling forward to assume his duties, Corporal Ault discovered the observation post was situated in an unfavorable position. Still under enemy machine gun fire, Corporal Ault crawled forward with the telephone to a more favorable position and directed artillery fire upon the enemy tank and troop concentrations which aided materially in repelling the enemy attacks. Entered the military service from Camp Berkeley, Texas.

CARL J BERG 37273582, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 November 1944 near Zinswiller, France. Sergeant Berg led a combat patrol deep into enemy territory under cover of darkness. In an ensuing fire fight, several casualties were sustained by the patrol before it could return to friendly lines. Upon discovering that two men were missing, Sergeant Berg returned alone to the scene of the fight and found one man slightly wounded and one seriously wounded. Cries from the seriously wounded man brought down heavy enemy fire, but Sergeant Berg succeeded in assisting both wounded men back to friendly lines where they could be evacuated. Entered the military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ALBERT DE RAY 32464411, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 May 1944 near Campo Morto, Italy. In the middle of a heavy barrage by enemy self-propelled guns which wounded many in the mortar section, Sergeant De Ray loaded himself with the base plate, gun sight, and one bag of ammunition and led the remainder of the squad forward through the artillery fire. In the next draw he administered first aid to his company commander and platoon leader, then, acting upon their instructions, set up his mortar and laid down accurate fire upon enemy positions, forcing them to withdraw. Entered the military service from Kearny, New Jersey.

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PAUL A. GRAHAM 01291457, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 August 1944 near Lorgues, France. Lieutenant Graham's motorized patrol was ambushed by an enemy force dug in on high ground which brought the patrol under heavy fire from machine guns. Observing that his patrol could not fight its way out of the ambush without help, Lieutenant Graham gave his men detailed instructions for their defense and then armed only with his carbine, made a dash across open terrain in the face of intense fire to reach the main body of friendly troops. There requesting a tank and a platoon of infantry, Lieutenant Graham led this force in an aggressive attack on the enemy strongpoint. In the ensuing battle all the enemy were captured and the ambushed patrol was rescued. Lieutenant Graham's courageous leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Mankato, Kansas.

DONNEL E GIFT 33897889, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 November 1944 near Logviller, France. When Private Gift's company became engaged in a fire fight before a hill which afforded the enemy excellent observation of our positions, two men were wounded and unable to make their way to the rear. Private Gift, a messenger, volunteered as a litter bearer and completed two trips across several hundred yards of open terrain and a deep swamp to carry the wounded to safety. Entered the military service from Cavetown, Maryland.

ROBERT D HALE 36804382, Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 May 1944 near Anzio, Italy. Having just returned with his platoon to the battalion headquarters from delivering rations to a rifle company, Corporal Hale volunteered to lead a group of engineers carrying water and ammunition to the front lines. Although he was exhausted, he unhesitatingly led the men to the forward positions, and under heavy artillery fire, successfully guided them back. Entered the military service from Darlington, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM K HAUG JR 19202434, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1945 near Zweibrucken, Germany. While his unit was mopping up in the vicinity of an enemy gasoline dump a terrific explosion occurred, followed by calls for help. Without hesitation Private Haug rushed into the blazing dump where he found an officer with all his clothing on fire. He ripped the burning clothes from the body of the officer and placed him in a pool of water nearby. After evacuating the injured man, Private Haug returned to the burning area and assisted in searching and evacuating other casualties. Entered the military service from Portland, Oregon.

IRVING S LINCOLN 31062233, Infantry, Private First Class, (then Private), Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1943 near Eboli, Italy. His company was engaged in repulsing a severe enemy counterattack when several enemy tanks penetrated the flanks and began placing direct fire upon the heavy machine gun positions. Despite the heavy fire centered on his position, Private Lincoln continued

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to man his weapon in support of the hard-fighting troops. When finally ordered to move to prepared positions, Private Lincoln made three trips through the heavy fire in moving his gun and ammunition. Entered the military service from Attleboro, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM J McSHANE 32805314, Infantry, Sergeant (then Corporal), Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945 near Obergaillback, Germany. When Sergeant McShane's regiment was attacking into the Siegfried Line positions strong enemy resistance was encountered from mortars and flak wagons that inflicted heavy casualties on the attacking company and held up the advance. Sergeant McShane, a squad leader in a heavy machine gun section, attached to the rifle company, exposed himself to this fire in order to set up his machine gun. Then, calling for another man to assist him, Sergeant McShane brought accurate fire to bear upon the enemy positions, inflicting numerous casualties and silencing one of the flak wagons. The enemy subjected Sergeant McShane's exposed position to concentrated fire, but by staying at his gun, Sergeant McShane enabled the rest of the company to make a successful attack and secure the enemy strongpoint. Sergeant McShane's courage and initiative reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

ROBERT E PORTER 33553775, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 31 October 1944 near St. Benoit, France. When one of the companies in his battalion received a counterattack, Private Porter was given the order to guide tanks to their support. Without regard to a wound he received on the way he carried out his mission, which resulted in the counterattack being repulsed. Entered the military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

JESSIE J TINS 38475196, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 November 1944 near Etival, France. Assigned to establish contact with a supporting section of machine guns when enemy infiltrations had disrupted communication to the rear, Private Tins, platoon messenger, received painful wounds in the arm when fired upon by enemy snipers. Despite his wound, Private Tins reached the machine gun section and led them safely to the company area. While seeking medical aid, Private Tins encountered his company supply train that had become lost in the mountains and guided it safely around the pockets of enemy snipers. Entered the military service from Augusta, Texas.

WILLIAM WIDERMANN 31420400, Medical Department, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944 near Zinsweiler, France. The aid station had just set up for operation when a call was received from a battalion commander that many men had been wounded by enemy 20mm flak. Technician Widermann immediately summoned his squad and proceeded to the wooded, snow covered area and for the following seven continuous hours, under concentrated enemy mortar and artillery fire, directed and assisted in the evacuation of fifty-two wounded soldiers. Due to fatigue and the intensity of enemy fire, his men were at times reluctant about continuing,

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but under the determined leadership of Technician Videman, their mission was successfully completed. Entered the military service from Roxbury, Massachusetts.

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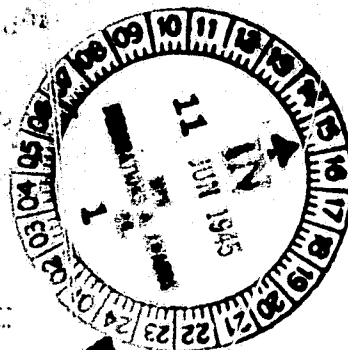
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Section I

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 officers:

CLEMENT E MEDLEY 02006087, Infantry, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. Two assault platoons were temporarily stopped by heavy machine gun and self-propelled gun fire coming from enemy dug-in positions north of the Nurnberg stadium. Lieutenant Medley, while under this heavy enemy fire, moved the reserve platoon of the company, around to the flank from where he inflicted heavy casualties upon the opposition and overran some of their positions. Continuing, he gained access to the stadium and swiftly cleared it of all enemy resistance. As the two assault platoons were still receiving enemy fire, he continued his thrust against the enemy. He so skillfully coordinated his platoon's advance with that of supporting tanks that one 88mm gun and several enemy machine guns along with their crews were destroyed, and relieved the enemy pressure enough to allow the company to resume its advance. Lieutenant Medley's skillful leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Greensboro, North Carolina.

Section 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:

THOMAS F BRENNAN JR 01998117, Infantry, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 March 1945 near Kleinhausen, Germany. A rifle company was attacking a town whose approaches were guarded by an enemy tank, four 88mm guns,

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four 20mm flak guns and several automatic weapons. As the attack began the supporting tank was knocked out by enemy fire. Realizing that further loss of armor would result, Lieutenant Brennan, despite the heavy enemy small arms fire covering the area, reconnoitered a more protected approach for the supporting tanks and guided them forward. Having observed the location of the enemy guns, Lieutenant Brennan directed tank fire into the emplacements and then led his troops in an assault that quickly overran the enemy positions and cleared the town. Lieutenant Brennan's courageous and aggressive leadership was a fundamental factor in the success of the attack and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from El Paso, Texas.

GERALD T CALLAN 32140235, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 27 March 1945 near Bensheim, Germany. Sergeant Callan was leading a reconnaissance patrol of eight men supported by four tanks when he encountered heavy enemy small arms and machine gun fire coming from an emplacement well dug-in on a steep hillside. Although wounded by the enemy fire, Sergeant Callan moved over the exposed ground and placed the tanks into position from where he directed their fire. He succeeded in killing twenty-four enemy and completely neutralized the enemy stronghold. His action allowed his company to continue to advance without delay. Sergeant Callan's courage and leadership reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Rochester, New York.

HAROLD S CULLEN JR 02006966, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 March 1945 near Saarguemines, France. In preparation for a battalion attack across the Blies River, Lieutenant Cullen received orders to make a reconnaissance of a partially destroyed bridge and the terrain on the other side of the river. Lieutenant Cullen led his patrol through the town, through the defensive wire, to the bridge. They were about to cross the bridge when one of the men set off a booby trap which exploded and injured four men, including Lieutenant Cullen. As soon as the patrol returned through the wire into the town, a roll was called and one man was found to be missing. Despite his own wounds, Lieutenant Cullen insisted on returning alone to look for the other man. He worked his way back through the wire, found the wounded man who was unable to walk alone, and assisted him back to the town. Lieutenant Cullen then permitted himself to be evacuated. His courage and determination reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Crisfield, Maryland.

WILLIAM F JENNINGS 01319954, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 March 1945 near Rhinodurkheim, Germany. Lieutenant Jennings successfully led his assault boat team across the Rhine River. Working their way forward they were subjected to intense enemy machine gun, flak, and small arms fire, which forced the men to seek cover. Under the heavy fire, Lieutenant Jennings immediately went about reorganizing his combat team and led them in a frontal attack, resulting in seven enemy killed and eleven taken prisoner. His action removed an obstacle which would have hampered the operations of the beachhead. Lieutenant Jennings' courage and aggressive leadership reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

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WALTER E KIZZIA 20810718, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18-19 March 1945 near Alsbach, Germany. While acting as platoon leader, Sergeant Kizzia led his men up an enemy-held hill. Under his aggressive leadership his men succeeded in capturing four pillboxes. When the enemy attempted to organize a counter-attack from the top of the hill, he directed artillery fire on them, forcing them to withdraw. Entered the military service from Kaufman, Texas.

WILLIAM E MURPHY 0400136, Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Headquarters, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 November 1944 near Kindwiller, France. An attack by Colonel Murphy's battalion on an enemy-held town developed into a bitter house-to-house fight, during which the battalion commander was wounded. Assuming command, Colonel Murphy found that the high ground held by the enemy made it necessary to outflank the town. Under enemy tank and small arms fire Colonel Murphy worked his way around the edges of the village, seeking a feasible route for the supporting armor. Finding a trail which could be used, Colonel Murphy returned to the tanks and guided their commander through the heavy enemy fire around the left flank to a position which could cut off the enemy's route of withdrawal. As a result of Colonel Murphy's courageous and aggressive leadership, the tanks outflanked the enemy positions and infantry was able to advance and clear the town before dark, taking thirty prisoners. Entered the military service from Eufaula, Oklahoma.

JOSEPH W MYERS 33553089, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945 near Alsbach, Germany. When his company was making an attack in the face of the heavy enemy small arms and artillery fire, many of the men were wounded. Although painfully wounded himself, Sergeant Myers unhesitatingly aided three men to the shelter of a defiladed position where he administered first aid. Sergeant Myers' prompt and courageous action helped save the life of one man and aided in the saving of two more. Entered the military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

JOSEPH P PAKOS JR 32410871, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945 near Alsbach, Germany. When enemy small arms fire became intense it was found necessary to move the platoon to another position. After the men had moved, it was discovered that one of the machine gun squad leaders was missing. Private Pakos, although suffering a head wound himself, unhesitatingly went back under fire to search for the missing man. Finding the soldier seriously wounded and unable to move, Private Pakos carried the man through the enemy fire to safety. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

SAMMIE G SPARKS 39597956, Infantry, Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945 near Alsbach, Germany. When his platoon came across an enemy pillbox, Sergeant Sparks was ordered to fire his bazooka at it. Creeping up the open slope through wire and a field of S-mines he came within range. Then while the rest of the platoon kept firing at the open slit, Sergeant Sparks fired twice and succeeded in knocking out the enemy pillbox with his second round. Entered the military service from Bellflower, California.

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LUTHER L McGLASHIN 20828280, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant),
Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Morrison, Oklahoma.

JOHN IVEY 7080560, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant),
Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Montgomery, Alabama.

For heroic achievement in action on 14 March 1945 near Habkirchen, Germany. Sergeant McGlashin and Sergeant Ivey volunteered to cross the Blies River at night to gain information for the battalion crossing. Under enemy machine gun fire and flares they reached the far bank where they reconnoitered the area, located a landing point clear of enemy mines, and carefully noted the positions of two enemy machine gun emplacements. Returning, they reported their findings to their commanding officer. Sergeant McGlashin's and Sergeant Ivey's aggressive action and cool judgement in accomplishing their mission aided substantially in the initial assault and reflect credit upon themselves and their organization.

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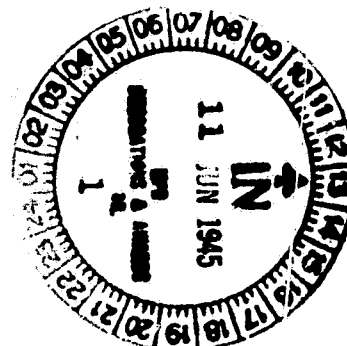
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Award of the Second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

FREDRICK R CRISP 38588916, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1945 near Wobenheim, Germany. While an artillery party was investigating the inside of a bunker in the Siegfried Line to determine the effects of shell fire, a tremendous explosion occurred, igniting a gaseous substance in the bunker and hurling one of the soldiers unconscious to the bottom floor. Aid was summoned and Technician Crisp and another soldier arrived with a litter. Despite the gas which enveloped the interior and the danger of further explosions, Technician Crisp attempted to enter the bunker, but the gas was too strong. Using masks, Technician Crisp and three others again tried to reach the injured man, but in the darkness someone struck a match and another explosion and fire resulted. In the emergency Technician Crisp, though severely injured himself, remained calm and in control of the situation. He pulled the man nearest him into a niche in the wall, away from the flames, and then led them through the fire up the stairs and out of the bunker to safety. Technician Crisp's courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Olney, Oklahoma.

Section 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:

CHARLES H YOUNG 35210811, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 May 1944 near Aprilia, Italy. Private Young assumed command of his squad when the squad leader was

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wounded during a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire. Immediately sensing the need for a better field of fire for his automatic weapons, Private Young, in spite of the heavy fire, moved out over the open terrain and succeeded in locating a favorable position. While awaiting the arrival of his squad he was killed by a direct hit from an enemy shell. Entered the military service from Wurtland, Kentucky. Next of kin: Mr. Josephus B. Young (Father), Wurtland, Kentucky.

Section 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 each of the following enlisted men:

LOUIS M EAVES 20825103, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Heavy fire from an enemy machine gun in a stone house, supported by an estimated twenty-five enemy snipers, held up an attack at its initial phase line. Sergeant Eaves immediately crawled across an open area under this heavy fire to obtain tank support. Reaching the tank, he climbed behind the turret and, though his movement drew heavy fire, guided the tank into position where it could place fire on the enemy, which silenced the machine gun and forced nine enemy to surrender. Entered the military service from Pawnee, Oklahoma.

CARLOS A MAY 37543452, Infantry, Corporal, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 November 1944 near Mulhouse, France. The initial force of a heavy enemy counterattack supported by tanks and infantry riding half-tracks overran our forward positions. Observing that his communication wire had been cut by this enemy action, Corporal Carlos, wireman for the mortar section, moved through the heavy enemy fire to a rifle company command post where he established contact with his mortars by radio and relayed firing orders to them. The effective fire from these mortars delayed the enemy advance long enough for the rifle company to reorganize and launch a successful counterattack. Entered the military service from Kennosburg, Colorado.

JOHN N HOSEY 6295537, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 September 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Attacking in a column of platoons, the leading platoon of Sergeant Hosoy's company was suddenly attacked by a force of approximately thirty enemy armed with automatic weapons. A heavy fire fight ensued during which time Sergeant Hosoy's platoon was ordered to withdraw a hundred yards and dig in a defensive position. Sergeant Hosoy, the platoon sergeant, quickly moved his men to the desired position. Despite the heavy volume of enemy machine gun fire covering the area, he moved constantly among his men to encourage them and direct their deployment. Discovering that an enemy force was attempting a flanking

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movement, Sergeant Hoesy deployed a rifle squad to give him covering fire, then, moving aggressively from tree to tree, Sergeant Hoesy constantly fired his rifle into the infiltrating enemy until his aggressive actions forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving a total of eight dead behind and fifteen wounded who were taken prisoner. The courageous action of Sergeant Hoesy during this period reflects high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Mineral Springs, Arkansas.

WILLIAM J LEARY 0539842, Infantry, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945 near Wingen, France. While Captain Leary, six other officers and seven enlisted men were on their way in vehicles to the regimental command post in Wingen, they were attacked by an enemy tank and a platoon of enemy infantrymen who had managed to infiltrate behind friendly lines. In spite of the advantages held by the enemy, Captain Leary, who was riding in the lead vehicle, quickly dismounted and began to fire rapidly on the enemy with an M-1 rifle. Although firing from an exposed position, he succeeded in killing three enemy soldiers and wounding several others. His quick action so surprised the enemy that they withdrew to cover, making it possible for the group to escape in their vehicles. Captain Leary's quick thinking and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Anaconda, Montana.

CLAY E MAGGART 15061758, Infantry, Sergeant, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 February 1945 near Althorn, France. Sergeant Maggart led a patrol sent out with the mission of infiltrating enemy positions and gaining information as to enemy strength and disposition. As the patrol approached the enemy positions it ran into barbed wire and a mine field before becoming aware of the mine field. Detecting the presence of the patrol, the enemy immediately began a heavy cross fire. Sergeant Maggart, in an attempt to lead the patrol safely back, stepped on a mine and was wounded himself. In spite of his wounds Sergeant Maggart continued on to lead the patrol successfully from the mine field. Then, realizing the importance of his patrol, Sergeant Maggart continued to lead the patrol into enemy territory and accomplished the mission. The information gained by Sergeant Maggart despite his wounded condition enabled the company to launch a successful attack upon the enemy positions. Entered the military service from Kokomo, Indiana.

LOYD C SOLES 7083426, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29-30 November 1944 near Engwiller, France. Private Soles maintained the wire line between his battalion's forward and rear command posts during a period when action of enemy tanks severed wire communications at least fifteen times in one day. The following day, Private Soles laid a line to a rifle company being subjected to direct tank fire. Each time he was forced to expose himself to the fire of the enemy tanks in order to make repairs, but he maintained communication throughout the action. Entered the military service from Tabor City, North Carolina.

STEWART P TAYLOR 35875062, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 September 1944 near Soye, France. A rifle company making an attack over sparsely wooded terrain ran into heavy enemy sniper and automatic weapons fire. Leading elements of the

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company were held up and the light machine gun section was maneuvered into position to bring fire upon the enemy. Private Taylor, gunner of the lead squad, placed his gun in action on open terrain devoid of cover and subjected to intense fire from concealed snipers. Enemy action wounded two of his squad but in spite of his vulnerable position Private Taylor remained at his gun, directing constant and accurate fire at enemy positions that silenced one gun and inflicted numerous casualties upon the enemy riflemen. Private Taylor's courage and determination enabled the remainder of the platoon to complete a flanking movement and eliminate the enemy threat. Entered the military service from Nicholasville, Kentucky.

MARVIN C LEUBER 12050968, Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Easton, Pennsylvania.

FERRIS L REIFSTECK 32027136, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Canandaigua, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1944 near Padiglione, Italy. When his company found it necessary to withdraw to more favorable positions, Corporal Leuber and Private Reifsteck, realizing the urgent need for certain supplies and equipment left behind, climbed into a quarter-ton truck and drove three-quarters of a mile in front of the lines to recover large quantities of blankets, rations, ammunition, and other supplies. Although under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire the entire time, Corporal Leuber and Private Reifsteck accomplished their mission, saving valuable equipment and supplies that were greatly needed by the company and that otherwise would have been lost to the enemy.

EDWARD S PAKULA 31025153, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

HENRY P LEDECKER 38495886, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

CODY L McCLENDON 38016185, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Kiowa, Oklahoma.

For heroic achievement in action on 14 September 1944 near Accolons, France. During an attack on an enemy held town, it was essential for coordination of the attacking elements that communications be installed almost as quickly as the rifle companies moved forward. The above three men laid wire behind the tank destroyers spearheading the attack, and despite heavy small arms fire repaired the recurring breaks and had wire communication operating in the town before it was completely cleared.

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Section I

Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal,
Missing in Action

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, missing in action:

GUS HINSON 18008358, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 October 1944 near Grandvillors, France. A rifle company attacking a well fortified enemy hill, had the progress of one platoon stopped by accurate enemy cross fire. Sergeant Hinson and four other soldiers taking a heavy machine gun and numerous grenades, quickly worked around to the enemy flank and succeeded in reaching abandoned positions only twenty yards from the enemy. Throwing grenades and firing directly into the enemy positions, Sergeant Hinson and the others drew the enemy's attention and enabled the platoon to move to defiladed positions. Entered the military service from Port Arthur, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Alfred K Morgan (Sister), Myrtle Wood, Alabama.

Section 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:

SAMUEL B ABBOTT 39922572, Medical Department, Private, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 31 October 1944 near LaSalle, France. The enemy directed continuous and heavy mortar fire on the positions of a rifle company, inflicting a large number of casualties. Private Abbott, in spite of the heavy mortar and small arms fire covering the area, left his foxhole and moved through the impact area from one wounded man to another rendering first aid. He had succeeded in administering to the needs of four of the wounded and was moving on

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the fifth when he was hit and killed by fire from an enemy machine gun. The prompt medical attention rendered by Private Abbott undoubtedly saved the lives of these men. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Delta, Utah. Next of kin: Mr. Edward L. Abbott, (Father); Delta, Utah.

CLAYTON L WESTOVER 33576020, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945 near Gootzenbruck, France. A rifle company supported by two tanks was engaged in attacking stubbornly resisting enemy forces. Private Westover led his squad forward into position in the face of heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire. In order to learn the disposition of the enemy troops, Private Westover reconnoitered forward of the lines alone. He was wounded while on this reconnoissance, but he walked his way back to his men and was able to provide information that enabled the tanks to give such effective supporting fire that the company was able to gain its objective. Private Westover died later of wounds sustained in this action. The courage and leadership displayed by Private Westover reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Saint Michael, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mr. Walter Westover (Father), Beaverdale, Pennsylvania.

Section 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:

LARON COHEN 42041163, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944 near Reichshoffen, France. When the enemy staged a strong attack supported by heavy mortar, tank, and automatic weapons fire against his company's defensive positions, Private Cohen remained steadfastly at his exposed position, firing effective machine gun fire on the advancing enemy. His fire inflicted substantial losses on the attacking force and at the same time he used the platoon phone to direct accurate mortar and artillery fire on enemy strong points. Private Cohen's action was largely responsible for his company's being able to stop and beat back the enemy attack. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

EDWIN J GREGORY 31293272, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. When the battalion was occupying defensive positions an enemy combat patrol approached the sector. During the ensuing fire fight six enemy managed to flank the battalion forward elements and encircle the position occupied by a section of heavy machine guns. Taking well-concealed positions they proceeded to direct rifle fire at the machine gunners. Sergeant Gregory, realizing that this enemy fire was hampering the much-needed fire power of the machine guns, left his foxhole in an attempt to clear them out. The enemy soldiers concealed themselves so well

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that Sergeant Gregory found it necessary to expose himself and draw fire in order to discover their positions. In a very short time his accurate carbine fire had killed four of the enemy and forced the remaining two to withdraw. Sergeant Gregory's action enabled the machine gunners to resume their maximum fire power, helping to repel the enemy attack. His courage and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

GUADALUPE GUTIERREZ 38213003, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 September 1944 near Soye, France. When heavy cross fire from enemy machine guns halted the attack, Sergeant Gutierrez, a squad leader, moved into an advance position to draw enemy fire. When an enemy machine gun opened fire at him, it was knocked out by bazooka fire. In a fierce counterattack then launched by the enemy, Sergeant Gutierrez held his ground and killed two of the enemy and wounded three. From the positions gained, a successful attack on the town was launched the following day. Entered the military service from El Paso, Texas.

ALEXANDER E LATKA 31007116, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 September 1944 near Archettes, France. In order to maintain our bridgehead over the Moselle River, wire communication was necessary. Through heavy enemy fire of mortars and small arms, Sergeant Latka pushed a heavy drum of wire before him as he crawled to the river edge. Then, climbing into the water, Sergeant Latka crossed the River, holding the eighty-five pound drum of wire above his head and continued on to establish wire communication from the bridgehead to the rear. Entered the military service from Mount Tom, Massachusetts.

NEIL K LEAVERTON 01998053, Infantry, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945 near Kohlhutte, France. In order to follow up the initial success of an attack a small enemy pocket was by-passed. Lieutenant Leaverton's platoon was given the mission of cleaning out the enemy pocket. As the platoon crossed open ground at the approaches to the enemy-held wooded area, it received a concentrated fire from enemy small arms and automatic weapons, pinning the platoon to the ground. Lieutenant Leaverton, seeing that further advances would prove costly, crawled one hundred and fifty yards under enemy fire before he was able to rise and run back for supporting armor. Returning to the scene, Lieutenant Leaverton then directed the tank fire into the enemy positions. He then crawled back to his platoon and led his men forward in a final assault upon the pocket that resulted in killing five and wounding eight of the enemy. Lieutenant Leaverton's courageous leadership resulted in the elimination of an enemy threat to our rear and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Alton, Illinois.

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JUAN P TRUJILLO 02016300, Infantry, Second Lieutenant (then Sergeant), Company L (then Company K), 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 December 1944 near Rechtenbach, Germany. Lieutenant Trujillo remained behind to blow up a supply dump when his company was ordered to withdraw. He waited until his company was out of range, then skillfully placed the charges. Although the enemy was only a short distance away he lit the fuze, then assured himself that the supplies had been completely destroyed before making his way back to the company. Entered the military service from Chama, New Mexico.

ARTHUR BOETTCHER 36289105, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Baraboo, Wisconsin.

ARTHUR G CARLSON 36768349, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

WILLIS H WILIS 35659672, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company D, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Gauloy Bridge, West Virginia.

WILLIAM C BRAUNER 35697833, Infantry, Corporal, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

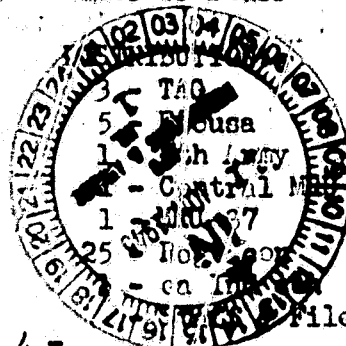
For heroic achievement in action on 5 October 1944 near Grandvilliers, France. A rifle company attacking a well fortified enemy hill, had the progress of one platoon stopped by accurate enemy cross fire. Taking a heavy machine gun and numerous grenades, these men quickly worked around to the enemy flank and succeeded in reaching abandoned positions only twenty yards from the enemy. Throwing grenades and firing directly into the enemy positions this group drew the enemy's attention and enabled the platoon to move to defiladed positions.

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Section 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:

EARL W HIGHLEY 20830615, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade,
Battery A, 158th Field Artillery Battalion.
Entered the military service from Woodward, Oklahoma.

FRANK C HOOVER JR 33062727, Field Artillery, Private First Class (then
Private),
Battery A, 158th Field Artillery Battalion.
Entered the military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

For heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945 in the Siegfried Line, Germany. Attacking heavily defended concrete fortifications of the Siegfried Line, a rifle company was pinned down in a heavy cross fire from automatic weapons supported by enemy artillery and mortar fire. Under this continuous fire Technician Highley, Private Hoover and another member of a forward observer party moved to within one hundred yards of the enemy block house and, even though observed by the enemy, made repairs to their radio that had been damaged by the enemy fire. Then, with the set repaired, the party relayed fire orders to the artillery that succeeded in neutralizing the enemy position. When the attacking infantry flanked the strongpoint, the forward observer party assaulted the block-house and captured three enemy officers and seven enlisted men. Their courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon themselves and their organization.

Section 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:

ROBERT L GRIMM 37655317, Field Artillery, Corporal, Company B, 645th Tank
Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 1-2 January 1945 near

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Montenhouse, France. Corporal Grimm successfully defused a road block established to allow friendly troops to withdraw from the area. In the midst of enemy small arms fire he dismounted from his tank destroyer and guided it to an improved firing position. He was killed while performing this act, but his courage and determination reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Next of kin: Mrs. Blanche L. Grimm (Mother), 1606 3rd Street, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

So much of General Orders Number 171, Section II, Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal, this headquarters, as, as pertains to CHESTER A. PULASKI 35112129, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, as reads "Next of kin: Mrs. Alice Otterson (Mother)," is amended to read "Next of kin: Mrs. Alice Pulaski (Mother)."

Section 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:

JOHN W. AUD JR 35109035, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Battery C, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 14 January 1945 near Althorn, France. While serving as enlisted chief of an artillery forward observation party, Sergeant Aud received word that another observer from his unit had been seriously wounded in another sector. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Sergeant Aud asked for and received permission to go to the wounded observer's position where he successfully reformed the disorganized party. Although enemy artillery and mortar concentrations were exceptionally heavy around the observation post, he continued to adjust accurate fire which was instrumental in the success of the offensive. Entered the military service from Whitesville, Kentucky.

LOUIS G. BERTUCCINI 31194518, Field Artillery, Private First Class (then Private), Battery A, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945 in the Siegfried Line, Germany. Attacking heavily defended concrete fortifications of the Siegfried Line, a rifle company was pinned down in a heavy cross fire from automatic weapons supported by enemy artillery and mortar fire. Under this continuous fire Private Bertuccini and two other members of a forward observer party moved to within one hundred yards of the enemy block house and, even though observed by the enemy, made repairs to their radio that had been damaged by the enemy fire. Then, with the set repaired, the party relayed fire orders to the artillery that succeeded in neutralizing the enemy position. When the attacking infantry flanked the strongpoint, the forward observer party assaulted the block house and captured three enemy officers and seven enlisted men. His courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from New Haven, Connecticut.

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ROBERT J. COYLE 33681140, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery A, 283rd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945 near Fischbach, Germany. Private Coyle's artillery battery became engaged in a counterbattery duel with a battery of enemy 88mm guns less than one mile away which inflicted numerous casualties upon his comrades. Private Coyle, though wounded himself, neglected his own wounds to run to the aid of other wounded men, exposing himself to the continued enemy barrage landing in the immediate area. He dressed their wounds and carried each of the soldiers to shelter before he permitted his own injuries to be attended.

BRIAN F. HAYES 32211769, Medical Department, Private, Medical Detachment, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 23 March 1945 near Aschaffenburg, Germany. While waiting in a defiladed position behind a railroad embankment, two platoons of a tank destroyer company were subjected to a heavy enemy mortar concentration. The first shell wounded two members of the platoon and several infantrymen. Private Hayes, the company aid man, despite the continued fire falling in the area, left his covered position and rushed to the aid of the wounded men, providing immediate medical attention and directing their evacuation. The actions of Private Hayes during this period were responsible for saving the lives of several wounded men and of alleviating the sufferings of many others. Entered the military service from Rochester, New York.

HARRY D. PERRY 36162419, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery A, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 28 March 1945 near Jonsheim, Germany. The first platoon of a rifle company was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire. Technician Perry, an artillery observer, crawled through the enemy fire and set up his radio in an exposed position. Technician Perry remained in this position under fire and adjusted effective mortar and artillery concentrations upon the enemy guns, enabling the platoon to move on with the attack. Entered the military service from Mount Clemens, Michigan.

CLARENCE R. SPICER 35397864, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Company F, 36th Engineer Combat Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 January 1945 near Phillipsbourg, France. While his company sector was being subjected to an intense artillery barrage a member of his platoon received a serious wound. Private Spicer ran to the wounded man in spite of the shells bursting nearby and then helped evacuate the wounded soldier to the company command post, the route to which was covered by artillery fire. He then returned to the platoon position to assist in further evacuation of the wounded. Entered the military service from Stouboenville, Ohio.

EDWARD F. BARAN 31062739, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade),
45th Infantry Division Band.
Entered the military service from Broad Brook, Connecticut.

ELWIN C. GILLOGLY 38015547, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade,
45th Infantry Division Band.
Entered the military service from Ponca City, Oklahoma.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 November 1943 near Pozzilli, Italy. Sergeant Baran and Technician Gillogly, members of a litter squad evacuating

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dead from the front lines, walked into an unmarked mine field in which three were injured by an exploding mine. Sergeant Baran and Technician Gillogly immediately rendered first aid to the seriously wounded men and then carried them to an aid station. The speed of their work saved the lives of the two seriously wounded men.

ETHRIDGE G EVANS 20832187, Field Artillery, Private First Class,
Battery A, 160th Field Artillery Battalion.

Entered the military service from Seminole, Oklahoma.

~~Private Kline 20317303, Field Artillery, Private,
Battery A, 160th Field Artillery Battalion.~~

Entered the military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 1 September 1944 near Leyottes, France. When the enemy broke through the road blocks around Meximieux, Private Evans and Private Kline accompanied a forward observer to a position about one thousand yards in front of friendly infantry to direct artillery fire. The position was devoid of cover and they were subjected to tank fire over a period of six hours, but Private Evans and Private Kline adjusted nine very effective fire missions on the enemy which enabled the infantry to secure its positions around the town.

EDWARD M JUNK 38017312, Field Artillery, Sergeant,
Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion.

Entered the military service from Shawnee, Oklahoma.

EVERETT R HELWICK 38017407, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade,
Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion.

Entered the military service from Lela, Oklahoma.

For heroic achievement in action on 1 February 1945 near Wingen, France. When a loaded ammunition truck was set ablaze by enemy artillery, Sergeant Junk and Technician Helwick climbed aboard the truck and removed the burning tarpaulin to the ground where it could be extinguished. The timely action of Sergeant Junk and Technician Helwick resulted in the saving of much badly needed equipment and prevented loss of life.

So much of General Orders Number 171, Section IV, Award of the Bronze Star Medal, this headquarters, as reads "RALDER W GOLLY JR 34054288, Field Artillery, Corporal, Battery B, 189th Field Artillery Battalion" is amended to read "RALDER W GOLLY JR 34054288, Field Artillery, Corporal, Battery B, 189th Field Artillery Battalion."

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Section I

Bronze Star Medal—Amendment

So much of General Orders Number 183, Section II, Award of the Bronze Star Medal, this headquarters, as, as pertains to CHARLES S. STOUGH JR 0385610, Infantry, Captain, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, as reads "from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany" is amended to read "from 18 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany."

Section II

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and the following enlisted man for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy:

Award of the First and Second Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters

ROGER L DAVIS 01165841, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, from 5 December 1944 to 2 February 1945 and from 31 March to 24 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Award of the Second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

JOSEPH P DAVIS 01183841, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, from 3 November 1944 to 14 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

ROBERT DEAN 01165845, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, from 19 August to 28 October 1944 in France. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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MORGAN E WILKER 20833107, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Chandler, Oklahoma.

Award of the Second and Third Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters

JAMES R GELLEE 02056088, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Battery, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, from 28 May to 12 December 1944 and from 16 December 1944 to 10 April 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Coffeyville, Kansas.

Award of the Fourth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

MAYNARD B TANNER 01691878, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Battery, 139th Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Hamilton, Kansas.

Award of the Fourth and Fifth Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters

JAMES C DE PURY 01691875, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, from 13 January to 1 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Tampa, Florida.

Section III

Award of the Air Medal

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

WILLIAM L APPELGATE 13077393, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, from 3 April to 1 May 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RUSSELL D FUNK 0267164, Field Artillery, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, from 11 September 1943 to 29 April 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

FRANK E HANCOCK 01185621, Field Artillery, Second Lieutenant, Headquarters Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March to 17 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

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Commendation of Units

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55 the following units are commended:

FIRST AND SECOND PLATOONS, COMPANY C, 157TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, for outstanding achievement in combat during the period from 18 to 23 December 1944 in B undenthal, Germany. Exceptionally heavy mortar and machine gun fire from enemy pillboxes on mountain slopes surrounding the village of B undenthal forced their battalion to withdraw, leaving the leading attack platoons, the FIRST and SECOND of Company C, trapped in some houses in the town. For the following five days, the platoons remained encircled, repulsing with rifle fire daily enemy attacks, at the same time undergoing severe hostile fire from machine guns, artillery and incendiaries that set one building ablaze, causing the men to move through machine gun fire to another building two hundred yards away. Their only means of communication, a 556 radio, went dead on the third day. Nightly patrols went foraging for food and water, frequently skirmishing with the enemy as they continued on their mission. The men subsisted on a diet of raw potatoes and hogmeat and despite the severe hardships they had to endure, the men held out and repelled all enemy attacks until they were finally rescued on the night of the sixth day of their encirclement. The tenacious courage and unwavering determination of the men of the FIRST and SECOND PLATOONS reflect the finest tradition of the United States Army.

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Commendation of Units

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55 the following units are commended:

SECOND and THIRD PLATOONS, COMPANY G, 157TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, for outstanding achievement in combat during the period from 19 to 23 December 1944 in Bundenthal, Germany. While advancing into the town of Bundenthal, exceptionally heavy mortar and machine gun fire from enemy pillboxes on mountain slopes surrounding this town forced the SECOND and THIRD PLATOONS of Company G to seek shelter in some houses on the outskirts of town. For the following four days the platoons remained encircled by the enemy, repulsing with rifle fire daily enemy attacks, at the same time undergoing severe hostile fire from machine guns and artillery. Incendiaries set fire to the hay in one of the barns three different times, on one occasion necessitating a fifteen-minute fight under enemy sniper fire to extinguish the blaze. Nightly patrols went foraging for food and water, frequently skirmishing with the enemy as they continued on their mission. Subsisting on a meager diet of uncooked food, and despite the severe hardships they had to endure, the men held out and repelled all enemy attacks until they were finally rescued on the night of the fifth day of their encirclement. The tenacious courage and unwavering determination of the men of the SECOND and THIRD PLATOONS reflect the finest traditions of the United States Army.

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Award of the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 345, 1944, as amended, 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:

HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for outstanding service in the performance of difficult tasks during the period 15 August 1944 to 31 January 1945. During the rapid advance of the Division from the beaches of Southern France to the German border, the members of Headquarters and Service Company kept vital supplies well forward despite difficulties created by lack of personnel and equipment, inclement weather, long and tiring working hours and poor roads. By conducting experiments and by aggressive, imaginative machine work, the men were instrumental in saving many lives through development of new methods to handle mines and obstacles. Although overburdened by the performance of normal duties, the men still found time to contribute to the comfort and welfare of Division personnel through the establishment of showers, painting of signs, and through the performance of numerous small tasks. Despite the severe usage of engineer vehicles, efficient motor maintenance resulted in an extremely low rate of vehicles deadlined for repairs or replacement. The skill, ingenuity and devotion to duty of the members of Headquarters and Service Company contributed greatly to the combat success of the Division.

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Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart..... I
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Section 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 to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

EUSEBIUS BOSSERT 02006046, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 2 April 1945. Home address: Strasburg, North Dakota.

SARRANDO CHARRON 31421399, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 August 1944. Home address: Lynn, Massachusetts.

STEVE M MUHA 33689310, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 21 May 1944. Home address: McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

Section 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:

JACOB BLOOM 32804619, Infantry, Private, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 22 May 1944. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

JOE M BULLENS 3670642, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 September 1944. Home address: Boone Kentucky.

ERNEST DI LABIO 6897737, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 December 1944. Home address: Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania.

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JOSEPH GOULD JR 0555220, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 April 1945. Home address: Miami, Florida.

RALPH C GRECO 33117277, Infantry, Corporal, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 December 1944. Home address: Washington, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM H MAULDIN 20836470, Infantry, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, Italy, 11 December 1943. Home address: Tulsa, Oklahoma.

HUGH T MC CULLOUGH JR 0422440, Corps of Engineers, Captain, Headquarters, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: San Antonio, Texas.

PATRICK J O'DONNELL JR 33802536, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 December 1944. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JUNIOR A OWENS 35763299, Infantry, Private, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 December 1944. Home address: Shinnston, West Virginia.

WILLIAM J ROGERS 35168728, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery B, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 20 April 1945. Home address: Evansville, Indiana.

MAX TRAUTMANN JR 33717445, Infantry, Corporal, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 3 April 1945. Home address: Baltimore, Maryland.

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

Section I

Award of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

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

ALFONSO A GUZONSKI 32193068, Infantry, Private, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 23 September 1943, and Italy, 14 October 1943. Home address: Bronx, New York.

Section 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:

BENJAMIN E BOLTON 38547822, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Beaumont, Texas.

CHESTER L BREWER JR 17080860, Field Artillery, Corporal, Battery C, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, Italy, 2 June 1944. Home address: Columbia, Missouri.

FRANK J GIARDULLO 32865723, Infantry, Corporal, Company D, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 November 1944. Home address: New Rochelle, New York.

ROBERT J DU HAMIE 32762799, Infantry, Private, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 10 October 1943. Home address: Hasbrouck, New Jersey.

THOMAS F FLYNN 11183002, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 August 1944. Home address: Allston, Massachusetts.

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ATLEY J FOSTER 38609188, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Home address: Amarillo, Texas.

SHIRLEY F FULLER 1104794, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 11 September 1943. Home address: Lynn, Massachusetts.

ALFRED W LAROCHE 31344057, Infantry, Sergeant, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 18 February 1944. Home address: Hartford, Connecticut.

OTTO L LAWSON 33385719, Infantry, Private, Headquarters Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Home address: Cowtown, Maryland.

THEODORE L LAZARUS 35055457, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 September 1944. Home address: Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

LAWRENCE MC KINNEY JR 6293131, Infantry, First Sergeant, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 November 1944. Home address: Lone Oak, Texas.

PHILLIP A NELSON 37518732, Infantry, Private, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 September 1944. Home address: Litchfield, Minnesota.

WALTER NEUFELD 36308312, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

VANCE E PETTIGREW 20833672, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 23 December 1944. Home address: Chickasha, Oklahoma.

WALTER M USTASZEWSKI 36856720, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 September 1944. Home address: Detroit, Michigan.

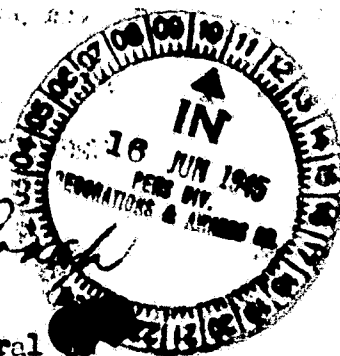
GEORGE N WEAVER 33603375, Infantry, First Sergeant, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 September 1944. Home address: Wyoming, Pennsylvania.

CORRETT WHORLEY JR 35648622, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 October 1944. Home address: Chatteroy, West Virginia.

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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:

DONOVAN J BAILEY 35435395, Medical Department, Technician, 4th Grade (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from August 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Milo, West Virginia.

WILLIAM E BOLTON 12054936, Corps of Military Police, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Military Police Platoon, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Lockport, New York.

RENE J BOULLION 36211771, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Rock, Michigan.

SAMUEL W COTTEN 33132173, Corps of Military Police, Private First Class, Military Police Platoon, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Petersburg, Virginia.

ARNOLD BAILEY 35101916, Corps of Military Police, Private First Class, Military Police Platoon, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Crothersville, Indiana.

JOHN C DILBECK 20823542, Corps of Military Police, Private First Class, Military Police Platoon, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Marlow, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM R FLAUGHER 20823421, Corps of Military Police, Sergeant, Military Police Platoon, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Wetumka, Oklahoma.

EDWARD P GENTRY 35132669, Corps of Military Police, Private First Class, Military Police Platoon, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Wheatley, Kentucky.

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BERNARD N GOLDSTEIN 15200369, Corps of Military Police, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Military Police Platoon, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 September 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Columbus, Ohio.

CARL P HAYES 20827247, Corps of Military Police, Private First Class, Military Police Platoon, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Granite, Oklahoma.

FREDERICK HILLEBRAND 20536286, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Battery A, 233rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 13 August 1944 to 23 March 1945 in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Entered the military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

ROBERT M IVEY 17047926, Air Corps, Staff Sergeant, Second Tactical Communication Squadron, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 25 November 1944 to 5 May 1945 in France and Germany.

WILLIAM G MOYE 20829141, Corps of Military Police, Corporal, Military Police Platoon, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

FRANCIS L PARKER 31230610, Corps of Military Police, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Military Police Platoon, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 4 August 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Auburn, Maine.

THOMAS F PRICE 0406405, Infantry, Captain, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 24 October 1943 to 7 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Durant, Oklahoma.

BILLIE D SEAY 20828440, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Okemah, Oklahoma.

CLAUDE H STUDEBAKER 0320435, Infantry, Major, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 2 November 1944 to 7 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Sagle, Idaho.

FRANK J TEMPONE 12110399, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 21 February 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Long Island City, 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 enlisted men:

HERSHEL H CHANDLER 18109099, Field Artillery, Corporal, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 9 September 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Tyler, Texas.

RICHARD J COLE 35111454, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 16 March 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Elwood, Indiana.

VERNON R DOBSON 35111807, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 9 September 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

WILTON S FEDOROVICH 32274579, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Kearny, New Jersey.

WILLIAM F GROSS 32189254, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 November 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Maplewood, New Jersey.

MICHAEL JANEIRO JR 32274750, Field Artillery, Corporal, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Hackensack, New Jersey.

HERMAN L RATHBART 35111414, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

LOUIS SCHULMAN 32245159, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 28 March to 6 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Newark, New Jersey.

ANTHONY T SODANO 12281789, Field Artillery, Private First Class (then Private), Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 28 March to 6 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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THEODORE J SHUTTLEWORTH 33260189, Field Artillery, Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade), Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 28 March to 6 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

HAROLD B WILLIAMS 36130580, Field Artillery, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Highland Park, Michigan.

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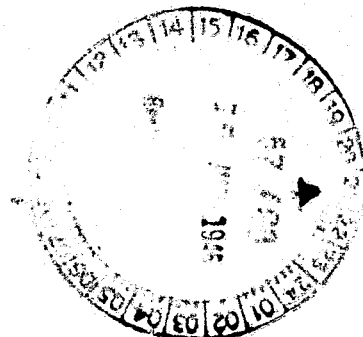
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Section I

Award, Posthumous, of the Second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal

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

RICHARD J. TAYLOR 31346014, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 479th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 October 1944 near Grandvilliers, France. A heavy enemy counterattack against our positions inflicted several casualties upon our troops. Technician Taylor led his litter squad through the heavy enemy fire at the height of the attack, searching for the wounded and directing their evacuation. Technician Taylor succeeded in evacuating many seriously wounded men in this manner until he was killed by an enemy mortar shell. Technician Taylor's courage and devotion to duty were directly responsible for saving the lives of these seriously wounded men and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Westfield, Massachusetts. Next of kin: Mr. Thomas G. Taylor (Father), Sincrofo Place, Simsbury, Connecticut.

Section 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 the following officer and enlisted man:

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BENJAMIN E BILLUPS 0403916, Corps of Engineers, Major, Headquarters, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945 near Lauf, Germany. The bivouac area of Headquarters Company was subjected to a night raid by enemy planes that demolished the medical aid station and kitchen tent, setting fire to these installations, killing one man and wounding fifteen others. A severely wounded warrant officer lying helplessly by the burning debris was not only in danger from the fire but from the enemy planes that were still strafing the area. Major Billups and another officer immediately ran through the enemy fire, placed the wounded officer on a stretcher, carried him to safety and administered aid. Then, procuring a vehicle they evacuated the injured officer to an aid station. Major Billups' courage and devotion to his fellow officer reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Las Cruces, New Mexico.

ARTHUR F BOETTCHER 36289105, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 January 1945 near Althorn, France. When a rifle company was engaged in an attack against enemy positions guarded by SS troops, the resistance was extremely heavy. After both the platoon sergeant and platoon leader had been wounded, Sergeant Boettcher, platoon guide, assumed command and quickly reorganized the platoon. Under heavy enemy fire he moved from man to man to orient them with the plan of attack and then continued the attack to a successful conclusion that resulted in two enemy prisoners and twenty-four enemy dead. Entered the military service from Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Section 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:

EDWIN A. BRANDON JR 35792176, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 November 1944 near Rauxviller, France. Hearing cries for help from a house that had received several direct hits from enemy artillery and had been set on fire, Sergeant Brandon, although silhouetted by the flames, ran through heavy enemy small arms fire and assisted the wounded to safety. The courage displayed by Sergeant Brandon on this occasion, saved the lives of his fellow soldiers. Entered the military service from Greenville, Ohio.

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LAWRENCE E KENNEDY 33762621, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 22 September near Girmont, France. After a vital river crossing had been accomplished, Private Kennedy's company was counterattacked by determined enemy forces. Private Kennedy, member of a road block, successfully fought off repeated enemy attempts to neutralize the road block by using his pistol when his bazooka failed to operate. Private Kennedy's courage and determination aided materially in maintaining the bridgehead. Entered the military service from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

EMILE L LIBBY 31322099, Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. The enemy launched a strong counterattack that threatened to break through our lines. Corporal Libby, an ammunition bearer protecting one of the heavy machine gun squads, realized the seriousness of the situation and courageously held his ground although infiltrating enemy were advancing only a short distance away. Armed only with his carbine and a few grenades he inflicted several casualties upon the enemy until a group of five enemy soldiers worked their way to within five yards of the gun position he was defending. Corporal Libby gave a cry of warning to the gun crew and threw two grenades in rapid succession that killed three of the enemy and forced the other two to withdraw. Corporal Libby's courage and determination helped materially in breaking up the enemy attack. Entered the military service from Winslow, Maine.

EVERETT A MEYER 38006274, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 November 1943 near Pozzilli, Italy. Private Meyer, gunner for an 81mm mortar squad, was delivering effective support to a rifle company attack when he was observed by the enemy and subjected to heavy artillery and mortar fire. In spite of the heavy fire, Private Meyer remained at his post and inflicted many casualties upon the enemy, enabling the rifle company to make a successful attack. Twice that night the enemy counterattacked and subjected his position to heavy barrages of artillery and mortar fire, but Private Meyer continued to fire his mortar so effectively that the enemy was forced to abandon the attack. Entered the military service from Denver, Colorado.

WILLIAM M OWENS 0514315, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 January 1945 near Althorn, France. Enemy troops infiltrating his company's sector, cut the road behind Lieutenant Owens while he was leading a motorized patrol. Realizing his patrol was isolated and in danger of capture, Lieutenant Owens gave the patrol detailed instructions and then led them at top speed through

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the enemy machine gunners and riflemen. Fire from the enemy road block destroyed Lieutenant Owens' vehicle, but boarding another vehicle, Lieutenant Owens led the patrol to a nearby town where he organized defensive positions and held out for thirty hours until other units arrived to assist in its defense. The initiative displayed by Lieutenant Owens during this period prevented the capture of his patrol and vehicles, and kept a town from falling into enemy hands. Entered the military service from Augusta, Georgia.

JACK L SIMONSON 36379116, Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company D, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 November 1944 near Thiaville, France. Corporal Simonson, a mortar observer, maintained an exposed position while under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire in order to direct mortar fire upon entrenched enemy positions and adjust smoke screens to cover our attacking riflemen. Corporal Simonson's courage and determination during this period were instrumental in forcing the enemy to withdraw. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

AUBREY E STOWERS 0375220, Medical Department, Captain, Medical Detachment, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945 near Lauf, Germany. The bivouac area of Headquarters Company was subjected to a night raid by enemy planes that demolished the medical aid station and kitchen tent, setting fire to these installations, killing one man and wounding fifteen others. A severely wounded warrant officer lying helplessly by the burning debris was not only in danger from the fire but from the enemy planes that were still strafing the area. Captain Stowers and another officer immediately ran through the enemy fire, placed the wounded officer on a stretcher, carried him to safety and administered aid. Then procuring a vehicle they evacuated the injured officer to an aid station. Captain Stowers' courage and devotion to his fellow officer reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Sentinel, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM J VARNEY 33100354, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 December 1944 near Rothback, France. Private Varney, truck driver for a heavy weapons platoon, successfully transported supplies to his hard-pressed platoon over roads receiving heavy fire from enemy artillery and mortars. When his assistant was seriously wounded, Private Varney drove through an enemy artillery concentration to carry the wounded man to a medical aid station. Then on returning, other close hits disabled his truck. Guiding it to a covered spot, Private Varney then finished carrying the supplies alone, making several trips over mountainous trails covered by enemy artillery fire. The courageous actions of Private Varney during this period saved the life of a seriously wounded man and provided his platoon with vital supplies. Entered the military service from Roulette, Pennsylvania.

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WMORY R WILLIAMS 33655875, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 January 1945 near Althorn, France. A rifle company was attacking against heavy enemy resistance when it entered an enemy mine field, which inflicted several casualties and forced the company to withdraw. Technician Williams, the company aid man, went forward under heavy enemy mortar fire to administer first aid to a man who had been wounded by a mine. After first aid had been administered, Technician Williams carried the wounded man through the mine field to a disabled enemy tank for protection from the shelling. When the enemy fire lifted, Technician Williams then carried the wounded man back to where he could be evacuated. Entered the military service from Gate City, Virginia.

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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 the following officer and to each of the following enlisted men:

RAYMOND L LACHESON 39211620, Corps of Engineers, Private, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Tacoma, Washington.

GEORGE C DUNGLIN 38068748, Corps of Engineers, Corporal, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Lefors, Texas.

HARRY H FIELDS 01107411, Corps of Engineers, First Lieutenant, Company B, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 15 March to 10 May 1945, France and Germany. Entered the military service from York, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT J GOERGEN 37091206, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 30 April 1945, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Crookston, Minnesota.

JOHN T GORDON 34366571, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Dickson, Tennessee.

AUGUSTINE GARCI. 38010907, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Las Cruces, New Mexico.

WALTER E GRACE 35416575, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Roscoe, Ohio.

WINFIELD W GRANT 33295338, Corps of Engineers, Private, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Galena, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM HOLBORN 32226657, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Thompsonville, Connecticut.

KEITH L HUNT 35150441, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Monticello, Indiana.

FRANK S JOSEPHS 32257691, Corps of Engineers, Staff Sergeant, (then Technician Fifth Grade and later Technician Fourth Grade), Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 18 January 1944 to 8 May 1945, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Luzerne, Pennsylvania.

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* KIMMEL, GEORGE 33051775, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 30 April 1945, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD P LANCASTER 35041353, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Owensboro, Kentucky.

RODERICK M MC NEILL 32226091, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 30 April 1945, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

EDWARD F MICHALSKI 11061924, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 30 April 1945, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Cheshire, Massachusetts.

LESLIE L NUSTAD 37091208, Corps of Engineers, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Warren, Minnesota.

DELMER B PATTERSON 34767450, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 20 March 1945 to 30 April 1945, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Culberson, North Carolina.

SOLOMON A SHAW 38018417, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Marlow, Oklahoma.

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C B TRAMMELL JR 20841508, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Valley Mills, Texas.

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Section 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 officer:

FRED KAUFMAN 02007867, Military Intelligence Service, Second Lieutenant, 6823 Headquarters Company, Military Intelligence Service, for meritorious service in combat on 19 March 1945 near Waththoms, Germany. Entered the military service from Port Arthur, Texas.

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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:

ALSON J. BURR 37101091, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 20 December 1944 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from King City, Arkansas.

HAROLD J. BURNETT 32204720, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 15 October 1943 to 16 April 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Long Island, New York.

LAYNARD L. DAHL 36226995, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 30 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Mosinee, Wisconsin.

EUGENE E. GALLOWAY 20837088, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 15 October 1943 to 5 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Montrose, Colorado.

REX C. GRAHAM 33410823, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 15 October 1943 to 8

May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Clarendon, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT W GRAHAM 36283684, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 27 January 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

MERLE E GUM 36051074, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 September 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Tallula, Illinois.

MELVIN G HOFFMAN 36050987, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 10 December 1944 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from East Peoria, Illinois.

REGINAL KING 01692541, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from March 1945 to May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Montrose, Colorado.

ROY W MARTIN 38006412, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (than Technician Fourth Grade), Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 31 December 1944 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Center, Colorado.

MAURICE A O'BRIEN 32226840, Infantry, Sergeant (than Technician Fifth Grade), Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Yonkers, New York.

MITCHEL SACK 0357628, Dental Corps, Captain, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Central Falls, Rhode Island.

FRITZ SCHNAITACHER 01593826, Quartermaster Corps, First Lieutenant, 6823 Headquarters Company, Military Intelligence Service, for meritorious service in combat on 19 March 1945 near Walthams, Germany. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

RALPH U SPILLERS 38001110, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 14 November 1943 to 28 February 1944 in Italy. Entered the military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

GEORGE L SWARTZILLER 35017359, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 May 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Rottsville, Ohio.

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Section 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 officers:

LELAND L WOODS 01683469, Infantry, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 April 1945 in Nurnberg, Germany. While attacking a castle in the city, Captain Woods' company was thrown back twice by heavy machine gun fire. Captain Woods then withdrew his company and led it in a wide enveloping movement and attacked the castle from the rear. Leading this attack to clear the castle, Captain Woods with hand grenades and rifle accounted for three enemy machine guns that held up the advance. Captain Woods in leading his company to a successful attack contributed largely to the hundred and forty prisoners captured and the twenty-seven killed and reflects high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Hartshorne, Oklahoma.

Section II

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

MILTON L BROWN 31381304, Infantry, Sergeant, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 March 1945 near Eichelbach, Germany. A heavy weapons platoon was bringing up the rear of a rifle company moving into an attack when the rear of the column was suddenly attacked by a heavy force of enemy infantry reinforced with a mortar and two heavy machine guns. Sergeant Brown, with no thought to disregard for the intense enemy fire took over one of his machine guns when the gunner became wounded. Sergeant Brown then placed a heavy volume of fire upon enemy forces seeking to cut the route to the rear over which it could withdraw to better positions. Sergeant Brown lost his life while accomplishing

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this vital task. The courageous action of Sergeant Brown in the face of intense enemy fire reflects high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Hartford, Connecticut. Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy Brown (Wife), 124 Arnold Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Section III

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:

JAMES P KEEFE 01303736, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company M, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 March 1945 near Rhein-Durkheim, Germany. One boat in the initial Rhine crossing crashed against the piling of a blown bridge and capsized. A few of the occupants made their way to shore and the remaining ten secured a precarious foothold on the wrecked piling. Lieutenant Keefe, company executive officer, was assured that his men would be rescued and continued with the attack. Returning to the river four hours later, Lieutenant Keefe saw his men still clinging to their footholds. Securing an engineer boat and two men, Lieutenant Keefe started out under heavy fire to rescue his men. As the boat approached the bridge the enemy subjected the area to timed artillery fire that broke above the water and machine gun fire that swept the river. Reaching the piling, Lieutenant Keefe immediately began to direct and assist in leading the exhausted men into the boat despite an enemy machine gun that poured fire into the group, wounding two men and piercing the gas tank of the boat. The courageous action of Lieutenant Keefe in successfully evacuating all the men from the wrecked piling was a major factor in saving the lives of these ten men and reflects high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Norfolk, Virginia.

CLARENCE H NIEMAN 35874995, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 March 1945 near Rhein-Durkheim, Germany. The boat in which Private Nieman was crossing the Rhine River capsized in the darkness, throwing the occupants into the water. Private Nieman, despite the intense fire covering the water, called out to his comrades to cling to pieces of wreckage. Then striking out he swam to shore and secured a rescue boat and crew. Private Nieman guided the rescue boat to the scene of the accident where his comrades still clung weakly to the wreckage. Then, working hastily under fire, Private Nieman got all the men into the boat and safely took them to shore. The courageous action of Private Nieman in swimming to shore for a rescue boat and saving the lives of his comrades while under fire reflects high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Cheviot, Ohio.

JULIO R PEREZ 39285985, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 March 1945 near Bliesbersingen, Germany. While on forward reconnaissance, locating positions to set up a section of 81mm mortars, a squad leader and one mortarman walked into an enemy minefield. When the squad leader stepped on a mine both men were seriously wounded. Sergeant Perez, the section leader, gave a warning to the remainder of his section, then

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summoning medical aid, Sergeant Perez entered the enemy mine field and proceeded to the wounded men. By carrying the most seriously wounded and guiding the other men who could still walk, Sergeant Perez carefully retraced his steps until he had left the mine field. Medical aid men waiting at this point administered first aid and evacuated the wounded men. The courageous action of Sergeant Perez saved the lives of these seriously wounded men and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Los Angeles, California.

HOWARD R SCHULTZ 35065961, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 March 1945 near Biblis, Germany. Sergeant Schultz, an acting rifle squad leader, was leading his men through a woods when enemy machine guns opened fire on them. Sergeant Schultz then regrouped his men and began a flanking movement when an enemy flak wagon opened up on the squad. Firing his rifle at the enemy gunner, Sergeant Schultz succeeded in killing him and temporarily silenced the gun. Upon being ordered to withdraw, Sergeant Schultz led his men safely to where they established their new positions. In enemy attacks during the day, Sergeant Schultz killed two of the attacking force and aided materially in the capture of fifteen others. The courageous action of Sergeant Schultz reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

ALVIN WILSON JR 35297169, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. Sergeant Wilson's company was held up by heavy small arms, bazooka and direct 88mm fire. Sergeant Wilson worked his way under enemy observation and intense fire to a position well forward of the lines where he sniped at enemy personnel with an M-1 rifle which harassed and inflicted casualties upon them. When Sergeant Wilson saw that it was impossible to dislodge some of the enemy with rifle fire he again worked his way, under enemy observation and fire, back to the company positions, where he obtained a bazooka and ammunition and again went out alone to harass the enemy. He fired several rounds at enemy machine gun emplacements, silencing the weapon. Sergeant Wilson's action enabled the reserve platoon and supporting tanks to get into position, resulting in the company successfully breaking through the enemy strongpoint. His courage and determination reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Columbus, Ohio.

ERNIE M STOKES 33891543, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Cambridge, Maryland.

JOHN W HOWARD 35618772, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Galena, Ohio.

For gallantry in action on 20 April 1945 in Nurnberg, Germany. Sergeant Stokes and Private Howard's squad was ordered to take and hold the central house in a row of three houses. Sergeant Stokes and Private Howard took their objective and manned the tunnels leading into the house. Later, the enemy launched a counterattack to force the squad out of the house and chose the tunnel where Sergeant Stokes and Private Howard had their Browning automatic

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rifle set up. Approximately thirty of the enemy tried to destroy their position by running past the tunnel entrance and throwing hand grenades into their midst. Unassisted, the Browning automatic rifle team of Sergeant Stokes and Private Howard successfully broke every enemy attempt to rush their position and succeeded in killing three of the enemy and wounding eight others. The courageous actions of Sergeant Stokes and Private Howard reflect high credit upon themselves and their organization.

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Section 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:

JOSEPH M KRAJEWSKI 33804216, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 March 1945 near Rheindurkheim, Germany. Sergeant Krajewski, a platoon guide, took command of a group of men who succeeded in reaching the east bank of the Rhine River when fierce enemy resistance broke up the original plan of attack. Organizing stragglers until he had twenty men, Sergeant Krajewski set forth for the prearranged point of the company reorganization. In the course of the advance the platoon successfully engaged several groups of enemy and destroyed one enemy strongpoint by killing nine and routing the remainder. Reaching the prearranged point, and reinforced by seven other men who reached there, Sergeant Krajewski continued with the advance. The courageous action of Sergeant Krajewski in assuming the initiative enabled his company to go on with its attack and reflects high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RAYMOND S OLOWINSKI 33432575, Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company M, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 December 1944 near Miesesheim, France. A rifle company attacking a town was temporarily stopped by intense fire from four enemy machine guns. Corporal Olowinski, a radio operator for the 81mm mortar section, remained in an exposed position under this heavy fire where he could observe and direct mortar fire upon the enemy until his company could withdraw. Later while attacking the town in a flanking movement, the company met with a numerically superior force of enemy infantry supported by direct fire from tanks and selfpropelled guns. Seeing that a continuation of the attack would prove costly the company began to withdraw again. Corporal Olowinski crawled once more into an exposed position where he could observe enemy action and directed artillery and mortar fire upon the enemy until his company had withdrawn. The courageous action of Corporal Olowinski during this period aided materially in his company extricating itself from a dangerous situation and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

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Section II

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

DONALD S CAMPBELL 33556582, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945 near Alsbach, Germany. While one platoon of his company was attacking a pillbox, Private Campbell, a machine gunner, fired his weapon in support of by forcing the enemy to keep the gun slits on the pillbox closed. Private Campbell had to stand on a box in his trench and expose his head and shoulders above the ground in order to bring effective fire upon the enemy. In this position he was killed by enemy snipers in another pillbox. The courageous action of Private Campbell in exposing himself to aid his comrades in capturing an enemy held pillbox, enabled these men to successfully reach and take their objective and reflects high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Baltimore, Maryland. Next of kin: Mrs. Louise Campbell (Mother), 4003 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

MORRIS MORGENSTEIN 01998093, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 March 1945 near Rhinedurkheim, Germany. After crossing the Rhine River the 81mm mortar platoon led by Lieutenant Morgenstein was temporarily halted by a heavy volume of enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Lieutenant Morgenstein exposing himself to the enemy fire reorganized his platoon and led it in a flanking movement. When their progress was again halted by enemy fire, Lieutenant Morgenstein attacked the enemy position alone and killed two enemy. Then while part of his platoon covered his movement with fire, Lieutenant Morgenstein took the rest of his platoon and led an assault upon the enemy positions forcing the remaining fifteen enemy to surrender. The courageous action of Lieutenant Morgenstein removed an enemy strongpoint, enabling his company to continue the advance and reflects high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Bronx, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Celia Morgenstein (Mother), 2156 Gruger Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Section 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:

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VERNON R CRAVATT 20829687, Infantry, Sergeant, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 March 1945 near Rheindurkheim, Germany. When the small boat in which Sergeant Cravatt and his men were attempting to cross the Rhine River capsized, they were thrown into the swift water. Grasping a pile protruding out of the water, he reached out and dragged another struggling soldier to the safety of the pile from which they were later rescued. Sergeant Cravatt's disregard for his own safety resulted in the saving of a man's life. Entered the military service from Davis, Oklahoma.

RUSSELL L ECHTINAW 01332588, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. When his platoon was pinned down by enemy machine pistol and rifle fire, Lieutenant Ehtinaw crawled forward and successfully silenced the machine pistol, allowing his platoon to move forward. Later, while still many yards ahead of his platoon, he was seriously wounded and had to be evacuated. Lieutenant Ehtinaw's heroism inspired his platoon to take its objective. Entered the military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

PETER O LIEBHABER 37177293, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. When Sergeant Liebhaber's company attacked an enemy strongpoint, one officer was killed and two men seriously wounded. Snipers hidden in the surrounding buildings kept up a continuous fire on the wounded and on anyone trying to aid them. Sergeant Liebhaber knew of a hole approximately ten feet from where the wounded lay. He moved into an exposed position and started firing his carbine rapidly and accurately at any and all spots that might conceal a sniper, at the same time calling to the men to crawl into the hole. He kept up this distracting fire until the wounded men could assist each other to the covered position. Sergeant Liebhaber's quick thinking and courage saved two comrades from further wounds and probably death, and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Wells, Minnesota.

GERHARD H LORENZ 36873512, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945 near Habkirchen, Germany. Sergeant Lorenz was leading his squad forward after a successful crossing of the Blies River when he stepped on a mine that severely wounded him in the right leg. Urging his squad to continue without him, Sergeant Lorenz saw it capture six enemy personnel. Ordering the prisoners to be brought to him, Sergeant Lorenz questioned them as to the extent of the mine field. Learning this information he issued final instructions to his men and was carried to an aid station by two of the enemy. The courageous action of Sergeant Lorenz, though severely wounded, of learning the extent of the enemy mine field from the prisoners, undoubtedly saved many others from similar wounds and reflects high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Romulus, Michigan.

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VERNON C MONTGOMERY 35560616, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945 near Habkirchen, Germany. When Private Montgomery's squad ran into a mine field in the dark, several men were wounded by an exploding mine. When it became light enough to see some of the mines, Private Montgomery made his way back and led the medical aid men through a mortar barrage up through the mine field to the wounded men. Entered the military service from Lancaster, Kentucky.

ELLIS H PARSONS 02006083, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 27 March 1945 near Bensheim, Germany. Lieutenant Parsons, leading the forward platoon down a highway in an attack on this town, had his platoon's progress halted by an enemy flak wagon. Outflanking this weapon, Lieutenant Parsons led his platoon in an attack from the left front. When the platoon met heavy enemy fire from enemy rifle men, Lieutenant Parsons, disregarding the heavy enemy small arms fire, ran across open terrain to reach a supporting tank and led it back. After directing the tank's fire on enemy targets, Lieutenant Parsons rejoined his platoon and led it in an assault that overran the enemy positions and secured the town. The courageous action of Lieutenant Parsons during this period reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Rockingham, North Carolina.

ARTHUR B ROGERS 39096869, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945 near Alschbach, Germany. The attacking company became disorganized when the commanding officer was wounded and had to be evacuated. Sergeant Rogers, acting first sergeant, unhesitatingly left his position with the company headquarters group to go forward. While working under heavy fire, he helped an officer reorganize the company. Largely due to Sergeant Rogers' courage and leadership, the attack was resumed with the least possible delay. Entered the military service from Hanford, California.

JOSEPH BARRON 32776887, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Fords, New Jersey.

WILLIAM E ALFORD 34928351, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Loakesville, Mississippi.

For heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945 near Halstadt, Germany. A platoon attacking across an open field was fired on by an enemy machine gun, temporarily stopping its advance. Sergeant Barron and Private Alford seeing the seriousness of the situation began crawling toward the dug-in enemy machine gun. Sergeant Barron fired his rifle into the emplacement preventing the enemy from taking accurate aim, while Private Alford approached and threw a hand grenade into the position. When the grenade failed to knock out the machine gun, Sergeant Barron continued firing until he killed the enemy gunner. The courageous action of Sergeant Barron and Private Alford in attacking and destroying the enemy machine gun contributed materially to the success of the attack by their platoon and reflects credit upon themselves and their organization.

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JAMES R HEFNER JR 34777315, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Granite Falls, North Carolina.

LYLE E MOORE 37475999, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Rapid City, South Dakota.

For heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945 near Alsbach, Germany. When their company was advancing down a slope to attack the town of Alsbach, Sergeant Hefner, Private Moore and their fellow soldiers were caught by point-blank cannon fire from tanks and by machine gun fire from the pillboxes in town, causing casualties. Sergeant Hefner and Private Moore moved out under the heavy fire to aid the wounded and to move them to shelter.

JESSIE STEEN JR 34931713, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from McBee, South Carolina.

THOMAS J THOMPSON 42061421, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment,
Entered the military service from New York, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. The squad in which Private Steen and Private Thompson were riflemen was ordered to take the loft house in a row of three houses. Although fired upon by the enemy the squad reached the house and entered. Private Steen and Private Thompson were ordered to hold the ground floor while the remainder of the squad searched the upstairs. Seeing some enemy enter into the basement of the house, these two men immediately found the cellar stairway and they went downstairs. In the darkness, Private Steen and Private Thompson explored a blackened tunnel until they encountered the enemy. In an exchange of shots fired at close range, Private Thompson was wounded. Private Steen then assisted him to the stairs, covering their withdrawal by firing into the tunnel. At the top of the stairs, Private Thompson was given first aid by Private Steen. These two men then remained on guard for the remaining five hours that they held the building, keeping the enemy in the cellar although they directed machine pistol fire up the stairway at their position. The next day when a larger force of men was sent into the house, seventy-five prisoners were removed from the cellar of whom two were wounded. The courageous action of Private Steen and Private Thompson in holding off against such odds reflects high credit upon themselves and their organization.

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Section 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:

ALFRED LUJAN 38009194, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Battery A, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 26 to 30 April 1945 between Dunsberg and Munich, Germany. Entered the military service from Trinidad, Colorado.

Section 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 men:

MAXIE D HENSLEY 20832899, Field Artillery, Corporal, Battery A, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 12 to 27 March 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Leonard, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mrs. Clara E. Alexander (Mother), Leonard, Oklahoma.

CARL D JOHNSON 37032815, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 2 to 26 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Hartland, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mr. Carl M. Johnson (Father), Hartland, Minnesota.

Section 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:

HERMAN M ELLIOTT 20832809, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Battery A, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 26 March to 30 April 1945 between Nordheim and Munich, Germany. Entered the military service from Nowata, Oklahoma.

JAY E GORDON 37040696, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery A, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

ROY G HISKETT 38015528, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Battery C, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 1 February to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

VIRGIL B IRWIN 38023339, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Battery C, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 1 October 1944 to 30 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

ALVIN R MARTIN 38023321, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Service Battery, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 February 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Longdale, Oklahoma.

CLARENCE M RAKE 20832667, Field Artillery, First Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 26 March to 30 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Sperry, Oklahoma.

LLOYD G SUMMY 20831913, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Calvin, Oklahoma.

RALPH D WALKER 34054301, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Service Battery, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 February 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Lake Alford, Florida.

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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:

RICHARD H AKERS 16126143, Armored, Sergeant, Company D, 191st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 15 August 1944 to 1 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

ARTHUR E ANSTETT 31047253, Armored, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 191st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 15 August 1944 to 1 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

HUGH H BECKER 20544234, Coast Artillery Corps, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Battery A, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery, Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 22 November 1944 to 30 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Madisonville, Kentucky.

RALPH W CARR JR 01014256, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Service Company, 191st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 March to 1 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Jackson, Georgia.

PATRICK J CUMMINGS 33084379, Coast Artillery Corps, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade), Battery A, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery, Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 22 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.

VICTOR G DUDEK 31047305, Armored, First Sergeant, Company D, 191st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 19 February 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

PAUL E HITCHENS 32071519, Armored, Master Sergeant, Service Company, 191st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 4 March to 25 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from New Castle County, Delaware.

STANLEY E HITTEN 35118953, Coast Artillery Corps, Sergeant, Battery A, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery, Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 1 October 1944 to 30 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Cynthiana, Kentucky.

LAWRENCE H KRAUSS 3510084, Coast Artillery Corps, Technical Sergeant (then Corporal and later Staff Sergeant), Headquarters Battery, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery, Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 March 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

OLIVER C REYNER 33138150, Armored, Sergeant, Company D, 191st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 1 February 1944 to 1 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Norristown, Pennsylvania.

RUSSELL L SEIBERT 33075546, Armored, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 191st Tank Battalion for meritorious service in combat from 1 February 1944 to 1 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

ROSS B SMITH 33084412, Coast Artillery Corps, Staff Sergeant, Battery L, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery, Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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~~* CORNELL W. B. SMITH 3316916, Armored, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 191st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 23 October 1944 to 1 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Cleburne, Texas.~~

ALBERT G WINGFIELD 13103604, Armored, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 191st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 22 September 1944 to 1 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

CHRISTIAN ZOETWEY 01013537, Infantry, Captain, Headquarters, 191st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 1 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Denver, Colorado.

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Section 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:

JAMES COFFEY 35704609, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Eadsville, Kentucky.

JESSE J DOSSETT 36972087, Infantry, Private, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 April 1945. Home address: Whitehall, Illinois.

COLYOUNGER GASTON 29820132, Infantry, Sergeant, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 January 1945. Home address: Wilson, Oklahoma.

WARREN E HARTONG 35235434, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 December 1944. Home address: Akron, Ohio.

ROBERT P OSWALD 36975801, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 April 1945. Home address: Wyandotte, Michigan.

Section 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:

WILLIAM H CLARK 32216827, Infantry, Private, Cannon Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 25 May 1944. Home address: Astoria, Long Island, New York.

JOHN F DROLL 38305969, Infantry, Sergeant, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 24 May 1944. Home address: Roggen, Colorado.

KENNETH E GOODE 13075397, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 22 May 1944. Home address: Shenandoah, Virginia.

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ANTI S KUUSLA 32834566, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 August 1944. Home address: Glasgo, Connecticut.

WALDAN B MANN 39666736, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Home address: Piggott, Arkansas.

NORMAN D MC KENZIE 31060937, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

ELMER A MC KINNEY 35700253, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 24 April 1945. Home address: Bedford, Indiana.

CECIL D RIDENOUR 35536625, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 3 April 1945. Home address: Butler, Indiana.

OREN E SCOTT 36431247, Infantry, Sergeant, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 January 1945. Home address: Pawnee, Illinois.

ALPHEUS C WHITE 31464806, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 January 1945. Home address: Keeno, New Hampshire.

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Section 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:

EDWARD P ENGLISH 32197705, Medical Department, Corporal, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 30 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Section 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:

WILLIS M BAHNSEN 35018760, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oak Harbor, Ohio.

AARON L BARROW 38346634, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 15 August 1944 to April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Amarillo, Texas.

HOWARD C BIGGERS 38017290, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 December 1944 to 3 February 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Hobart, Oklahoma.

OTTO E BOSTELMAN 35034580, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 26 January 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Alger, Ohio.

LIONEL V CHILDRESS 02055152, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company H, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 December 1944 to 30 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

KENNETH C COLVIN 31062443, Infantry, Master Sergeant, Service Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 14 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Malden, Massachusetts.

LEONARD H DOREY 31539150, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from September 1944 to April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Winooski, Vermont.

EUGENE W FALLOP 35924845, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from September 1944 to April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Sebring, Ohio.

ARTHUR E LESSOR JR 32945734, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from August 1944 to April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Schenectady, New York.

PHILIP D LINES 0414119, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company H, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 1 January to 30 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Island Creek, Maryland.

RICHARD J LOGES 0522563, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company H, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 15 August 1944 to 30 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Dayton, Ohio.

CHAUNCEY B SCOTT 01238854, Infantry, Captain, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 20 January 1944 to 3 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Tilden, Nebraska.

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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:

ROY C BASSETT 20832311, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Battery B, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 20 January 1944 to 25 April 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Blocker, Oklahoma.

JAMES J BOILES 20832450, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), Battery C, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Ada, Oklahoma.

CLARENCE R BROWN 20831895, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Service Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Holdenville, Oklahoma.

LOIS J CANTRELL 20832416, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Battery C, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 10 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Ada, Oklahoma.

FERDIE B CASSEL 34072008, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Service Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Converse, Louisiana.

OSCAR R GORDON 20831886, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Service Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Holdenville, Oklahoma.

LYOUD F GRAY 38019978, Field Artillery, Technical Sergeant (then Corporal and later Sergeant), Service Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Shawnee, Oklahoma.

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RICHARD G. HILL 20832228, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade and later Corporal), Service Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Nowata, Oklahoma.

JAMES H. HUDSON 34160336, Field Artillery, Master Sergeant (then Sergeant), Service Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

LEO C. HUFFINES 34110867, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Battery C, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 1 April 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Gibsonville, North Carolina.

WALTER ISACSON 36038817, Field Artillery, Corporal (then Technician Fifth Grade), Battery C, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Arlington Heights, Illinois.

WILLIAM G. JOHNSON 0266830, Field Artillery, Major, Headquarters, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 June 1944 to 23 March 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from McAlester, Oklahoma.

ORRIN L. KADRUD 36006821, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Battery C, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

BEN. H. KAY 34083094, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Lavonia, Georgia.

WOODROW W. LEAF 0326969, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Battery C, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 9 to 12 January 1945 near Wingen Sur Moder, France. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

EDWIN S. MARTIN 34173631, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Battery C, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from New River, Tennessee.

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HARRIS R HANIS 34054453, Field Artillery, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 13 April 1944 to 23 March 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Miami, Florida.

DENNIS J SCHIEDDING 37119239, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade and later Technician Fourth Grade), Service Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Lyons, Nebraska.

ROBERT L TAMELLINI 33035747, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade (then Corporal), Battery C, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

CLARENCE G WILMARTH 33073856, Field Artillery, Sergeant (then Corporal), Service Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Dunmore, Pennsylvania.

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Section I

Award of the Purple Heart and Two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart and two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following onlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

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*OUS C NICKOLS 37502317, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 27 March 1945, Germany, 31 March 1945, and Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Kansas City, Missouri.

Section II

Award of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart are awarded to each of the following onlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

EMIL ANDERSON 36227113, Infantry, Sergeant, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 11 November 1943, and Germany, 23 December 1944. Home address: Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

DOUGLAS A EARL 31341725, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 26 May 1944, and France, 30 September 1944. Home address: New Milford, Connecticut.

GEORGE R TURLEY 35882188, Infantry, Sergeant, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 September 1944, and France, 8 December 1944. Home address: Mount Sterling, Kentucky.

GILBERTO D VIGIL 38010719, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 31 December 1943, and France, 12 September 1944. Home address: Colnora, New Mexico.

JAMES R WHITMORE 35050794, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 20 February 1944, and France, 1 October 1944. Home address: Cleveland, Ohio.

Section III

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 to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

HARLEY T ADKINS 35652127, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 6 October 1943. Home address: Springdale, West Virginia.

FRANK BLASE 32868300, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 29 May 1944. Home address: Jamaica, New York.

SAM L CARSON 20825700, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 12 October 1943. Home address: Pawnee, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM R FERENCZ 33765263, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 December 1944. Home address: Eddystone, Pennsylvania.

LEROY GANN 33191806, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 12 February 1944. Home address: Lufkin, Texas.

WENCESLAUS M GOMA 12058105, Infantry, Private, Company M, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 30 December 1943. Home address: New York, New York.

THOMAS GOOD 35235857, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 11 May 1945. Home address: Akron, Ohio.

JOHN B HAYWARD 33802283, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 August 1944. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JAMES C HENDRIX 34764079, Infantry, Private, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 September 1944. Home address: Grantville, Georgia.

JOSEPH A NARDI 42030718, Infantry, Private, Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 September 1944. Home address: Port Chester, New York.

WERNER M OEHME 32770376, Infantry, Sergeant, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 27 May 1944. Home address: Clifton, New Jersey.

SILVINO OLIVEIRA 31361456, Infantry, Private, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 31 May 1944. Home address: Fall River, Massachusetts.

MIKE ONYSECZAK 33410575, Infantry, Private, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 11 November 1943. Home address: West Middlesex, Pennsylvania.

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IRA B PAUL 01292580, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 April 1945. Home address: Salisbury, North Carolina.

PAUL PETRO JR 39564487, Infantry, Private, Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 21 February 1944. Home address: Arlington, California.

LESTER A ROBERTS 31401120, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 January 1945. Home address: Searsport, Maine.

ANDREW ROSAK 33081026, Infantry, Private, Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Home address: Versailles Borough, Pennsylvania.

CLAUDE R ROSE 15054488, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 August 1944. Home address: Baileyville, West Virginia.

ALBERT E ROSS 33802170, Infantry, Private, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 September 1944. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BERNARD R SHELL 34884790, Infantry, Private, Headquarters Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 September 1944. Home address: Shell Creek, Tennessee.

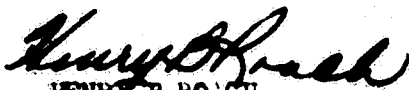
WILLIE J STRONG 34149374, Infantry, Private, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 27 May 1944. Home address: Moss, Tennessee.

LESTER C THORNTON 34876411, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 October 1944. Home address: Taylorsville, Mississippi.

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Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal..... I
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Section 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 officer:

IRVIN E BLOCK 01322416, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Section 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:

JOHN J BISHOP 38433051 Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 11 February 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Dallas, Texas.

LAURENCE GOLOBICH 0348521, Infantry, Captain, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 15 January to 30 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Ely, Minnesota.

JAMES R HULTON JR 31041225, Field Artillery, First Sergeant, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 9 September 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from New Milford, Connecticut.

LOUIS F IKROVINE 33833599, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from May 1944 to April 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Northampton, Pennsylvania.

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BERNARD KING 31072866, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Braintree, Massachusetts.

BERNARD LAVINE 01304407, Infantry, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Syracuse, New York.

BILLY B LATTA 38371961, Infantry, Corporal, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 26 February 1944 to 1 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Abilene, Texas.

ELMER LEWIS 35101947, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 28 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Weisburg, Indiana.

SHELBY L NOE 20834188, Field Artillery, Corporal, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 9 September 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

ARNOLD L PASSMORE 34599774, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 August 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Nantahala, North Carolina.

HOWARD L PAULSEN 37566653, Infantry, Sergeant, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 1 January 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ARTHUR T SHACKELFORD 38018215, Field Artillery, Technical Sergeant, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Cowota, Oklahoma.

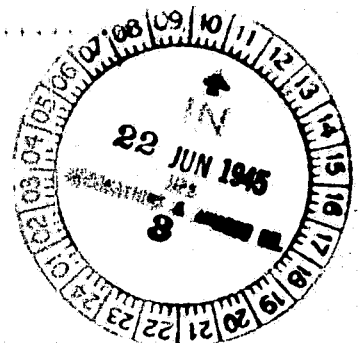
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Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded to each of the following officers for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy:

Award of the Tenth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

NORBERT M COLLINS 01166461, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, from 21 March to 24 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Award of the Sixth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

HERMAN M GRIZZIE 01173627, Field Artillery, Captain, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division Artillery, from 11 September 1944 to 18 March 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Hebron, Texas.

Award of the Fourth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

DAVID M KYLE 0378034, Field Artillery, Major (then Captain), Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division Artillery, from 16 December 1944 to 21 March 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Florence, Oregon.

Award of the Third Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

ROBERT DEAN 01165845, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Battery A, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, from 29 October 1944 to 30 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Award of the Second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

THOMAS A PANK 0452934, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division Artillery, from 26 October 1944 to 26 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

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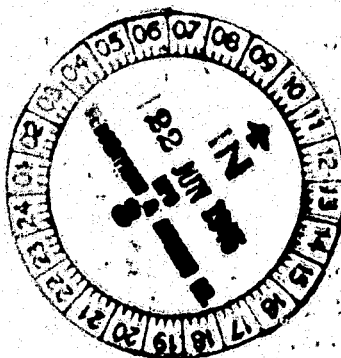
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Award of the Bronze Star Medal

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:

MICHELE DeGIORGIO 01690131, Medical Corps, Captain,, Clearing Company, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 10 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

LONNIE M HICKS 38016895, Medical Department, Staff Sergeant, Clearing Company, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 28 March 1944 to 1 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Colbert, Oklahoma.

DOUGLAS G KELLING 0303362, Medical Corps, Major (then Captain), Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 March to 1 May 1944 in Italy. Entered the military service from Waverly, Missouri.

O'NEILL F LONG 34056219, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 December 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from North, South Carolina.

MARVIN L NAIL 38017943, Corps of Military Police, Sergeant, Military Police Platoon, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Foraker, Oklahoma.

ROY L O'DANIEL 18115786, Medical Department, Staff Sergeant, Clearing Company, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 July 1944 to 1 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Goose Creek, Texas.

ALFRED D PATTERSON 33571292, Corps of Military Police, Corporal (then Private First Class), Military Police Platoon, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 4 August 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Ernest, Pennsylvania.

JOHN S POWERS 20833673, Field Artillery, First Sergeant, Battery B, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Chickasha, Oklahoma.

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RICHARD N RICHARDSON W-2117849, Army of the United States, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 7 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

MICHAEL L SROKA 37091509, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 30 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

WYNE J VAN VORIS 38015519, Field Artillery, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 October 1943 to 30 April 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

STANLEY WOODWARD 0279596, Medical Administrative Corps, First Lieutenant, Clearing Company, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

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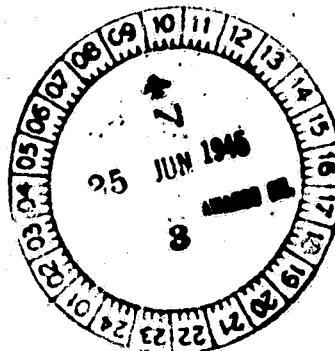
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Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal

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

GABRIEL J VENDETTI 31062854, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 14 January 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Hartford, Connecticut. Next of kin: Mr. Phillip Vendetti (Father), 105 Reed Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Section 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 onlisted men:

DONALD F HUNTER 37180843, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 30 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Hartville, Missouri.

JOHN R JANNEY 3322268, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company 1, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 15 August 1944 to 30 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Racine, Wisconsin.

CHARLES M MASHURN JR 0387695, Infantry, Captain, Headquarters, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 12 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

JAMES M MONTGOMERY 12057913, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 1 February 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

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CARL G PHARIS 35599587, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from August 1944 to April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Delphos, Ohio.

WILLIAM T PIGG JR 38017310, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Service Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 7 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Weatherford, Oklahoma.

ALVIN B SANDS 20828472, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 19 July 1943 to 3 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Okemah, Oklahoma.

JAMES W SMITH 38016932, Infantry, Master Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant), Service Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 10 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Grandfield, Oklahoma.

KENDLE SMITH 6650968, Infantry, First Sergeant, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 21 February 1944 to 10 April 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Terre Haute, Indiana.

HAROLD G WELLS 01287447, Infantry, Captain, Service Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Saint Joseph, Missouri.

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Section I

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 enlisted man:

JOSEPH KATZ 31436781, Infantry, Private, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. The remnants of the platoon in which Private Katz was first scout were sent to clear out an overpass on an island and to protect the right flank of the rifle company. Private Katz was scouting along the river bank when an enemy machine gun caught the remainder of the platoon in the open and wounded the squad leader. Private Katz immediately left his position and went to the side of his squad leader to administer first aid. He then remained with the wounded man, firing his rifle at the enemy and succeeded in neutralizing some of the enemy fire. When a litter squad arrived, Private Katz crawled to the edge of the river, took the litter and dragged it back under machine gun and rifle fire to his squad leader. After loading the man on the litter, he was joined by the litter squad, and then assisted in evacuating the wounded soldier to the safety of the river bank. Private Katz's courage and devotion to his comrade reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Malden, Massachusetts. Next of kin: Mrs. Rose Katz (Mother), 30 Grape Street, Malden, Massachusetts.

Section 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:

SCHLICHT BILLY 02006051, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 March 1945 near Diesengen, Germany. Lieutenant Billy's platoon was given the mission of taking a pillbox in the Siegfried Line. Heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun

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fire inflicted several casualties upon his men. Lieutenant Billy then re-organized his men and, shouting words of encouragement, led them forward again by his inspiring example. Lieutenant Billy remained in the lead of his platoon until, within fifty yards of the pillbox, then making a bold dash through a hail of enemy machine gun fire, Lieutenant Billy reached the pillbox and throw a grenade into the aperture causing the fifteen occupants within to surrender. The courageous actions of Lieutenant Billy in wresting control of the pillbox from the enemy aided materially in his company's break-through of the Siegfried defenses and reflect high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from McAlester, Oklahoma.

GIENNAON CAMPBELL 35478349, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 April 1945 in Bamberg, Germany. Attached to a rifle platoon which was clearing the streets of Bamberg, Private Campbell heard a cry for help as he was seeking shelter in a doorway. Leaving his shelter, he found two soldiers in the middle of a street which was being swept by intense enemy small arms and machine pistol fire. Two other aid men attempting to reach the men were halted by the heavy fire, but Private Campbell dashed across the fire-swept area and quickly began administering first aid despite the bullets striking near him. Then, with the aid of another soldier, Private Campbell brought the wounded man to shelter in a nearby building. His courage in the face of enemy fire and devotion to his comrades reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Hazel Park, Michigan.

MICHAEL J CONRAD 31007197, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 November 1944 near Muhlhausen, France. Attacking enemy positions in this sector, the platoon led by Sergeant Conrad encountered stubborn resistance from enemy tanks, artillery, mortars and small arms fire. When they encountered an enemy tank and half-track that had captured numerous prisoners from an adjoining company, Sergeant Conrad deployed his platoon, then opened fire upon the enemy, confusing them, and enabling several of our prisoners to escape. Calling for artillery fire by radio, Sergeant Conrad then forced the enemy to withdraw. The platoon continued the attack and captured the town of Muhlhausen. When tank-supported counterattacks were thrown against this position, Sergeant Conrad dispersed the attack with accurately adjusted artillery and mortar fire. Entered the military service from North Adams, Massachusetts.

NORWOOD F DEIBLER 33076044, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Headquarters Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 8 April 1945 near Gross Wenkheim, Germany. Sergeant Deibler accompanied his battalion commander on a forward reconnaissance for gun positions and was standing by his radio truck when two vehicles filled with enemy personnel approached and some enemy infantry that had been by-passed came up from the rear. Members of a 57mm gun crew were searching nearby houses for enemy, leaving only the gunner on the piece. Hearing the gunner call for ammunition, Sergeant Deibler ran

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through the small arms fire directed at him and the gun to carry the ammunition to the gunner. Opening fire the gunner succeeded in knocking out the larger of the enemy vehicles. Running back to his radio, Sergeant Deibler advised his headquarters of the situation, then, taking the enemy under fire with his carbine, he succeeded in killing three of them. The courageous action of Sergeant Deibler during this period aided materially in stopping the enemy until help could arrive and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Elizabethville, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM J FRATTAROLA 31405523, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company M, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945 near Wilonguth, France. A machine gun squad assigned to protect the flank of a rifle company was subjected to a heavy enemy counterattack that threatened to overrun the company's positions. During the attack Sergeant Frattarola, under the intense enemy small arms fire, crawled among his gunners, directing their fire until the ammunition was almost expended. Then accompanied by two of his men, Sergeant Frattarola, crawled two hundred yards through the heavy enemy fire to an ammunition dump and secured the necessary ammunition. Crawling back to his men, Sergeant Frattarola took over the firing of one machine gun and succeeded in silencing two enemy machine guns. Sergeant Frattarola's courage and determination succeeded in breaking up the enemy attack and contributed to the killing of fifteen enemy personnel and the capture of four others. Entered the military service from Greenwich, Connecticut.

ROBERT C JOHNSON 37771946, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 March 1945 near Nieder Wurzbach, Germany. When elements of a platoon succeeded in gaining positions near two enemy pillboxes, Private Johnson, a Browning automatic rifleman in another platoon, leaped from his trench and ran to a half-dug position where he could lay down an effective field of fire and frustrate enemy attempts to fire on other advancing men. In spite of small arms and mortar fire, Private Johnson remained in his position alone and drove off repeated enemy attempts to attack the men holding the positions near the pillboxes. When his ammunition became exhausted, Private Johnson worked his way back to the company command post and, carrying fifteen bandoliers of ammunition, returned to his former position despite the heavy small arms fire directed at him. Private Johnson remained in his forward position alone for a three-hour period and fired well over one thousand rounds of ammunition from his Browning automatic rifle that killed seven enemy personnel, inflicted numerous casualties, and forced many others to flee. Private Johnson's courageous actions during this period reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Saint Peter, Minnesota.

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CHARLES F KEEMAN 13077400, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 28 March 1945 near Aschaffenburg, Germany. Two platoons of a tank destroyer unit were in a defilade position behind the railroad embankment paralleling the Main River, when the enemy subjected the area to a very heavy mortar barrage. When the first shells killed two men and wounded five others, Technician Keenan immediately left his place of cover and, although the barrage continued, went to the aid of his platoon commander. Technician Keenan administered first aid until an aid man arrived. Technician Keenan then carried his commander to a quarter-ton vehicle and drove him to an aid station. Returning to the scene Technician Keenan assisted his platoon Sergeant to reorganize the unit and assisted in an attempt to recover the damaged vehicles. The courageous actions of Technician Keenan during this period reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JUAN A. LOPEZ 38010310, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 March 1945 near Rheindurkheim, Germany. Private Lopez was a member of a boat team that became separated from the main body when debarking on the far bank of the Rhine River. The sergeant in command, noticing a group of men approaching and thinking they were friendly troops, went forward to meet them, only to find that they were enemy soldiers. The sergeant was captured. Private Lopez, observing what had happened, stealthily approached the enemy patrol and, taking advantage of an opportunity, lurched forward and grabbed the gun barrels of the two enemy gunners. Shouting to his comrades to commence firing, Private Lopez grappled with the two enemy riflemen and in the ensuing struggle he overcame them. While his fellow soldiers killed four others. Private Lopez's actions prevented his sergeant and his fellow men from being captured and possibly killed. His quick thinking and courage reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

VICTOR R SAMULICK 33737699, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 March 1945 on the East Bank of the Rhine River. After crossing the Rhine River Sergeant Samulick's company had regrouped and was moving to its next objective when it was attacked by an enemy platoon. Sergeant Samulick immediately led his light machine gun squad into the open and placed his gun in operation. Enemy attention became focused upon this gun and the gunner and assistant gunner were seriously wounded. Sergeant Samulick took over the abandoned gun and, cradling the weapon in his arms, maintained a heavy volume of fire upon the enemy troops in spite of his exposed position. Sergeant Samulick succeeded in killing four of the enemy, was responsible for the capture of six others, and aided materially in the successful attack. Sergeant Samulick's courage and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Mahanoy, Pennsylvania.

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BENJAMIN F SOUTHWARD-12043355, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 December 1944 near Engwiller, France. Direct enemy tank fire wounded two men seventy-five yards away from the battalion command post. Hearing the cries of the wounded men, Technician Southard left the protection of a collar and ran across the open field to the wounded men. While administering first aid, fragments of another shell burst wounded Technician Southard but, in spite of his wounds, he made two trips across the field to carry the wounded men through the enemy fire to the aid station. Entered the military service from Long Island, New York.

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

Section 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:

MELVIN L CLINGER 20304145, Infantry, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Altoona, Pennsylvania.

JOHN G KEPCH JR 31334882, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 January 1945. Home address: Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Section 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:

EDGAR F BUSWELL 31374647, Medical Department, Private, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 October 1944. Home address: Rodbank Village, Maine.

JOHN J CLAIR JR 36651982, Infantry, Private, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 23 February 1944. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

JEREMIAH M HIGGINS 31387332, Infantry, Private, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 September 1944.

CHESTER A MAJCHER 36689967, Infantry, Private, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 October 1944. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

LEONARD J PRZYSTUP 36968809, Infantry, Private, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 December 1944. Home address: Hamtramck, Michigan.

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LOUIS K STEBL 36453456, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 17 February 1944. Home address: Holland, Michigan.

JOHN TORNEY 32196935, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 16 February 1944. Home address: New York, New York.

✓ So much of General Order Number 161, Section IV, Award of the Purple Heart, this Headquarters, 18 May 1945, as pertains to JOHN L GORDON 38233449, Infantry, Corporal, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

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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 enlisted men:

MIHAEL COMIS /2051577, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. When his company was pinned down by heavy small arms and machine gun cross fire in its advance toward an enemy held road junction, the company commander called for a combat patrol to engage the enemy from the flank. Sergeant Comis, assuming the responsibility of the patrol, skillfully led his men, undetected by the enemy, to a position that offered them a good field of fire. Ordering the patrol to open fire, he accounted for three enemy killed and then led the patrol forward in an assault which drove the remaining enemy from their positions and enabled the company to continue its advance and take its objective. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

JOHN D OLINGER 33532392, Infantry, First Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 October 1944 near Brouvelieures, France. When the battalion command post moved into an area which had just been captured and which was under increasingly heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, it was necessary that wire communications be installed immediately to the heavy weapons company for support in case of an enemy counterattack. Sergeant Olinger proceeded alone to install the line across the shelled terrain. One shell burst nearby, knocking him to the ground, but in spite of the continued danger, Sergeant Olinger stayed at his task until it was completed and the battalion command post was in direct communication with its heavy weapon support. Entered the military service from Gate City, Virginia.

BENNY J SABAJ 31062611, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 16th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 November 1944 near Mulhouse, France. Task riding enemy infantry succeeded in penetrating our forward positions where they fired point blank into the fox holes. Sergeant Sabaj, observer for an 81mm mortar section, chose to hold his ground and on exposed terrain, in full view of the enemy, moved his post for better observation. Despite the enemy fire directed at him, Sergeant Sabaj, on adjusting rapid and accurate mortar fire, was successful in forcing the enemy to withdraw. Entered the military service from Webster, Massachusetts.

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ROBERT H WEISTER 33276407, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945 near Goetzenbruck, France. Sergeant Weister had his mortar observation post set up in a house overlooking a draw when a large enemy force attempted to infiltrate across the draw into his battalion's sector. He immediately called for mortar fire but when the enemy's infiltration attempt began to threaten Sergeant Weister's position, at one time approaching to within twenty feet, he courageously remained at his post and held off the enemy with fire from his carbine. The enemy continued their attempts to eliminate Sergeant Weister's position throughout the night but he was able to repulse them by firing and throwing hand grenades at sounds of enemy movement. Daylight revealed six enemy dead in front of his position. Through his perseverance and determination Sergeant Weister repulsed every enemy attempt to cross the draw. Entered the military service from New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

EUGENE J ZACHACKI 36761965, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. A heavy counterattack launched by the enemy at dusk forced the expenditure of a large amount of 60mm mortar ammunition. Although the enemy was less than one hundred and fifty yards away, Private Zachacki made repeated trips across terrain covered by heavy enemy machine gun fire to keep his mortar supplied with ammunition. When the gunner became wounded from enemy small arms fire, Private Zachacki took over the firing of the mortar and remained in this position until the counterattack had been repulsed. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal.... I
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Section 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:

IRVING J KLINE 20317398, Field Artillery, Private, Battery A, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 1 September 1944 near Leyettes, France. When the enemy broke through the road blocks around Maximieux, Private Kline accompanied a forward observer to a position about one thousand yards in front of friendly infantry to direct artillery fire. The position was devoid of cover and he was subjected to tank fire over a period of six hours but Private Kline aided in adjusting nine very effective fire missions on the enemy which enabled the infantry to secure its positions around the town. Entered the military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

PAUL C WEST 35162091, Coast Artillery Corps, Corporal, Battery A, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery, Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945 in South West Germany. Corporal West, commander of an antiaircraft half-track protecting a field artillery column, observed an enemy supply train on a parallel road consisting of forty horse-drawn vehicles and five motor trucks. Realizing the enemy would flee before the field artillery could go into action, Corporal West immediately attacked the supply train firing two hundred rounds of .50 caliber ammunition that destroyed several of the vehicles and caused the enemy personnel to flee into a woods. When return fire was received Corporal West swept the entire area with a destructive fire while the field artillery destroyed the remainder of the enemy convoy. Entered the military service from Wainetown, Indiana.

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Section 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 and to each of the following enlisted men:

ELMER C CARLSON 36182407, Field Artillery, Corporal, Battery B, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 11-12 January 1945 near Althorn, France. Corporal Carlson, member of a forward observer party assigned to a rifle company attacking stubborn enemy defenses, serviced and maintained all of the forward observers' wire communication despite the enemy artillery and small arms fire covering the area. When, after an advance, his wire proved to be one hundred and fifty yards short of the observation post, Corporal Carlson, working under heavy fire, searched the area for abandoned field wire, and secured enough to finish the job. Corporal Carlson's courage and initiative reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Fitch, Michigan.

ROBERT KING 35101502, Coast Artillery Corps, Sergeant, Battery A, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery, Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945 near Weisenberg, Germany. Advancing toward the town of Weisenberg, a combat team task force was subjected to concentrated sniper fire emanating from a nearby house. Quickly maneuvering his half-track into an advantageous but exposed position, Sergeant King fired through the windows setting the building on fire. Then, as the enemy snipers attempted to escape, they were eliminated by his accurate fire. Sergeant King's courageous action made it possible for the task force to continue its advance. Entered the military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

PAUL R MULLENIX 39189408, Armored, Sergeant, Company C, 191st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945 near Wimmenau, France. While progressing up a draw through a heavy woods, Sergeant Mullenix's tank was hit by a rifle grenade which blew off a track and demobilized the tank. The enemy immediately launched a heavy counterattack, but Sergeant Mullenix remained by his guns and throughout repeated attempts by the enemy to regain lost ground gave heavy and deadly fire support to our troops. He inflicted substantial losses on the enemy and was largely responsible for the success of our attack. His courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Po Ell, Washington.

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JOSEPH M PEARL 01182220, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 12 December 1944 in Langensoultzbach, France. When the enemy laid down a heavy barrage of mortar shells on and around the house in which he was located, Lieutenant Pearl immediately made his way to the attic from where he was able to observe the enemy mortars. Although the enemy fire was extremely heavy, Lieutenant Pearl directed artillery fire which caused the enemy to withdraw. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

THOMAS E RICHEY 16150949, Armored, Sergeant, Company C, 191st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. Because of a vigorous enemy counterattack, the infantry was stopped in its advance. Sergeant Richey immediately went ahead in his tank to attack enemy strongpoints. Although wounded by enemy antitank fire, he courageously went on until the enemy guns were destroyed and a way opened for the infantry to continue its advance. Sergeant Richey's courageous performance and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

✓ So much of General Orders Number 192, Section III, Award of the Bronze Star Medal, this headquarters, as, as pertains to IRVING J KLINE 20317398, Field Artillery, Private, Battery A, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, is hereby revoked.

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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 the following officer and to each of the following enlisted men:

ROBERT M BIGGELN 42036228, Infantry, Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade), Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 April 1945 in Munich, Germany. A rifle company was forced to withdraw after an attack on the SS troops barracks in Munich had met a concentrated fire from enemy snipers that wounded six men and left several others pinned down. Sergeant Biggeln seeing the plight of these men, immediately ran to a nearby tank and directed it back to the field. Sergeant Biggeln then directed the evacuation of the six wounded men and under cover of the friendly tank the entire company was able to make its way to safety. Sergeant Biggeln's courageous actions in the face of heavy sniper fire reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Bronx, New York.

GLENNON CAMPBELL 35478349, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 March 1945 near Rhineland, Germany. A rifle company sustained numerous casualties while crossing the Rhine River from enemy machine guns that laid down a heavy volume of fire which covered the water's edge. Private Campbell, company aid man, went about the job of administering first aid to the wounded men despite the fire still being directed at the vicinity. After tending to all of the wounded men, Private Campbell then went after sufficient litter squads and guided them back to the wounded men. He then worked unceasingly to assist in the evacuation. The courageous actions of Private Campbell in administering first aid to the wounded men while being subjected to heavy enemy fire saved the lives of the seriously wounded and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Hazel Park, Michigan.

CHARLES F CARTY JR 37347071, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945 near Frauenberg, France. A company of riflemen, after crossing the Blies River, found it necessary to pass through a mine field. On two separate occasions a man stopped on a mine and was wounded. Each time Private Carty exposed himself to machine gun and rocket fire in order to enter the mine field and aid the wounded men. Entered the military service from Durham, North Carolina.

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ERNEST M FRIEDMAN 33703475, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. When the battalion commanding officer was seriously wounded during an attack, Technician Friedman exposed himself to enemy fire in order to receive instructions from the wounded officer. Still carrying his SCR 300 radio he made his way across five hundred yards of enemy ground under constant enemy fire to where the supporting tanks were located. Sending messages to the leading rifle units, Sergeant Friedman led the tanks to positions where they could best support the attack. His courage and initiative did much to coordinate the movements of the leading elements of the battalion and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Carnegie, Pennsylvania.

JOHN W KAINE 0360270, Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16-19 March 1945 near Habkirchen, Germany. Under Colonel Kaine's leadership, his battalion successfully assaulted the town of Habkirchen, fought its way through Seelbach and Abweiler, and went on to take twenty-eight pillboxes in the Siegfried Line, all in the period of four days. Throughout this period, Colonel Kaine made frequent visits to the front line companies in order to determine the most effective means in which to break through the enemy line. By his coordination of his own and attached elements, Colonel Kaine was in great part responsible for the battalion's outstanding achievement. Until he was severely wounded in action, his sound judgment and courageous leadership were an inspiration to the men under his command. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

PETER J LASOWSKI 32946195, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945 near Blosengen, Germany. Sergeant Lasowski's squad, returning from patrol, received heavy enemy machine gun fire which seriously wounded one of the men. Realizing the necessity of removing his stricken comrade from the exposed position where he was lying, Sergeant Lasowski, in spite of the continued heavy enemy fire, dashed seventy-five yards across an open field to bring the wounded soldier to safety. His courageous actions undoubtedly saved the man's life. Entered the military service from Horkiner, New York.

WILLIAM R MORROW 35240393, Infantry, Private, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 27 March 1945 near Bensheim, Germany. When the enemy concentrated heavy automatic weapons and small arms fire on the leading platoon the men were forced to take cover and the supporting tanks forced to "button-up." Private Morrow on his own initiative, worked his way to high ground under the intense fire and located the source of the enemy fire. Making his way back to the platoon he informed them of his findings and directed tank fire on the enemy pocket, accounting for seventeen enemy riflemen and five automatic weapons. His courageous actions enabled the platoon to resume the attack and fulfill its mission. Entered the military service from Tampa, Florida.

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THOMAS W NOLAN 32197840, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945 near Biesingen, Germany. When his company was badly in need of a .30-caliber light machine gun and a new supply of ammunition, Sergeant Nolan unhesitatingly volunteered for the mission. Driving his quarter-ton truck over open terrain under cross fire and sniper fire from the enemy's pill-boxes and trenches, he succeeded in delivering these critical items to the company's most forward elements. With the new gun and additional supply of ammunition, the men were able to continue their assault. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

TRACY B SHELTON 33533618, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 January 1945 near Wildonguth, France. When his platoon was held up by stubborn enemy SS troops, Sergeant Shelton worked his way under intense machine gun fire to an enemy strongpoint consisting of a dugout in the side of the hill. He threw a grenade into the dugout but the enemy hurled it back and it exploded a short distance away from him. Determined to eliminate the enemy resistance, Sergeant Shelton then crawled to within two yards of the dugout from where he shot all of its occupants. Entered the military service from Stanleytown, Virginia.

ADAM B THOMAS 42068282, Medical Department, Private First Class (then Private), Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945 near Alschbach, Germany. When caught by heavy enemy machine gun and point-blank tank fire, the attacking group for which Private Thomas was aid man was pinned down, many of the men suffering serious wounds. In spite of the heavy fire covering the area, Private Thomas moved among them, administered first aid to the most seriously wounded, and assisted in their evacuation. Entered the military service from Maspeth, Long Island, New York.

DAVID H SUMMERS 33598060, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 March 1945 near Worms, Germany. During his regiment's assault crossing of the Rhine River, the enemy directed small arms and artillery fire at both shores and the River itself. Private Summers, a company aid man, crossed to the far shore behind the assault waves and helped to evacuate the wounded to the boats, returning with the wounded men on each trip. Private Summers' courage and resourcefulness during these crossings, in which several boats were hit and capsized, saved the lives of numerous men. Entered the military service from York, Pennsylvania.

CALVIN L WALDON 34875466, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 March 1945 near Rhinodurkheim, Germany. While Sergeant Waldon and seven riflemen were acting as flank security for a rifle company that had just crossed the Rhine River they came upon a platoon of enemy reinforced with a section of light machine guns. Circling the enemy, Sergeant Waldon led his men in a surprise

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attack from the rear, killing ten men and capturing nineteen. In destroying the enemy pocket, Sergeant Waldon and his men enabled their company to continue its attack successfully. Entered the military service from Columbus, Mississippi.

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Section 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:

J.T. DISHMAN 34735183, Infantry, Private First Class (then 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, employing superior numbers of infantry, and severed communications and threatened to isolate forward elements of the company, Private Dishman continued to man his heavy machine gun in spite of the danger of capture, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. With his ammunition supply nearly depleted, Private Dishman made a reconnaissance under heavy sniper fire, then covered the withdrawal of his section. He continued to fire even when enemy infantry neared his position. When his ammunition supply was exhausted, Private Dishman rendered his machine gun useless before withdrawing himself. Private Dishman's courage and calmness reflect high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Livingston, Tennessee.

LOWELL E JONES 20837302, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945 near Obergailbach, Germany. When a rifle platoon was temporarily stopped and low on ammunition, Sergeant Jones was given the mission of supplying the unit. Reaching a point fifty yards from the hard-pressed men, Sergeant Jones ordered his men to take cover and then, under intense enemy fire, crawled forward to within twenty yards of an enemy strongpoint. Throwing two grenades and firing his submachine gun into the enemy position, he inflicted many casualties and confused them to such an extent that they immediately withdrew. Calling his men forward, he succeeded in supplying the rifle platoon with ammunition, enabling them to move forward and secure their objective. Entered the military service from Bel, Louisiana.

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Section 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:

HARRY CANNON 33745857, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 December 1944 near Zinswiller, France. Private Cannon was accompanying his platoon leader in an effort to outpost an enemy ridge. Shortly thereafter, friendly artillery began to fall among our troops. After several attempts to establish contact with the artillery failed, Private Cannon voluntarily worked his way through the artillery fire in order to request the lifting of the barrage. When this had been accomplished, Private Cannon returned to his unit. He was killed by an enemy sniper while accompanying his platoon leader on another mission, but his courage and devotion to duty had prevented serious losses to his company. Entered the military service from Washington, D.C. Next of kin: Mrs. Fannie Cannon (Mother), 11 Riggs Road N.E., Washington, D.C.

Section 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:

BERNARD F FLEMING 31286826, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 January 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. When his squad was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Sergeant Fleming stripped down to his rifle and bolt and dashed one hundred yards across open terrain to the platoon command post where he received the necessary help to cover his squad's withdrawal to another position. Because of the numerical superiority of the enemy force, Sergeant Fleming's actions undoubtedly saved the lives of many men in his squad. Entered the military service from Springfield, Massachusetts.

MILES R HESSION 35146486, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 September 1944 near Vesencourt, France. Sergeant Hession was laying wire for a rifle company when it was surrounded and cut off by fire from the remainder of the battalion. Working his way back to the battalion command post for additional wire, he came upon four of the enemy about to cut his line. Taking them by surprise, Sergeant Hession took the four prisoners with him to the battalion command post. Then, carrying several reels of combat wire, Sergeant Hession returned through the artillery and small arms fire, checking and servicing the wire on the way, until he

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had reached the rifle company. Sergeant Hession's courage and devotion to duty aided materially in removing the threat to the encircled company. Entered the military service from Danville, Indiana.

WILBER F HYATT 36326610, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1945 near Zweibrücken, Germany. While searching out possible pockets of resistance Sergeant Hyatt's company came upon an enemy gasoline dump. Immediately following a rifle shot there was a tremendous explosion, and men could be heard calling for help. Sergeant Hyatt, without hesitation, made his way to the scene of the explosion. Finding a soldier seriously burned, he removed the smoldering clothes, carried him from the immediate danger of further explosions, and covered him with a blanket. Although knowing that an explosion of the remaining drums of gasoline was imminent, Sergeant Hyatt immediately returned and helped remove other seriously injured men. When all injured personnel had been removed from the danger zone, he remained with them to protect, comfort and administer all aid possible until medical personnel arrived. Sergeant Hyatt's courage and resourcefulness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Colfax, Illinois.

DENNIS L JARVIS 35020691, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945 near Seyweiler, Germany. When the enemy concentrated heavy artillery on the positions occupied by a rifle company, many men were wounded including the first aid man. Private Jarvis, aid man for an adjacent company, unhesitatingly left his position to move one hundred yards under the continued shelling to reach the wounded. He remained in the impact area until all wounded men were treated and evacuated. Private Jarvis' courageous devotion to duty reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Seville, Ohio.

KENNETH H MAHANNAH 42086426, Infantry, Private, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 27-28 December 1944 near Obersteinbach, France. Private Mahannah was seriously wounded and fell behind enemy lines, and not having enough strength to move, lay behind enemy lines for two nights and one day. On the second night, in spite of his serious wounds, Private Mahannah crawled to within calling distance of friendly troops and gave valuable information of the enemy to a patrol sent out to bring him in. Entered the military service from Fort Dix, New Jersey.

HAROLD F McGUINNESS 33463403, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 January 1945 near Zinswiller, France. As Technician McGuinness was accompanying a wire crew behind an assault rifle company the enemy subjected the area to heavy rocket and artillery fire, wounding the company commander and partially disorganizing the company. In spite of this heavy fire, Technician McGuinness moved through the impact area, directed the separate units to defensive positions, and after administering first aid to the wounded commander, carried him to the aid station. Returning, Technician McGuinness continued to lay wire

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alone, since the remainder of the wire crew had been either wounded or lost. His courageous leadership was an important factor in the subsequent success of the attacking company. Entered the military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

GERHARD STEEGE 37019694, Medical Department, Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945 near Soyweiler, Germany. A rifle company attacking Siegfried Line positions received heavy and continuous shelling that inflicted numerous casualties, including the company aid man. Sergeant Steego, an aid man attached to another company, upon hearing the cries of the wounded, left his place of cover and went to the impact area. After administering first aid to several wounded, Sergeant Steego heard further cries for help coming from his front. Crawling a hundred yards through shell fire, Sergeant Steego administered aid to three seriously wounded men. While he was engaged in treating his comrades a shell burst seriously wounded him, but Sergeant Steego declined evacuation until all the other wounded men had been attended to and were removed from the danger area. Entered the military service from Fairmont, Minnesota.

WILLIAM B WHITAKER 39851762, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19-21 December 1944 near Bundenthal, Germany. When his company was cut off by the enemy and all officers either killed or wounded, Sergeant Whitaker immediately took command. During a period when the unit was under heavy enemy fire, he took personal charge of all security, forage, control and contact, and when aid finally reached them he attended to the evacuation details. Entered the military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

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Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star..... I
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Section 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 enlisted men:

JOHN K McCAREY 12057519, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 March 1945 near Rheindurkheim, Germany. Sergeant McCarey and two fellow soldiers volunteered to cross the Rhine River twenty-five hours before H-hour to reconnoiter the enemy held bank. Making their way in a rubber boat to the other side, they penetrated enemy held ground for forty minutes, plotting enemy installations and estimating the enemy strength. After locating the most likely spot for a bridgehead and making sure that it was free of mines, Sergeant McCarey and his companions successfully returned to their unit where their information was given to the battalion commander. Because of their daring action the route of advance was predetermined and enabled the troops of the battalion to get safely past the enemy beach defenses which consisted of fourteen flak guns and one hundred enemy personnel manning machine guns and small arms. Sergeant McCarey's courage and daring reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Section 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:

JAMES H BRIDGES 32207733, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 November 1944 near St. Benoit, France. Leading his platoon in an attack against an enemy held hill, Sergeant Bridges discovered an enemy dug in position in front of the platoon. Leaping into the hole Sergeant Bridges succeeded, after a short fight, in

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disarming and capturing four enemy soldiers. Then in the face of enemy tank and small arms fire, Sergeant Bridges continued the assault clearing out the rest of the enemy positions in a similar manner. Sergeant Bridges inflicted many casualties upon the enemy and was a major factor in his platoon's successful attack. The courageous action of Sergeant Bridges reflects high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Gastonia, North Carolina.

ALFONSO A. CASTRO 01313496, Infantry, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 March 1945 near Obergaillbach, Germany. Captain Castro was commanding a rifle company in an attack against the Siegfried defenses when part of his company was halted by heavy small arms fire. Crawling through the enemy fire to a small knoll where he could see the enemy position, Captain Castro observed an enemy two hundred yards in front of him. Exposing himself to the enemy fire, Captain Castro ran up to the bunker and threw a hand grenade into the position. Then, entering the bunker he killed five of the enemy with his carbine. The courageous action of Captain Castro in removing the enemy bunker greatly assisted his company's advance and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Douglas, Arizona.

CHESLIE W. D'ANDREA 01321754, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 April 1945 in Nurnberg, Germany. Lieutenant D'Andrea led his platoon in clearing out the SS Headquarters building which was defended by three hundred well armed troops. Lieutenant D'Andrea, although fired upon by automatic weapons and bazookas, led his platoon in driving the enemy from room to room until the last resistance was encountered in a tunnel beneath the building. Lieutenant D'Andrea then led his men into the tunnel where they engaged the enemy in close-in fighting. An enemy hand grenade wounded Lieutenant D'Andrea and five of his men but, disregarding his wounds, Lieutenant D'Andrea helped to administer first aid to his men. Lieutenant D'Andrea then refused to be evacuated until all the enemy resistance had been overcome. The aggressive leadership of Lieutenant D'Andrea was largely responsible for a large number of enemy prisoners taken and reflects high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Somerville, Massachusetts.

PETER J. MOLLO 31430043, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 March 1945 near Blonsbach, Germany. Private Mollo's company was given the mission of destroying a road block. When his platoon leader and platoon sergeant were wounded, Private Mollo, acting platoon guide, assumed command. Sending the attached tank down the road in a frontal assault, he reorganized his men and led them in an attack from the right flank. Under intense enemy machine gun, machine pistol, bazooka and small arms fire, he and his platoon successfully destroyed the road block, killing and capturing twenty enemy. Private Mollo's courage and leadership reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Hyde Park, Massachusetts.

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ALBERT E MORGAN 32968310, Infantry, Corporal, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 September 1944 near Girmont, France. When an enemy counterattack against his company position severed wire communications and wounded several men, it was necessary to call for medical help by radio. Finding it impossible to gain radio control with battalion headquarters from his position, Corporal Morgan strapped his radio to his back and although under heavy enemy fire made his way to a high knoll well in front of the lines. Upon reaching the hill top Corporal Morgan was able to contact battalion headquarters and call for the needed help. The courageous action of Corporal Morgan resulted in saving the lives of the seriously wounded men and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

DONALD R NICKELS 01315353, Infantry, Captain. (then First Lieutenant), Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 March 1945, near Wuttweiler, Germany. Captain Nickels was leading his company in an attack into the Siegfried Line when it received exceptionally heavy fire from enemy artillery, mortars and machine guns, forcing it to take cover in an antitank ditch. Realizing the position was untenable, Captain Nickels exposed himself to the enemy fire, crawled into the dragon's teeth and made his way to the enemy bunkers. His men followed him out of the ditch and through the dragon's teeth and succeeded in knocking out the enemy pillboxes with bazookas and rifle grenades. The courageous action of Captain Nickels in leading his men through those heavily defended enemy positions aided materially in his company's successful penetration of the Siegfried Line, and reflects high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Norton, Virginia.

EDWARD E OWEN 02006071, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 April 1945 near Diepersdorf, Germany. A rifle company designated as a task force spearheaded the regiment's drive into the heart of Germany. As the advance elements of Lieutenant Owen's company reached the town of Diepersdorf fire from concealed enemy flak wagons wounded the assault platoon leader. Lieutenant Owen seeing the situation, left the rear of the column and went forward under heavy enemy fire to scout out the enemy positions. He then returned to the platoon and leading the men through a gully nearly succeeded in reaching the enemy positions before being observed. Amid intense small arms and flak wagon fire directed at them, Lieutenant Owen rushed the enemy position followed by his platoon. The boldness of Lieutenant Owen's assault, although he had been seriously wounded, so thoroughly disorganized the enemy that they surrendered. The courageous action of Lieutenant Owen removed this enemy strong point that was holding up his regiment's advance and reflects high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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JAMES N PATTERSON 39391100, Medical Department, Private, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 March 1945 near Alweiler, Germany. The rifle platoon for which Private Patterson was aid man became subjected to intense enemy artillery fire while advancing into the town of Alweiler, causing several men to become wounded. In spite of the heavy fire falling about him, Private Patterson moved from house to house and rendered medical treatment to the wounded and removed them to covered positions. Although wounded himself and unable to walk alone, he insisted on being helped from one wounded soldier to another until all the wounded had received proper medical treatment. Private Patterson's devotion to duty and concern for his fellow men reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Sacramento, California.

WALTER G PETERS 33773616, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company G, 17th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945 near Althorn, France. Sergeant Peters was given the mission of protecting his company's right flank in its advance toward the town. When the attack was held up because of heavy enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Peters deployed his squad to give him covering fire. Then alone, Sergeant Peters moved toward the enemy positions despite the enemy fire directed at him. When he arrived within hand grenade range Sergeant Peters threw four hand grenades in quick succession and followed up this attack by rushing the position firing his M-1 rifle. Sergeant Peters destroyed two enemy machine guns, killed three enemy soldiers and captured the remaining three. The courageous action of Sergeant Peters enabled his company to continue its advance and reflects high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Lampeter, Pennsylvania.

HERRICK W SIMPSON 11009116, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 March 1945 near Rhodunshheim, Germany. Private First Class Simpson and two fellow soldiers volunteered to cross the Rhine River twenty-five hours before H-hour to reconnoiter the enemy hold bank. Making their way in a rubber boat to the other side, they penetrated enemy held ground for forty minutes, plotting enemy installations and estimating the enemy strength. After locating the most likely spot for a bridgehead and making sure it was free of mines, Private First Class Simpson and his companions successfully returned to their unit where their information was given to the battalion commander. Because of their daring action the route of advance was predetermined and enabled the troops of the battalion to get safely past the enemy beach defenses which consisted of fourteen flak guns and one hundred personnel manning machine guns and small arms. Private First Class Simpson's courage and daring reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

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RAYMOND L THOMAS 37511426, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 March 1945 near Biosengen, Germany. While assaulting an enemy pillbox in the Siegfried Line, under intense fire from enemy machine guns, small arms, bazookas and grenades, several men in the company were wounded, including Sergeant Thomas' squad leader. Sergeant Thomas, on his own initiative, picked up the satchel charge that his squad leader was carrying, sprinted across open terrain through the enemy fire to the pillbox and proceeded to plant the charge in the aperture. The detonation resulted in three enemy killed, twenty one taken prisoner, and the elimination of a strategically located pillbox. By his carrying out the mission of the wounded squad leader, Sergeant Thomas aided materially in the success of his company's attack and his quick thinking and courage reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Wichita, Kansas.

ALBERT W JONES 20829668, Infantry, First Sergeant, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 April 1945 near Munich, Germany. Sergeant Jones' rifle company, after advancing through a woods, was confronted by barbed wire strung along the edge. A strong force of SS troops were entrenched in the open field beyond the barbed wire and any movement by our troops brought intense machine gun and small arms fire. A soldier in the leading platoon was seriously wounded and, because of the heavy fire and poor cover, it was difficult to reach him. Sergeant Jones began to work his way under the barbed wire, in full view of the enemy, to the wounded soldier. Administering a dose of morphine, Sergeant Jones dragged the man back under the barbed wire and through the heavy enemy fire to safety. After helping to administer first aid, he organized a litter squad and, acting as one bearer himself, carried the man to the rear. His courage and devotion to his comrades reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from McLester, Oklahoma.

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Section 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 the following enlisted man:

JOSEPH KATZ 31436781, Infantry, Private, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. The remnants of a rifle platoon, eight men including Private Katz, were ordered to seize and hold a strategic house just within the inner city of Nurnberg. The men proceeded to take the house and set up a defensive position. They held this position until the enemy, using grenades, bazookas, machine guns, machine pistols, and rifles, launched a terrific counter-attack at them. When the enemy began infiltrating in behind them through tunnels it was decided to withdraw. Private Katz, voluntarily, remained behind and covered the withdrawal. The next day when the house was recaptured, the body of Private Katz was found. His courage and devotion to his fellow men reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Malden, Massachusetts. Next of kin: Mrs. Rose Katz (Mother), 30 Grape Street, Malden, Massachusetts.

Section 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 officers and enlisted men:

JOHN C BYAS 44040112, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private), Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 March 1945 near Rheindurkheim, Germany. Sergeant Byas and two fellow soldiers volunteered to cross the Rhine River twenty-five hours before H-hour to reconnoiter the

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enemy hold bank. Making their way in a rubber boat to the other side, they penetrated enemy hold ground for forty minutes, plotting enemy installations and estimating the enemy strength. After locating the most likely spot for a bridgehead and making sure that it was free of mines, Sergeant Byas and his companions successfully returned to their unit where their information was given to the battalion commander. Because of their daring action the route of advance was predetermined and enabled the troops of the battalion to get safely past the enemy beach defenses which consisted of fourteen flak guns and one hundred enemy personnel manning machine guns and small arms. Sergeant Byas' courage and daring reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Chattanooga, Tennessee. Next of kin: Mrs. Mildred K Byas (Wife), 2808 East 46th Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

LOUIS E CALLICO 02006965, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 April 1945 in Nurnberg, Germany. Lieutenant Callico, company executive officer, was coordinating the advance of his company with adjoining units in an attempt to clear out nine blocks of Nurnberg which were strongly defended by the enemy. Leading his men and supporting tanks through the enemy held streets, he succeeded in inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy and capturing one hundred and twenty-five of them. After clearing his designated area, Lieutenant Callico was scouting the advance positions for suitable places for his men and supporting tanks when he was fatally wounded by an enemy bazooka shell. The courageous actions of Lieutenant Callico aided materially in his company reaching its objective and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Bronx, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruth Callico (Mother), 16 Hartley Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York.

HUGH R DOLAN 01317379, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 March 1945 near Abweiler, Germany. Lieutenant Dolan's company was given the mission of clearing the enemy from the town of Abweiler. When Lieutenant Dolan led the company through a narrow draw which was the only covered route of approach, it was held up by heavy artillery barrages and by machine gun fire emanating from the outer ring of houses. Instructing his men to remain in position and await his further orders, Lieutenant Dolan led a squad of riflemen and a radio operator toward the town. Repeatedly exposing himself to enemy fire and observation, Lieutenant Dolan directed his squad's fire and succeeded in driving the enemy from five buildings. He then directed tank fire on the enemy strongpoints and ordered his company to advance. With the strongpoints eliminated the company quickly neutralized all resistance in the town. Lieutenant Dolan's courage and daring leadership reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from McLeansboro, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Agnes Dolan (Mother), McLeansboro, Illinois.

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WILLIAM F PHILIPS 01543309, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. Lieutenant Philips' company attacked the inner city of Nurnberg. When the leading platoon suffered casualties and was unable to advance, Lieutenant Philips was ordered to take his men through the leading platoon and eliminate the strongpoint. Leading his men under heavy enemy machine gun, bazooka and small arms fire emanating from a church steeple, buildings, and hidden basements, he advanced just short of his objective when his men were forced to take cover beside the buildings. Moving forward he was wounded in the leg but succeeded in bringing up a tank and directed its fire on enemy positions. He dragged himself forward to get a better view and was fatally wounded. He dragged himself back to shelter and died while informing his company commander of enemy locations. His courage and daring acts enabled his company to break through the strongpoint and continue the attack. Lieutenant Philips' actions reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Los Angeles, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Virginia M. Philips (Wife), 2307 Addison Way, Los Angeles, California.

PAUL E VOELKER 33693359, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. Private Voelker's company penetrated one hundred yards into the enemy positions when numerically superior enemy forces launched a strong counterattack, making it necessary for the company to fall back to more tenable positions. Private Voelker, on his own initiative, set up his light machine gun in an exposed position which offered him the best field of fire and, firing accurately, killed twenty enemy before he was struck on the helmet by two bullets from an enemy machine pistol. Coming to his senses after being stunned, he drew his pistol and killed three enemy soldiers who were about to overrun his position. After his ammunition was exhausted Private Voelker worked his way back through a wooded area, in which enemy personnel were still present, to his men. By holding back the bulk of the enemy forces, Private Voelker enabled his platoon to make an orderly and successful withdrawal. His devotion to duty and concern for his comrades reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Pauline Voelker (Mother), 125 Clover Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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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:

ROBERT B FITTS 20830701, Field Artillery, Sergeant,
Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
Entered the military service from Anadarko, Oklahoma.

EVERETTE E HENSLEY 33629388, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade
(then Technician Fifth Grade),
Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
Entered the military service from Harrisonburg, Virginia.

WILLIAM B McLAULIFFE 31112146, Field Artillery, Corporal,
Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
Entered the military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

BOBBY D BURKE 38350274, Field Artillery, Corporal (then Private First
Class),
Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
Entered the military service from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

KENNETH E RIECHERS 37603691, Field Artillery, Private First Class
(then Private),
Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
Entered the military service from St. Charles, Missouri.

For gallantry in action on 1 September 1944 in Meximieux, France. When a strong enemy force threatened to isolate friendly infantry in the town of Meximieux, these members of a tank destroyer crew took up a position covering a road junction. Shortly thereafter a column of six enemy tanks attacked the town and their tank destroyer opened fire on them. When the first round showed the sighting mechanism to be malaligned, the crew exposed themselves to aim the gun by sighting over the tube. Although they were outnumbered, their position offered no cover or concealment, and the narrow street prevented traverse of the weapon, this crew fired so quickly and accurately that two of the enemy tanks were destroyed. As the remainder of the column moved past their position, the crew employed their small arms on enemy infantrymen clinging to the tanks. The crew's courage and skill aided materially in the successful defense of the town and reflect credit upon themselves and their organization.

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JOSEPH P COSTELLOE 12087876, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), Medical Detachment, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 18 November 1943 near Vonnafro, Italy. The battery to which Technician Costelloe was attached as aid man received heavy enemy counterbattery fire that scored a direct hit on one of the howitzers and set the ammunition in the gun pit on fire, wounding the gun crew. The enemy fire was so intense that all the men in the battery were forced to seek cover, but in spite of the shells falling around him Technician Costelloe unhesitatingly made his way to the gun position, administered first aid to two soldiers and assisted them to cover. Returning, he dragged another soldier to safety who had been blown onto the burning ammunition. Technician Costelloe's courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

CURTIS H O'SULLIVAN 01168016, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 12 April 1945 in Kirchlauter, Germany. Lieutenant O'Sullivan, company executive officer, was at the rear of a column when the leading elements ran into an enemy ambush. Proceeding on foot to the head of the column, Lieutenant O'Sullivan arrived in time to see two of his men cut down by enemy fire. Going to one of his armored cars, Lieutenant O'Sullivan directed it into the position and, while it fired into the enemy strongpoints, Lieutenant O'Sullivan loaded the two wounded men onto the car. Lieutenant O'Sullivan then directed the car out of the courtyard to safety where the wounded men received medical aid. The courageous actions of Lieutenant O'Sullivan saved the life of the most seriously wounded man and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Napa, California.

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Section 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 officer and enlisted man:

JOSEPH W MYERS JR 33553089, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. When an estimated company of enemy attacked his platoon, Sergeant Myers rallied his squad and opened fire. Firing rapidly and effectively he succeeded in holding off the enemy until the platoon received orders to withdraw. Before withdrawing himself, Sergeant Myers worked his way through the enemy fire to recover a light machine gun that had been abandoned and carried it back with him. Sergeant Myers' courage and initiative reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

JOSEPH C SANDLIN 0405773, Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Headquarters, Second Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. Colonel Sandlin's battalion succeeded in clearing all enemy resistance in its sector except for a tunnel one half mile long and four stories in depth in which the remaining enemy chose to hold out. After fifty enemy had surrendered, but with a large number remaining, Colonel Sandlin made a reconnaissance of the tunnel alone, investigated individual rooms, and succeeded in finding the main exit. The discovery of the main exit enabled the battalion to eliminate quickly the last elements of resistance in its sector. Entered the military service from Wagoner, Oklahoma.

Section II

Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal

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MILTON L BROWN 31381304, Infantry, Sergeant, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945 near Habkirchen, Germany. When an attacking group became pinned down by enemy small arms, mortar and bazooka fire, Sergeant Brown and a fellow soldier, on their own initiative, moved their heavy machine gun to within one hundred yards of the enemy. From this exposed position they kept a heavy volume of fire directed at any enemy target that presented itself and enabled the friendly troops to find more favorable positions. Entered the military service from Hartford, Connecticut. Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy Brown (Wife), 124 Arnold Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Section 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:

RALPH E CHILDS 35530671, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 April 1945 near Baumach, Germany. Private Childs, an ammunition bearer for a 60mm mortar platoon, volunteered to lay a wire line from the company observation post to the mortar section, a distance of three hundred yards over open terrain covered by direct fire from enemy tanks. Private Childs succeeded in laying the wire and serviced it for three hours until wounded. His courage and devotion to duty aided materially in his company's successful crossing of the Main River. Entered the military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

WILEY B DICKERSON 34671039, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945 near Frauenberg, France. When the boat in which he and fellow soldiers were attempting to cross the Blies River overturned, Private Dickerson managed to reach a log that extended out into the river from the bank. Noticing another soldier trying to climb onto the log, Private Dickerson, although subjected to heavy artillery, machine gun and mortar fire, held on to the struggling man until the barrage lifted at which time he assisted him to the shore. Entered the military service from Grandville, North Carolina.

PELLEGRINO A PACINI 33402972, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. When an estimated enemy company attacked his platoon, the unit suffered a number of casualties. Sergeant Pacini assumed the duties of platoon sergeant and, by exercising cool leadership and control, kept the platoon organized and enabled his men to fight off repeated enemy attacks and inflict heavy losses on the enemy. Entered the military service from Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

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THIRL J TANNER 38506197, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945 near Bamberg, Germany. During the attack on Bamberg, the leading platoon of a rifle company received heavy fire from two enemy tanks that halted its advance. Private Tanner worked his way to the third story of a nearby building overlooking the enemy tanks, from where he immediately placed his bazooka in a firing position. Firing two rounds in quick succession, he knocked out both tanks and killed the crews. Later, at the outskirts of Nurnberg, many men were wounded by sniper fire coming from a house. Exposing himself to intense small arms fire, Private Tanner fired several rounds of bazooka fire into the sniper stronghold, eliminating the threat to the company. Entered the military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

JOSEPH A ZNOVENA 33903947, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945 near Habkirchen, Germany. When an attacking group became pinned down by enemy small arms, mortar and bazooka fire, Private Znovena and a fellow soldier, on their own initiative, moved their heavy machine gun to within one hundred yards of the enemy. From this exposed position they kept a heavy volume of fire directed at any enemy target that presented itself and enabled the friendly troops to find more favorable positions. Entered the military service from Raspeburg, Maryland.

PAUL CAVAZOS 38462569, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from San Antonio, Texas.

GEORGE W CRAWFORD 39857683, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Yuma, Arizona.

For heroic achievement in action on 13 April 1945 near Baunach, Germany. Private Cavazos and Private Crawford's rifle company, about to make an assault crossing of the Main River, sent two men across to reconnoiter the enemy-held bank. Private Cavazos and Private Crawford crossed an enemy-blown bridge by going hand-over-hand along girders still in place. They, after searching the far shore, they returned to cover sections of the bridge with planks that enabled the company to cross later. Private Cavazos then remained on the far bank and brought fire to bear on enemy machine guns while Private Crawford returned with the information gained. Private Cavazos' and Private Crawford's courage and initiative aided materially in establishing a firm bridgehead across the River.

ROBERT G SIMMONS 34887768, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Nashville, Tennessee.

THOMAS J CREAMER 32499694, Medical Department, Private, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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For heroic achievement in action on 26 March 1945 near Worms, Germany. During their regiment's initial assault across the Rhine River, the enemy fired small arms and artillery at both shores. Private Simmons and Private Creamer, in spite of the heavy fire, crossed to the far shore behind the assault waves where they helped to evacuate the wounded. In spite of the fact that several boats were hit and capsized in crossing and the mortar and small arms fire was intense, Private Simmons and Private Creamer unhesitatingly crossed in the first available boat and continued to perform their duties until all wounded men were safely evacuated.

HAROLD A. TRACY 31360800, Infantry, Sergeant (then Corporal),
Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Framingham, Massachusetts.

EDWARD KULBA 36921471, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private),
Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

For heroic achievement in action on 26 April 1945 near Moos, Germany. While on patrol across the Danube River, Sergeant Tracy and Private Kulba discovered an enemy strongpoint. Flanking this position they worked to within a few feet of the enemy and took the four occupants prisoner. Hearing an enemy machine gun firing close by, Sergeant Tracy worked toward the sound while Private Kulba covered his movement and guarded the four prisoners. Surprising the enemy crew, Sergeant Tracy captured three more enemy soldiers and destroyed the weapon that had been firing on the troops further upstream. Taking the seven prisoners, the patrol continued along the river bank until they discovered an enemy two-man bazooka team. Repeating their performance, they took the men prisoner. By their courageous actions in clearing the enemy from the far shore Sergeant Tracy and Private Kulba aided materially in the successful crossing of the River by their company.

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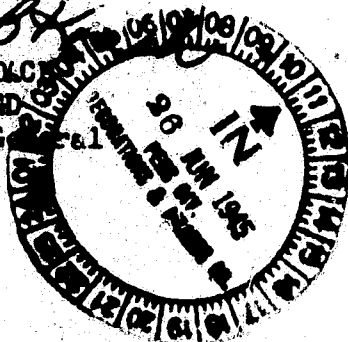
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Section I

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 officer and to each of the following enlisted men:

THOMAS J SPRUILL 0201413/2, Licensed, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Company B, 191st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 19 March 1945 near Weberheim, Germany. Lieutenant Spruill's tank and another tank were firing on enemy targets when a heavy barrage of enemy mortars fell in the vicinity and an enemy bazooka shell struck the other tank setting its equipment on fire. Lieutenant Spruill, seeing only three crew members escape, attempted to rescue the two members of the crew still in the burning vehicle. He left the shelter of his own tank and, despite the enemy mortar barrage and small arms fire, climbed upon the lead tank and looking inside the turret saw that the two men were dead. He then sought and found the three wounded crew members, and directed them to medical aid. Lieutenant Spruill then returned to his tank and withdrew to a better position. The courageous actions of Lieutenant Spruill reflect high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Battle Creek, Michigan.

MIRL W GOODWIN 35036411, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Entered the military service from Lancaster, Ohio.

CHARLES F KEENAN 13077400, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945 near Freisen, Germany. In close contact with the enemy and driving a lightly armored car, Sergeant Goodwin, Technician Keenan and another man were leading a combat infantry column through heavy woods. Although fired upon by enemy with bazookas, and realizing the extreme vulnerability of their vehicle to this kind of fire, they continued onward until a direct hit was scored on their vehicle. They remained in the vehicle and proceeded to fire at the enemy, capturing eight, and pinning down the remainder until friendly infantry could enter the woods and mop-up the pocket of resistance. The courageous actions of Sergeant Goodwin and Technician Keenan reflect credit upon themselves and their organization.

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Section 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 and to each of the following enlisted men:

JOSEPH ASTRASKI 32263711, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945 near Josse and Ober Lauringen, Germany. When his reconnaissance platoon ran into a large group of enemy foot troops while clearing road blocks and checking roads, Sergeant Astraski took a small patrol of men in an effort to flank the enemy positions. When this proved impossible, Sergeant Astraski built up a firing line and then returned, under enemy fire, to his armored car to procure the additional ammunition needed to reduce the enemy positions. Sergeant Astraski's courage and initiative helped to capture thirty-eight enemy prisoners. Entered the military service from Palmyra, New Jersey.

HERBERT R DREW 37093456, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 7-8 December 1944 near Pfaffenhofen, France. Soon after the infantry had captured part of Mortwiller, the enemy began a strong counterattack that was preceded by a heavy artillery preparation. Although the heavy enemy fire continued throughout the day, Sergeant Drew repaired and installed wire to the forward observers and kept communication in an excellent state of operation. Sergeant Drew's efforts aided the battalion materially to exact heavy toll from the enemy troops. The courage and leadership displayed by Sergeant Drews were an inspiration to others about him. Entered the military service from Long Prairie, Minnesota.

HENRY LOEWENTHAL JR 33049362, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945 near Freisen, Germany. In close contact with the enemy and driving a lightly armored car, Private Loewenthal and two companions were leading a combat infantry column through heavy woods. Although fired upon by enemy with bazookas, and realizing the extreme vulnerability of their vehicle to this kind of fire, they continued onward until a direct hit was scored on their M8. They remained in the vehicle and proceeded to fire at the enemy, capturing eight, and pinning down the remainder until friendly infantry could enter the woods and mop-up the pocket of resistance. The courageous action of Private Loewenthal reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Danville, Virginia.

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HAROLD R. MARTIN 38044739, Corps of Engineers, First Sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945 near Lauf, Germany. When a night attack by enemy planes obtained direct bomb hits upon the aid station and kitchen, setting them on fire, killing one man and wounding fifteen others, Sergeant Martin, although painfully wounded, organized details from his company to put out the fire and to care for the wounded men before accepting medical attention for himself. Entered the military service from Commerce, Texas.

CHARLES J. VIGGIANO 13077398, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 28 March 1945 near Aschaffenburg, Germany. Two platoons of Private Viggiano's unit were in a defilade position behind the railroad embankment south of Aschaffenburg when the enemy subjected the area to an exceptionally heavy mortar barrage. Private Viggiano immediately left his place of cover and went to his comrade who had been seriously wounded and administered first aid. Private Viggiano then carried his comrade through the barrage to an ambulance where he was immediately evacuated. The heroic actions of Private Viggiano in trying to save the life of his seriously wounded comrade warrant high praise. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

MANUEL V. GALLEGOS 20841475, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the military service from Mesilla, New Mexico.

WILLIAM E. O'NEIL 36218094, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

For heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945 near Laufach, Germany. While bivouacked for the night the battalion was alerted to the fact that an undetermined number of enemy troops were in the area. Technician Gallegos and Technician O'Neil, members of a patrol sent out to locate the enemy, returned, and led a platoon back to the enemy's position. With complete disregard for their own safety from the enemy fire, Technician Gallegos and Technician O'Neil advanced ahead of the platoon and led it in a short but heavy fire fight that resulted in the capture of sixty enemy personnel.

CHARLES S. MONNIER 0353106, Corps of Engineers, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the military service from Dixon, Illinois.

WALTER E. HARTGE 36628068, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the military service from Oak Glen, Illinois.

RAYMOND G. STORMS 35722477, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the military service from Linton, Indiana.

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For heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945 near Drosendorf, Germany. While on road reconnaissance Colonel Monnier, Technician Hartge and Technician Storms captured two enemy soldiers. Upon questioning the prisoners, Technician Hartge learned that there were forty others who might be induced to surrender in town. Acting boldly upon this information, the group then entered town and found seventy-two enemy soldiers who were persuaded to surrender. Colonel Monnier then dispatched his driver, Technician Storms, to a neighboring town to get assistance from our infantry. While passing through an unoccupied village, Technician Storms was told by a civilian that there were fifteen enemy soldiers in town. Following the civilian, Technician Storms then surprised and captured the fifteen enemy. From those activities, Colonel Monnier, Technician Hartge and Technician Storms accounted for eighty-seven enemy prisoners, effecting a speedier advance of our troops through this sector.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

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:

WILLIAM E BECKER 42095126, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 March 1945 near Zweibrucken, Germany. Sergeant Becker's squad was given the mission of protecting the work of a tank dozer that was filling an antitank ditch. While moving into position the squad leader was wounded and the squad became disorganized. Sergeant Becker immediately assumed command. Leading his men forward, he held the enemy off while the tank-dozer completed its job. He then returned to the wounded squad leader and directed his evacuation. Entered the military service from Syracuse, New York.

ROBERT E CLARK 35432824, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945 in the Siegfried Line, Germany. Private Clark discovered an enemy sniper that had temporarily stopped his platoon. Moving into an exposed position, Private Clark killed the sniper. Later in the attack when one of the men in his squad was wounded by a heavy artillery concentration, Private Clark, in spite of the heavy fire falling in the area, made his way to the wounded soldier, administered first aid, and then carried the man to safety. Entered the military service from Greamp, County, Kentucky.

EDWARD J CUSHION 35928515, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 March 1945 near Zweibrucken, Germany. When his company stopped to reorganize after a successful attack against part of the Siegfried Line, an enemy artillery barrage fell in the area. One shell landed in a trench near Private Cushion, wounding several men including the company aid man. Leaving his covered position, Private Cushion moved into the impact area to give first aid to the wounded men. Although enemy shells still landed in the immediate area, Private Cushion moved from man to man, administering first aid until all the wounded were cared for. The courageous actions of Private Cushion in going to the help of his seriously wounded comrades reflect high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

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ELMER J LUND 39588868, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. Private Lund's platoon was given the task of advancing across a large railroad yard and clearing two apartment buildings. Private Lund, lead scout of the platoon, dashed across the railroad yard with a squad of riflemen and succeeded in clearing one of the apartment houses. When the other two squads of the platoon were held up by enemy machine gun fire, Private Lund located the source of the fire and, alone, attacked and silenced the enemy weapon. Private Lund's aggressive actions were largely responsible for the success of his platoon's attack. Entered the military service from Bell, California.

JAMES S PENNEY JR 01332526, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 April 1945 near Ebermannstadt, Germany. Lieutenant Penney led his platoon, supported by two light tanks, in an attack to secure a strategic bridge to prevent it from being destroyed by the enemy. Coming to a road block, he instructed the tanks to wait until the block was cleared, and then continued on with his platoon. A short distance from their objective they were fired upon by machine guns, an antitank weapon and small arms. Ordering his men to follow him, Lieutenant Penney rushed forward and overran the enemy positions, killing one, wounding two, and capturing the remaining seven enemy soldiers. Lieutenant Penney then organized a defense around the bridge and, in spite of an attack by numerically superior enemy forces, held his position and prevented the enemy from destroying the important bridge. Entered the military service from Winter Park, Florida.

EARL W PURCELL 34833861, Infantry, Corporal (then Private), Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 January 1945 near Lichtenburg, France. During a strong enemy counterattack, Corporal Purcell's gunner and squad leader were wounded. Realizing the necessity for getting the gun back into action, Corporal Purcell dashed to the crewless gun and remained firing the weapon alone for the next eight hours. During this period the enemy subjected his position to continuous artillery and small arms fire but Corporal Purcell remained at his gun and delivered a steady and effective fire into the attacking force and materially aided his company in repulsing the numerous enemy attacks. The courageous actions of Corporal Purcell reflect high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Odum, Georgia.

LAWRENCE ROBINSON STEWART JR 01060658, Infantry, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945 on the Siegfried Line, Germany. When the company commander was wounded in an attack against the Siegfried Line, Lieutenant Stewart immediately took command of the company. Despite the heavy enemy fire that was falling in the area, Lieutenant Stewart made his way from man to man to reorganize the company and direct its fire on the enemy positions. Inspired by Lieutenant Stewart's aggressive leadership the company went on to complete the attack successfully. Entered the military service from Washington, Pennsylvania.

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LOUIS TABLOFF 36715415, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 November 1944 near St. Nemy, France. The platoon in which Private Tabloff was aid man was counterattacked and forced to withdraw. Upon arriving at the new positions, Private Tabloff heard a cry for help coming from the old positions. Although the entire route was subjected to a grazing fire from enemy machine guns, Private Tabloff returned to the wounded man. Seeing that he was in immediate need of a surgeon, Private Tabloff dragged the wounded man to where he had left his litter, then summoning an enemy prisoner, they evacuated the man to the aid station. The heroic actions of Private Tabloff in going to the aid of the seriously wounded soldier saved the man's life. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

FLOYD C VAN ETTON 18085901, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Company M, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1945 in the Siegfried Line, Germany. While making an attack, Sergeant Van Etton's machine gun squad came under a heavy enemy artillery concentration. After moving his men to a new location, Sergeant Van Etton discovered that his gunner was missing. Running back through the heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Van Etton found that his gunner had been killed. He then secured the machine gun and ammunition, returned to his squad and manned the gun for the remainder of the attack. Entered the military service from Enid, Oklahoma.

ANTHONY WYCHUNIS 33368105, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. Technician Wychunis, platoon aid man, was accompanying his platoon down a street in Nurnberg when they were fired on by snipers, wounding two men. Although the entire platoon immediately took cover, Technician Wychunis went forward to administer first aid to the wounded. Using the debris from bombed buildings as cover for his approach, he reached the men. After dragging them to a sheltered position, he administered first aid and remained with the wounded until they were evacuated. Entered the military service from Frackville, Pennsylvania.

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Section I

Award of Two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following officer for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

AUSTIN R JONES 05055051, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 August 1944, and France, 11 September 1944. Home address: Pawnee, Oklahoma.

Section II

Award of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

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

EDWARD DALTON 13094522, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 October 1944 and France, 31 October 1944. Home address: Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

CONLEY L OFFIELD 33536134, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 30 December 1943, and France, 20 August 1944. Home address: Plasterco, Virginia.

GEORGE SICHLER 38010288, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 17 November 1943, and France, 30 October 1944. Home address: Los Lunas, New Mexico.

Section III

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:

DEWEY AKERS 15043830, Infantry, Sergeant, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Home address: Dana, Kentucky.

DENO A BAUSIGNA 39717117, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 April 1945. Home address: Los Angeles, California.

CHARLES J HIRSCH 33593472, Infantry, Private, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 August 1944. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BERNARD ZALMA 32823185, Infantry, Private, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 October 1944. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

So much of General Orders Number 209, Section I, Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart, this headquarters, dated 8 June 1945, as pertains to JAMES COFFEY 35704609, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

Section IV

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:

ANTONIO V BARBER 12054759, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 September 1944. Home address: Brookport, New York.

ARNOLD V DODSON 34764100, Infantry, Private, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 20 March 1944. Home address: College Park, Georgia.

MARVIN G FAULKNER 38696265, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 January 1945. Home address: Ramona, Oklahoma.

JAMES FIGG 35808532, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 October 1944. Home address: Sullivan, Indiana.

ALFONSO L GAMBA 31446096, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 October 1944. Home address: Cranston, Rhode Island.

MARVIN GARRETT 34444363, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Hogansville, Georgia.

WILLIAM T GOYNE 33522991, Quartermaster Corps, Technician Fifth Grade, 45th Quartermaster Company, Italy, 27 April 1944. Home address: Chester, Virginia.

WILLIAM R MALONEY 31032281, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 September 1944. Home address: Medford, Massachusetts.

WALTER MANNINI 42175273, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 4 April 1945. Home address: New York, New York.

EVERETT PACHECO 31293450, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Providence, Rhode Island.

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~~WALTER A PHILLIPS 33291889, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Company B, 615th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Italy, 16 February 1944. Home address: Buchtol, Ohio.~~

CLEMENT J SOPKA 38561058, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 April 1945. Home address: Shiner, Texas.

DANIEL C STRICKLAND 34998859, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 January 1945. Home address: Ozark, Alabama.

JAMES W TUCKER 34926373, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 January 1945. Home address: Jackson, Mississippi.

VINCENT C WALSH 31423996, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry, Germany, 27 March 1945. Home address: Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Section V

Purple Heart -- Amendment

✓ So much of General Orders Number 212, this headquarters, as pertains to GUS C NICKOLS 37502317, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, as reads "Award of the Purple Heart and Two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters" is amended to read "Award of Three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart."

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Section 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 officers:

GERALD M. DOUGHERTY O184594, Chaplain's Corps, Chaplain (Captain), Headquarters, Third Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 March 1945 near Rhinadrucken, Germany. When the battalion made its assault crossing of the Rhine River many men were wounded by heavy enemy artillery, 20mm flak gun and machine gun fire. Without concern for his own safety, Chaplain Dougherty sought out wounded personnel and saw to it that they received first aid and were evacuated. His courageous actions were greatly responsible for the prompt treatment of the wounded. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Section 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:

WILLIAM R. TACKABERRY 36765857, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 April 1945 near Munich, Germany. When the advancing rifle company passed through woods near one of the Munich airports, it was confronted by barbed wire strung along the outer edge. In the attempt to penetrate this obstacle to engage approximately one hundred and fifty enemy entrenched in an open field, several men were wounded. Sergeant Tackaberry called the platoon aid man to treat the wounded. Watching from his position on the line, Sergeant Tackaberry could see that the aid man could not proceed because of the intense fire. Working his way far over to the flank, he stood up and commenced firing, and in that way attracted the attention of the enemy. Firing in this exposed position for ten minutes Sergeant Tackaberry

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before he was killed, made it possible for his stricken comrades to be evacuated. His courage and devotion to his fellow men reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Litchfield, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Ida S. Tackaberry (Mother), 1258 East Ryder, Litchfield, Illinois.

Section 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:

CORIN L ALLEN JR 34276834, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. After Technician Allen's platoon had taken a group of houses from the enemy, he and two fellow soldiers were placed in one of the buildings to hold it against a counterattack. Shortly thereafter the enemy, employing automatic weapons and bazookas, launched a strong counterattack against the position and Technician Allen's two companions were wounded. After moving the wounded men to a place of safety, Technician Allen resumed his fire and successfully prevented the enemy from capturing the house and inflicted several casualties on the attacking enemy force. Entered the military service from McComb, Mississippi.

HENRY L CUNNINGHAM 01018769, Infantry, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Company M, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945 in Nurnberg, Germany. Lieutenant Cunningham's battalion was ordered to clear and secure a part of the inner city of Nurnberg. During the engagement a rifle company launched an attack across an open stretch of terrain supported by Lieutenant Cunningham's platoon of heavy machine guns. While advancing on their objective one of the men in the machine gun platoon was seriously wounded by enemy sniper fire. Finding that all efforts to secure the wounded man failed because of intense fire directed at the road on which he lay, Lieutenant Cunningham crawled a distance of forty yards up this road while subjected to fire from enemy snipers and bazooka fire, and reached the wounded man. Lieutenant Cunningham then crawled back to the comparative safety of his former position, bringing the man with him. After administering first aid to the wounded soldier, Lieutenant Cunningham directed his evacuation. Lieutenant Cunningham's courage saved the life of the seriously wounded man and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Joplin, Missouri.

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ANTHONY J DIGIOVANNI 31141216, Infantry, Private First Class, Anti-tank Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. Private Digiovanni was manning his antitank gun when an enemy vehicle carrying five enemy soldiers approached his position. The enemy opened fire from the vehicle with small arms on a nearby platoon of friendly infantry temporarily stopping its advance. Waiting until the vehicle came within close range, Private Digiovanni opened fire and scored a direct hit that destroyed the vehicle and killed all the occupants. By destroying the enemy vehicle, Private Digiovanni enabled the infantry to continue its attack which resulted in the capture of numerous 88mm antiaircraft guns and two hundred and thirty prisoners. Entered the military service from Meriden, Connecticut.

JAMES R LANE 38017156, Infantry, Sergeant, Antitank Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 October 1944 near Fromfontaine, France. Sergeant Lane's company was temporarily stopped in its attack on Fromfontaine by enemy machine gun and small arms. With his mine detector, Sergeant Lane, working under the heavy enemy fire, swept a path up to the forward elements of the company over which tanks advanced and gave much needed support to the infantry. The tank's fire quickly eliminated the enemy strongpoints and permitted the company to resume its advance. Entered the military service from Purcell, Oklahoma.

ROBERT E MARTENS 0538471, Infantry, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. While attacking an enemy-held arena, Lieutenant Martens' platoon was temporarily stopped by heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Lieutenant Martens immediately ordered one squad to clear the bleacher seats on the right side and another squad to clear those on the left. Then, leading the third squad, he dashed across the open arena and reached positions on the far side. By exercising complete control over his men and inspiring them by his own example, Lieutenant Martens enabled his unit to capture its objective and inflict several casualties on the enemy. Entered the military service from Maywood, Illinois.

CHARLES RUBLE 33651532, Infantry, Private, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17-20 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. When his squad leader was wounded by an enemy sniper concealed in a patch of woods, Private Ruble immediately took command of the squad. Deploying his men to cover him, he advanced on the hidden enemy position, firing his rifle into the woods until the enemy returned his fire revealing his location. Private Ruble then taking careful aim, shot and killed the enemy sniper. During the next few days, Private Ruble led his men successfully in the bitter street fighting of Nurnberg until he was wounded by enemy bazooka fire. Entered the military service from Boissevain, Virginia.

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BENJAMIN J TOMASI 37362565, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. Private Tomasi, a radio operator, became separated from the lead platoon when the men were pinned down by direct enemy tank and machine gun fire. Receiving an urgent message over his radio from the company commander to the platoon leader, Private Tomasi unhesitatingly dashed across seventy-five yards of open terrain under enemy observation and fire to deliver his message. At the same time, he learned that a fellow soldier had been seriously wounded in the immediate area and needed assistance. Unhesitatingly, Private Tomasi again exposed himself to the undiminished enemy fire and worked his way to the wounded soldier, administered first aid, and removed him to a defiladed position where he was later evacuated. Private Tomasi's courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Silverton, Colorado.

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Section 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:

RICHARD G KANADI 38018229, Infantry, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945 near Meisenthal, France. Private Kanada was sent on a motorized patrol, with two other men, to contact friendly units. Noticing several silhouettes, believed to be friendly troops, he called to them. Finding them to be enemy, he and his companions dismounted and opened fire on them. Although outnumbered, Private Kanada aided in the capture of seven of the enemy. Private Kanada then went for reinforcements and guided them to the enemy positions, leading to the eventual capture of more of the enemy. Entered the military service from Cimulgoe, Oklahoma.

Section 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 officer and enlisted man:

HUGH R DOLAN 01317379, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 17-19 March 1945 near Biesongon, Germany. Lieutenant Dolan led his men in their initial attack against the Siegfried Line. Personally deploying and instructing his men, he succeeded in overrunning two pillboxes, killing four enemy and taking several prisoners. Lieutenant Dolan consolidated his gains and during the next two days, by directing fire from supporting artillery and tanks in addition to participating actively in his company's assault, succeeded in capturing three more pillboxes. His perseverance and leadership during this period inspired his men to such a degree that their assault against

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the enemy was successful and contributed materially to the battalion's success in breaching the enemy's Siegfried Line defenses. Lieutenant's actions reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from McLoansboro, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Ignos Dolan (Mother), McLoansboro, Illinois.

BERT M HARTQUIST 37113209, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 March 1945 near Blensbach, Germany. Private Hartquist's battalion was advancing to the Main River when it was decided to send a motorized patrol into the town of Blensbach to gain contact with the unit on the flank. Private Hartquist, the driver, accompanied by five men, approached the town and drove through an enemy road block. When the enemy opened fire from two sides and the rear, Private Hartquist immediately made an effort to turn the vehicle around. In the attempt he was hit in the arm, causing him to lose control of the vehicle which ran into a ditch. The men took cover in the ditch. Despite his wound and the intense enemy fire, Private Hartquist left his sheltered position and was attempting to turn the vehicle around so that he and the men could make a break for friendly lines, when he was killed. His courage and devotion for his fellow men reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Fort Dodge, Iowa. Next of kin: Mrs. Mabel Hartquist (Mother), 311 "O" Street, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Section 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:

WILLIAM S BUTLER 0438174, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 April 1945 near Munich, Germany. Lieutenant Butler was executive officer of his company during an attack on a group of buildings in the outskirts of Munich when his company commander was wounded and evacuated. Immediately taking over command, Lieutenant Butler quickly reorganized the company. Then, placing one platoon in position as a base of fire, he led the other platoon in a flanking movement that drove the enemy from their positions, and captured forty-two prisoners. Entered the military service from Niagara Falls, New York.

CLYDE LELEUX 38247045, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945 near Gootzenbruck, France. Private Leleux, company wireman, was engaged in laying communication wire from the Company Command Post to the gun emplacements when his helper was seriously wounded by the heavy enemy fire falling in the area. Private Leleux picked up his much heavier comrade and carried him while continuing his primary mission of establishing communications. He

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carried the wounded man one hundred yards to a partially defiled position, went on to complete his laying of the wire, then returned to aid in the evacuation of his comrade. Entered the military service from Orange, Texas.

CARL E RICKERSON 32734864, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945 in Nurnberg, Germany. Private Rickerson and two comrades were wounded by an enemy bazooka shell. As there was no aid man present, Private Rickerson, in spite of his own wounds, exposed himself to the enemy fire and went to the aid of his comrades. He administered first aid and removed them from the exposed area. When medical aid arrived, Private Rickerson insisted that his comrades be evacuated first in spite of the serious condition of his own wounds. The courageous actions of Private Rickerson, though seriously wounded himself, saved the life of the most seriously wounded soldier and reflect high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Geneva, New York.

MURVIN E ROGERS 34882400, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private), Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 October 1944 near Fremifontaine, France. When several members of his squad were wounded, Sergeant Rogers, although painfully wounded himself, crawled two hundred yards through enemy sniper, mortar and machine gun cross fire in search of an aid man. Failing to find one, he crawled back and administered first aid to his wounded comrades. Under the cover of darkness Sergeant Rogers again crawled through the enemy fire, located an aid man and litter squad, and led them back to the wounded men. Only after all the other wounded had been evacuated did Sergeant Rogers allow himself to be given first aid. Entered the military service from Lenoir City, Tennessee.

JAMES E WENNINGER 35228205, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Private Wenninger, a machine gunner, was assigned to protect the left flank of a rifle company during strong enemy counterattacks. In spite of heavy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire directed at his position, Private Wenninger remained at his post and succeeded in killing many of the enemy. When other enemy forces crawled behind an abandoned tank for protection, Private Wenninger moved his machine gun to where he could fire upon them. In this manner he killed two of the attacking enemy and forced the remainder to withdraw. Private Wenninger's courage and initiative were material factors in repulsing the enemy attacks. Entered the military service from Bucyrus, Ohio.

LEWITT WILSON 34585864, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17-18 March 1945 near Biesengen, Germany. Sergeant Wilson's company was attacking a strongly-held enemy position, when his platoon leader and platoon sergeant were wounded and evacuated. Sergeant Wilson immediately assumed command of the platoon and for two days led his men in fighting against enemy pillboxes and trenches. Sergeant Wilson's courage and leadership kept his platoon functioning as a well coordinated fighting unit that rendered valuable support to the company in its series of assaults upon enemy positions. Entered the military service from Haleyville, Alabama.

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WILSON E L BOYCE 35061753, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade
(then Private First Class),
Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Arlington, Massachusetts.

JACOB CHAZIN 33598583, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade
(then Private First Class),
Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Chester, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945 near Bliesborsengen, France. Technician Boyce and Technician Chazin, members of a litter squad, evacuated nineteen casualties from an enemy mine field. Though it was dark and extremely hazardous Technician Boyce and Technician Chazin continued moving the wounded men until all had been safely evacuated. Their heroic actions during this period saved the lives of the seriously wounded men.

GEORGE A MARRS 20625359, Infantry, Technical Sergeant,
Antitank Company, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

AMOS A GREENE 35034448, Infantry, Private First Class,
Antitank Company, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Powhatan Point, Ohio.

For heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945 near Meisenthal, France. Sergeant Marrs and Private Greene and another man were out on a motorized patrol to contact adjacent friendly units. Noticing several silhouettes, and thinking them to be friendly soldiers, they called to them. Finding it to be an enemy patrol, they dismounted from the truck and opened fire, causing seven enemy soldiers to surrender. Then, while the other man of their patrol went for help, Sergeant Marrs and Private Greene scouted the enemy positions. When reinforcements arrived they were able to point out the enemy positions which resulted in the capture of more prisoners.

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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:

LOUIS J AIELLO 32177873, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Battery A, 171st Field Artillery, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 26 March 1945 to 9 April 1945 between Nordheim and Althausen, Germany. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

DOUGLAS J ALLIAND 36165994, Coast Artillery Corps, Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade), Battery A, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery, Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 28 March 1945 to 21 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Howell, Michigan.

EARL D ATHEY 33551089, Corps of Military Police, Private First Class, Military Police Platoon, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 6 August 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Cumberland, Maryland.

CLARENCE BAKER 35786868, Corps of Military Police, Private First Class, Military Police Platoon, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 6 August 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Lothair, Kentucky.

HOMER J BAXTER 20825763, Corps of Military Police, Private First Class, Military Police Platoon, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 6 August 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

CHARLES J BLUM 0324067, Dental Corps, Captain, Special Troops, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Hominy, Oklahoma.

WARREN C BOBBITT 34664979, Corps of Military Police, Private First Class, Military Police Platoon, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 6 August 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Durham, North Carolina.

LARRY E BUMPAS 20833503, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 27 March 1945 to 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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JOHN A GIBBY 16292121, Field Artillery, Private First Class (then Private), Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 27 March 1945 to 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Albright, West Virginia.

CSCAR K KIMMER 01036503, Chemical Warfare Service, Captain, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 20 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Frankfort, Kentucky.

DEVEAUX J MC AFEE 0299229, Medical Administrative Corps, Captain, Headquarters, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

KENNETH P THOMPSON 32738410, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 27 March 1945 to 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Owego, New York.


WILLIAM H VADAKIN 20834384, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 27 March 1945 to 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Enid, Oklahoma.

ROBERT A YOUNG 35166063, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 25 January 1945 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Hometown, Indiana.

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WILLIAM R FARMER 38005662, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 31 January 1945 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Yuma, Colorado.

Section 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:

JESSE J BURNS 20837906, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 September 1943 to 25 March 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Montrose, Colorado.

WILLIE L CHAVEZ 38006249, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade and later Technician Fourth Grade), Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 September 1943 to 25 March 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from La Veta, Colorado.

FRANK M CUCINELLO 20425692, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 16 to 21 January 1945 near Lichtenberg, France. Entered the military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

ELDON D GILSON 36060966, Infantry, Sergeant, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 September 1943 to 25 March 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Astoria, Illinois.

GLEN E HASKELL 12045707, Infantry, Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade), Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 27 November 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Barneveld, New York.

JEAN L JEFFRIES 35670173, Infantry, Corporal, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 September 1943 to 31 January 1945 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Lebanon, Indiana.

EDWARD N KEMPER 01296537, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 12 November 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Vicksburg, Mississippi.

ROBERT LOGAN 20844901, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 1 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Nogales, Arizona.

DEAN D MAGEZ 20838373, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 31 January 1945 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Boulder, Colorado.

DENNIS H HICK 38005613, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 30 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Wiley, Colorado.

GEORGE P ORTH 39081193, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 September 1943 to 10 February 1945 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Paso Robles, California.

HARLEY F STARR 20838186, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 30 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Lamar, Colorado.

JONATHAN B STOVALL JR 01063051, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 15 to 20 March 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Lynchburg, Virginia.

CLYDE L THOMPSON 20837893, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 27 January 1944 to 31 March 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Montrose, Colorado.

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Section 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:

RAMON S GARCIA 38000462, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Antitank Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 September 1944 near Secours, France. As Sergeant Garcia's squad was placing its gun in action, it was subjected to heavy enemy rifle fire and became engaged in a small arms fight. Acting quickly, Sergeant Garcia and his comrades secured their rifles and attacked the enemy positions. After a sharp, close-in struggle, the squad forced the enemy from their positions, killed six and brought the gun into action. Sergeant Garcia's courage and determination aided materially in the advance of his regiment. Entered the military service from Hayden, Arizona.

Section 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:

CORNELIUS J O'BRIEN 42074914, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945 near Lauf, Germany. Private O'Brien's squad was engaged in organizing positions to support an attacking rifle company when an enemy artillery shell set fire to a nearby hospital. Private O'Brien and a fellow soldier immediately went forward into the area lighted up by the fire and, despite the shells bursting in the immediate vicinity, successfully located a fire hose with which they then extinguished the fire. Private O'Brien's courage and determination aided in saving many patients' lives. Entered the military service from Elmhurst, Long Island, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Ethel O'Brien (Wife), 4217 Judge Street, Elmhurst, Long Island, New York.

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RUSSELL E STILLATZ 20837204, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Antitank Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 September 1944 near Socours, France. As Sergeant Stimatze's squad was placing its gun in action, it was subjected to heavy enemy rifle fire and became engaged in a small arms fight. Acting quickly, Sergeant Stimatze and his comrades secured their rifles and attacked the enemy positions. After a sharp, close-in struggle, the squad forced the enemy from their positions, killed six and brought the gun into action. Sergeant Stimatze's courage and determination aided materially in the advance of his regiment. Entered the military service from Cannon City, Colorado. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Stimatze (Wife), 1632 North 11th Street, Abilene, Texas.

Section III

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

FRANCIS C SATCHELL 33898870, Infantry, Sergeant, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945 near Lauf, Germany. Sergeant Satchell's squad was engaged in organizing positions to support an attacking rifle company when an enemy artillery shell set fire to a nearby hospital. Sergeant Satchell and a fellow soldier immediately went forward into the area lighted up by the fire and, despite the shells bursting in the immediate vicinity, successfully located a fire hose with which they then extinguished the fire. Sergeant Satchell's courage and determination aided in saving many patients' lives. Entered the military service from Easton, Maryland.

DANTI GALIGANI 32776954, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private), Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Fords, New Jersey.

SYLVESTER S DOLINAR 35604869, Infantry, Corporal (then Private), Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Salem, Ohio.

For heroic achievement in action on 16 February 1944 on the Anzio Beach-head, Italy. While acting as ammunition bearers for a light machine gun squad of a rifle company, Sergeant Galigani and Corporal Dolinar learned that the number one and two gunners were wounded. In the face of intense mortar and automatic weapons fire, Sergeant Galigani and Corporal Dolinar unhesitatingly manned the gun and poured heavy and effective return fire into the enemy ranks. Their actions were in part responsible for the successful repulsion of the enemy.

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FRANCIS T LAHEY 19090840, Medical Department, Technician Third Grade,
Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Riverside, California.

WILLARD L ROSS 33706763, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade
(then Private First Class),
Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Freeport, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945 near Bookweiler, Germany. During an attack on the Siegfried Line, the enemy subjected our troops to intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire, wounding many men. Technician Lahey and Technician Ross, although under heavy enemy fire, led their squad in administering first aid and evacuating forty-two wounded men. The exhausting task took all day and late into the night and at times it became necessary to work in full view of the enemy, but Technician Lahey and Technician Ross went courageously on, working with and encouraging their men, until all the wounded were evacuated to the aid station.

GEORGE E GROVE 33503813, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class),
Antitank Company, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

VIRGIL O LYMAN 38006350, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private
First Class),
Antitank Company, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Deertrail, Colorado.

HAROLD L ATKINS 35767354, Infantry, Private First Class,
Antitank Company, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Wheelersburg, Ohio.

JUNIOR R REEVES 34805201, Infantry, Private First Class,
Antitank Company, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Anacosta, Alabama.

For heroic achievement in action on 26 September 1944 near Socours, France. As their squad was placing its gun in action, it was subjected to heavy enemy rifle fire and became engaged in a small arms fight. Acting quickly, these men secured their rifles and attacked the enemy positions. After a sharp, close-in struggle, the squad forced the enemy from their positions, killed six and brought the gun into action. Their courage and determination aided materially in the advance of their regiment.

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Section I

Award of Two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart

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

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HARRY SYLONOWICZ 36587318, Infantry, Sergeant, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, ~~France~~, 11 February 1944, and France, 20 October 1944. Home address: Detroit, Michigan.

Section II

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 the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following officer and to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

WILLIAM S BUTLER 0438174, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944, and Germany, 19 March 1945. Home address: Niagara Falls, New York.

WALTER J C MOSER 38015418, Infantry, Private, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 12 September 1943, and Italy, 13 October 1943. Home address: Shattuck, Oklahoma.

MILFORD WHITLOCK 36972159, Infantry, Private, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944, and France, 13 January 1945. Home address: Jerseyville, Illinois.

Section III

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the 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 actions:

ALEX PERRY JR 35771620, Infantry, Private, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 October 1944. Home address: Decota, West Virginia.

GERALD J POWELL 32520293, Infantry, Private, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 9 November 1943. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

OTIC B RAMSEY JR 34384705, Infantry, Sergeant, Company D, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 November 1944. Home address: Anderson, South Carolina.

CHARLES A WILSON 39212201, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 January 1945. Home address: Bremerton, Washington.

Section IV

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 actions:

THEODORE AQUADRO 32246530, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 December 1944. Home address: Union City, New Jersey.

EVERETT F BRYANT 38016045, Infantry, Corporal, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 11 September 1943. Home address: Oktaha, Oklahoma.

A F DIBENEDETTO 31294818, Infantry, Private, Company D, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 9 November 1943. Home address: Dorchester, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH S DISCLAFANI 36975003, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 January 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

PAUL P FRANK 01289405, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 3 June 1944. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

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VIRGIL H GREEN 37247915, Infantry, Sergeant, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 November 1944. Home address: Ed Dorado, Kansas.

THOMAS A GUNNING 37639362, Infantry, Private, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 December 1944. Home address: Saint Louis, Missouri.

WILLIAM J HOGAN 32219140, Infantry, Private, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 13 September 1943. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

LOVELL A JULLIS 42147401, Infantry, Private, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 February 1945. Home address: Kirkwood, New York.

RAYMOND A GUZUSKAS 31062834, Infantry, Corporal, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 9 November 1943. Home address: Hartford, Connecticut.

RAFAEL J MENCUSO 32194362, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 11 April 1945. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

J D POWELL 20823733, Infantry, Private, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 22 September 1943. Home address: Durant, Oklahoma.

WALTER SILVER 31426118, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 January 1945. Home address: New Bedford, Massachusetts.

JOHN C SIMONSON 0127439, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 17 February 1944. Home address: Burlington, Vermont.

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~~*GEORGE S SZIL 35883096, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 January 1945. Home address: Dayton, Ohio.~~

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Section 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:

FRANK S NELSON JR 0364036, Infantry, Captain, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 29 October 1944 to 5 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Elizabeth R Nelson (Wife), 6222 Flickering Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Section 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:

GEORGE W BENEY 33014774, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 December 1944 to 31 January 1945 in France. Entered the military service from Pine Grove, Pennsylvania.

BENJAMIN F BRANDON JR 01724848, Medical Department, Captain, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 24 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from St. Davids, Pennsylvania.

PETER C CASHARA 32943991, Infantry, Sergeant, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 26 March to 3 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Glasco, New York.

FRANK HALLEN 32218016, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Corona, Long Island, New York.

FRED J ISENSEE 37049705, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 December 1944 to 31 January 1945 in France. Entered the military service from Center, Missouri

THOMAS A LA FERLA 42036186, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 4 May 1944 to 1 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from West New York, New Jersey.

HOWARD M RICHIE 0424993, Infantry, Captain, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 March to 25 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Abilene, Texas.

MARTIN F SCHROEDER 0429321, Infantry, Captain, Company 1, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 16 March to 3 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Bridgewater, South Dakota.

SIDNEY J TROSCLAIR JR 01287438, Infantry, Captain, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 15 August 1944 to 20 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

IRVIN A WILLAT 19085258, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 December 1944 to 31 January 1945 in France. Entered the military service from Sacramento, California.

ARTHUR E WOOD 38016259, Corps of Engineers, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 December 1944 to 31 January 1945 in France. Entered the military service from Weloetka, Oklahoma.

So much of General Orders Number 203, Award of the Bronze Star Medal, this headquarters, as reads "KIMMEL GERSON 33051775, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion" is amended to read "GERSON KIMMEL 33051775, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion."

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ORIGINAL ORDER

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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:

GAIL M BONGARDNER 20833383, Field Artillery, Master Sergeant, Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 October 1944 to 30 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Minco, Oklahoma.

THOMAS W BUFFINGTON 38017953, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery A, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Lucion, Oklahoma.

LOUIS J CALDERELLI 32789387, Field Artillery, Corporal (then Private First Class), Battery A, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 29 September 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

RICHARD F CROTTY 01169073, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 1 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

ARDEN L CULLEN 20833381, Field Artillery, First Sergeant, Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 30 September 1944 to 30 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Minco, Oklahoma.

RUSSELL K DROLSUM 36226708, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery B, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Superior, Wisconsin.

GEORGE A DUTTON 12047368, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery A, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Asbury Park, New Jersey.

OTIS E EDWARDS 20833710, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Battery B, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Chickasha, Oklahoma.

GLENN M HATCH 040, Field Artillery, Captain, Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 24 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

ROY B HUGHES 20833662, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Battery B, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Minnookah, Oklahoma.

ALVIN E KINARD 34083551, Field Artillery, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Lake City, Florida.

EDWARD J LIVEK 36303707, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Battery B, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oglesby, Illinois.

LAWRENCE W MARSO 37022572, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 August 1942 to 30 April 1945 in United States, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Mankato, Minnesota.

WALTER A MC GOWAN 32081379, Field Artillery, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 5 May 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

KENNETH W OTTO 30009045, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery A, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Estherville, Iowa.

SAMUEL W LEIFTER 20833574, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Battery A, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

LA RUE B POWELL 20833635, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Battery B, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Chickasha, Oklahoma.

EDMUND M SUTREN 01173477, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Shomokin, Pennsylvania.

BURTON C THORSEN 37022240, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Battery A, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Hennepin County, Minnesota.

JOE D WOODS 38018130, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 30 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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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 enlisted men:

EDMUND BELANGER 11027629, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 30 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Auburn, Maine.

ERWIN G EMMEN 37250289, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 30 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Andover, South Dakota.

LAWRENCE R GOODMAN 32211916, Infantry, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 30 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Phelps, New York.

JOHN J KRYSIEWICZ 31062767, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 30 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Montville, Connecticut.

HARRY J MARTIN 32730632, Infantry, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 30 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Niagara Falls, New York.

REED H LEWIS 33455271, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Arlington, Virginia.

HARVEY A MOORE 20835823, Corps of Engineers, Master Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant), Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Norman, Oklahoma.

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EDGAR THOMPSON 20200708, Armored, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 191st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 1 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

RALPH F VENTRESCO 33147715, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 25 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Pitcairn, Pennsylvania.

ANTHONY WOJDUJA 32212548, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 30 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Buffalo, New York.

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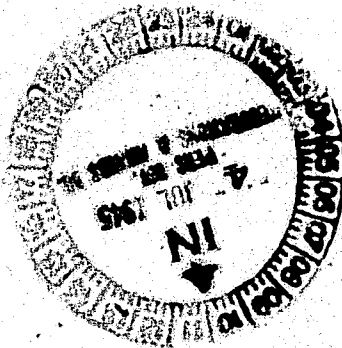
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Section I

Award of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

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

CLYDE D ASHE 34893187, Infantry, Private, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 September 1944 and France, 30 September 1944. Home address: Sylva, North Carolina.

MILFORD WHITLOW 36972159, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944 and France, 13 January 1945. Home address: Jerseyville, Illinois.

Section 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 enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

HORACE B HITT 3834 333, Infantry, Sergeant, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Home address: Lelia Lake, Texas.

VIRGIL A PHILLIPS 35291889, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Italy, 18 February 1944. Home address: Buchtel, Ohio.

Section 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:

CARLINE J PETRULLO 32864927, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 4 April 1945. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES D. TURNER 34803736, Field Artillery, Corporal, Company C, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Abanda, Alabama.

So much of General Orders Number 229, Section IV, Award of the Purple Heart, this Headquarters, dated 16 June 1945, as pertains to VIRGIL A. PHILLIPS 35291889, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, is hereby revoked.

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Combat Infantry Regiments

Announcement is made of the following infantry regiments entitled to the Combat Infantry Regiment streamer in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9, War Department Circular Number 408, 1944, as amended, effective 1 January 1944:

157th Infantry Regiment
179th Infantry Regiment
180th Infantry Regiment

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Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal.. I
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Section 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 men:

CLIFFORD R. HADDOCK 34586682, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 March 1945 in Eschaffenberg, Germany. When one of his gunners was wounded by the accurate enemy small arms fire directed at his gun position, Sergeant Haddock, after placing a squad leader in charge of the section, made his way through the heavy enemy fire to the wounded soldier. After administering first aid and realizing he would be unable to evacuate the wounded man himself, Sergeant Haddock crawled back to a defiladed position where he was able to contact a litter team. By displaying a large Red Cross flag, the litter bearers were able to successfully evacuate the wounded man. The courageous actions of Sergeant Haddock were responsible for bringing prompt medical attention to his wounded comrade and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Florence, Alabama.

Section 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:

RAYNARD L. KELLING 20838954, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 17 to 21 January 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. During a strong enemy effort to penetrate our lines, Sergeant Kelling, acting first sergeant, constantly moved among his men, checking on the wounded and seeing to the welfare of others. In the course of these duties he was wounded and was ordered to remain at the company kitchen. Feeling that he would be of more use if he were with his men, Sergeant Kelling returned to the company. Sergeant Kelling was last seen fighting beside his men when strong enemy counter-attacks backed by exceptionally heavy barrages of mortars and artillery permanently isolated his company. The courageous actions of Sergeant Kelling reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the

military service from Burlington, Colorado. Next of kin: Mr Ralph Kelling (father), Kanorado, Kansas.

Section 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:

CLYDE A BROTHERS 01555515, Ordnance, First Lieutenant, 700th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 to 30 April 1944 on Anzio Beachhead, Italy. Entered the military service from Denver, Colorado.

GEORGE W DOLLIVER 36670840, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 22 September 1944 near Archettes, France. Soon after crossing the Moselle River, an automatic rifleman in Private Dolliver's platoon was killed while trying to cross a three hundred yard expanse of open terrain. Private Dolliver, realizing the need for all available fire power, made his way through the heavy enemy fire to the dead soldier, secured his automatic rifle and immediately placed its fire on the enemy position. A short time later Private Dolliver was wounded by the enemy fire falling in the area but he refused to be evacuated and remained with his company until the objective had been reached. The prompt and courageous actions of Private Dolliver were instrumental to the successful attack of his company and reflect credit on himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Chicago Heights, Illinois.

NICHOLAS KLOP 36856643, Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 October 1944 near Housseras, France. When Corporal Klop's company attacked a strong enemy position, twenty five men of the attacking force were wounded. As the litter squads were already occupied with wounded at adjoining companies, Corporal Klop immediately converted his weapons carrier in such a way that he was able to carry litter cases. Driving one thousand yards over rough terrain that was subjected to heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, he made several trips back and forth, successfully evacuating eighteen wounded soldiers. Corporal Klop's immediate and courageous actions saved the lives of two seriously wounded fellow soldiers and were an inspiration to men in his organization. His actions reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

ROBERT F LUCAS 01080305, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 27 April 1945 near Bertoldsheim-Wengen, Germany. In an attempt to maintain contact with the swiftly retreating enemy force Lieutenant Lucas mounted the machine gun in a one quarter-ton truck and moved out ahead of the infantry. Engaging a small town Lieutenant Lucas' patrol was fired on by machine gun and rifle fire. Quickly returning the fire, Lieutenant Lucas succeeded in holding the position until other friendly troops came up and

captured them. Continuing on, Lieutenant Lucas surprised an enemy group attempting to blow a bridge. Opening fire on them, Lieutenant Lucas succeeded in driving them off and prevented the bridge from being blown. Lieutenant Lucas' aggressiveness and initiative reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from York Village, Maine.

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MARTIN F. SCHROEDER 0429321, Infantry, Captain, Headquarters First Battalion (then Company A), 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 April 1945 near Munich, Germany. Captain Schroeder's company was given the assignment of spearheading the regiment's drive on Munich. Reaching the outskirts of the city, the forward elements were stopped by heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire. Making his way to an observation post, Captain Schroeder directed artillery fire on enemy positions. Although three enemy artillery shells landed within fifteen yards of his position, Captain Schroeder remained at his post until the enemy fire was silenced. He then reorganized his company and led it to the outskirts of the city. His courage and leadership were responsible for the successful attack by his company and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Bridgewater, South Dakota.

JAMES L. SHERIDAN 32839153, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4-5 January 1945 near Wingen, France. Sergeant Sheridan was given a mission of establishing an outpost about one hundred yards forward of our lines. To gain some knowledge of enemy gun positions, Sergeant Sheridan attempted to draw enemy fire by maintaining a constant patrol in advance of his observation post. For two days he worked through the area and each time an enemy weapon opened fire he carefully noted the location of the gun. Although the enemy fire came perilously close to him on several occasions, Sergeant Sheridan continued with his plan, and at the end of the period he had acquired detailed information as to the deployment of enemy weapons in the area. This information contributed materially to the success of the subsequent attacks by his company. Sergeant Sheridan's courage and initiative reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Cortland, New York.

TREADWELL 01703018, Infantry, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Company F, 139th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 March 1945 near Rossbach, Germany. A large group of enemy infantry, by-passed by the rapid advance of friendly troops, attempted to escape through positions occupied by a rifle company. When the enemy pressure threatened to make the company's positions untenable, Captain Treadwell led a platoon of infantry men and a supporting tank to positions from where he materially aided in releasing the heavy enemy pressure on the friendly unit and inflicted many casualties upon the enemy. He was wounded and made his way alone under the heavy fire to determine the disposition of other friendly troops. His fine leadership and courage so inspired the men that they went on to completely overcome the enemy resistance. Captain Treadwell's actions reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Snyder, Oklahoma.

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Section I

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 enlisted man:

RICHARD S ALBERGINE 42123185, Infantry, Private, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 March 1945 near Bisholsbach, Germany. Private Albergine's heavy machine gun platoon was supporting a rifle company in its attack on an enemy-held position. Suddenly the enemy launched a counterattack supported by mortar and machine gun fire, striking the rifle company from the rear. In the ensuing fire fight, the gunner in Private Albergine's squad was wounded and Private Albergine immediately took over the gun and, inspite of the heavy enemy fire directed at him, continued to place accurate fire on the enemy forces. Even though the enemy advanced to within fifteen yards of his position, Private Albergine kept up his fire until he was killed by an enemy hand grenade. Private Albergine's courage and devotion to duty were a material factor in preventing the enemy from surrounding the company and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Hoosick Falls, New York. Next of kin: Mrs Alyce L Albergine (Wife), 30 River Street, Hoosick Falls, New York.

Section 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:

WILLIAM B DUFFY 36779208, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945 near Bad Orb, Germany. Sergeant Duffy was riding the lead tank in an armored-infantry task force when the lead tank was knocked out by enemy bazooka fire. Leaping from the disabled tank and seeing a group of enemy soldiers on a hill top, Sergeant Duffy started toward them. Part way up the terraced slope he encountered and captured three enemy personnel. Driving them before him, Sergeant Duffy was fired on by an enemy machine gun but he continued on to fire several shots into the enemy emplacement. When the occupants emerged, Sergeant Duffy added them to his

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group and continued on firing into the enemy machine gun nests. The remainder of the enemy then surrendered and Sergeant Duffy brought back a total of eighteen enemy prisoners. The courageous actions of Sergeant Duffy removed an enemy threat to the task force and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

CHARLES R HOTT 35748321, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 March 1945 near Biesengen, Germany. Heavy enemy machine gun fire, coming from a pillbox fifty yards away, wounded four men in the platoon to which Private Hott was attached as an aid man. In spite of the close range enemy fire and the exposed positions of the wounded men, Private Hott, unhesitatingly, administered first aid to them and then moved them to a dilapidated position. Due to the incessant fire and open terrain, it was inadvisable to attempt evacuation before dark and Private Hott remained with the men, comforting and encouraging them, until nightfall when he was able to evacuate them. His courage and devotion to his fellow soldiers reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Booth, West Virginia.

ANTHONY S MIRO 31344956, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 March 1945 near Rhein-Darkheim, Germany. Due to the swift current and waves made by other assault boats, the boat in which Private Miro was making an assault crossing of the Rhine River capsized, throwing the occupants into the water. Swimming towards shore under heavy enemy machine gun fire, Private Miro came upon a struggling soldier unable to swim because of the heavy radio equipment strapped to his back. Using his trench knife, Private Miro cut the heavy equipment off and kept his comrade afloat until a rescue boat arrived. His courage and devotion to his fellow men reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from New Britain, Connecticut.

MICHAEL J O'HACC 0446852, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. Lieutenant O'Hacc's company was halted in its attack on enemy strongpoints in the outer ring of Nurnberg by heavy machine gun and sniper fire. Lieutenant O'Hacc, exposing himself to enemy observation and small arms fire, moved among his men to encourage them and direct their fire. When the battalion commander was seriously wounded, Lieutenant O'Hacc dashed across an open field under heavy machine gun fire to administer first aid. While rendering aid to his battalion commander, Lieutenant O'Hacc was severely wounded. His aggressive leadership and devotion to duty were responsible for the successful attack by his company and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Wickenburg, Arizona.

MORRIS L OLSON 36837903, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 January 1945 near Wismenau, France. Private Olson, Browning automatic rifleman, was advancing with his platoon when the attack was held up by fire from two enemy machine guns. Working his way forward and firing short bursts from his Browning automatic rifle, Sergeant Olson succeeded in killing the enemy

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crew manning one of the guns. Continuing on, he reached a point thirty yards from the second enemy machine gun. As he attempted to knock it out with hand grenades, he was wounded by enemy small arms fire. His action, however, had enabled his platoon to maneuver into position and destroy the strongpoint. Private Olson's courage and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Pulaski, Wisconsin.

THOMAS J SHEA JR 39096132, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 April 1945 near Nurnberg, Germany. When his squad was held up by heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire coming from houses and entrenched positions, Sergeant Shea instructed his squad to cover him while he advanced alone. Noticing an enemy soldier coming out of a nearby house from which an enemy machine gun was firing, Sergeant Shea quickly took him prisoner and then made his way into the house. After an exchange of shots with the enemy, Sergeant Shea took thirteen more prisoners. Calling his squad forward, he then led it in completely eliminating the strongpoint. Sergeant Shea's courage and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from San Francisco, California.

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Section 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:

SOLOMON BASS 6667555, Infantry, Master Sergeant, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 in Bliedbruck, Germany. Sergeant Bass cleared an enemy-held hill that was holding up the advance on the town by rushing the enemy position alone and killing four and capturing four of the enemy personnel. Pressing the attack forward into town, Sergeant Bass, alone, cleared the first four houses by killing three enemy soldiers. On entering the fifth house, Sergeant Bass was wounded in the leg by an enemy sniper. Crawling behind the house he saw one of his men lying wounded and, in spite of the heavy small arms and bazooka fire falling in the area, carried the man to safety. Sergeant Bass then reorganized the platoon to repulse any enemy counterattacks until the attack could be resumed. The courageous actions of Sergeant Bass aided his company materially in reaching its objective, and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Columbus, Ohio. Next of kin: Mrs. Ann Falcone (sister), 10400 Elk Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

Section 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:

EDWIN C. GIBSON 01328026, Infantry, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 near Oberrailback, Germany. While his company was attacking the outer defenses of the Siegfried Line and was attempting to pass through an enemy mine field, an enemy flak wagon and machine gun opened fire, wounding several men and forcing the company to withdraw. After reorganizing his company in a defiladed position, Lieutenant Gibson returned to the mine field where he directed the walking wounded to the

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rear, and helped to evacuate the other wounded. While helping one wounded man, an enemy mine exploded nearby, partially blinding him. Lieutenant Gibson, however, refused to be evacuated and continued to assist the wounded until he had to be led from the field. The courageous actions of Lieutenant Gibson undoubtedly saved the lives of several of his men and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Newfane, Vermont.

LORENCE HEIT 42030106, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 29 April 1945 near Dachau, Germany. When enemy prisoners disclosed that a nearby wooded area contained a company of enemy personnel, Sergeant Heit led his platoon in the area in an attempt to clear the woods. The lead squad was suddenly fired on by an enemy machine gun and its advance temporarily stopped. Taking his other squads, Sergeant Heit led them in a flanking movement that resulted in five enemy killed, seventy-five taken prisoner, and removed a dangerous threat to his company's supply route. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

ANDY E STEVENS 39476929, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 February 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. Sergeant Stevens, a squad leader, was given the mission of leading a patrol into enemy territory to find and destroy two enemy machine gun nests that were holding up the advance. Sergeant Stevens became separated from his patrol in the dark and was fired upon by one of the enemy machine guns. Flanking the position, he threw two grenades into it and killed the crew. The second enemy machine gun then opened fire on Sergeant Stevens and he again flanked the position in the darkness and throw his remaining grenade that killed the machine gun crew. Sergeant Stevens then manned the enemy gun and turned the weapon upon other enemy positions until his squad, being attracted by the fight, rejoined him. Sergeant Stevens then deployed his men and held the enemy positions until the company moved forward. The courageous actions of Sergeant Stevens removed the enemy machine guns holding up the advance, and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Chelan County, Washington.

EUGENE C YACKEL 37569151, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 3 to 8 April 1945 in Aschaffenburg, Germany. When his two scouts were killed by snipers while his squad was attempting to clear a route of approach for the remainder of the platoon, Sergeant Yackel quickly moved to the lead of the column and led his squad in an attack on an enemy-held building. Placing his men in position to cover his advance, Sergeant Yackel started to enter the building when he was confronted by two enemy soldiers. Acting quickly, Sergeant Yackel shot and killed both of them. Sergeant Yackel's courageous leadership enabled his platoon to capture the enemy-held building and take over one hundred prisoners, and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Sanborn, Minnesota.

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ROBERT H SCHIMP 33683426, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 March 1945 in the Siegfried Line, Germany. A rifle company attacking the Siegfried Line defenses encountered exceptionally heavy fire from well-concealed enemy pillboxes. Sergeant Schimp, after deploying his men in a defiladed position made his way into an open area, then, standing upright, scanned the sector for the source of the enemy fire. Upon discovering three enemy pillboxes, Sergeant Schimp returned to his squad and, after pointing pillboxes out to his men, led them in a swift attack that captured the three enemy strongpoints. A short time later two of the platoons were temporarily stopped by heavy machine gun fire. Sergeant Schimp moved once more into an exposed area and again stood up to locate the position from which the enemy fire was coming. Seeing the location, Sergeant Schimp then worked his way forward until he was within a few yards of the enemy pillbox. Then firing into the aperture, Sergeant Schimp killed the enemy machine gunner and prevented the rest of the occupants from closing the aperture, enabling his platoon to advance and capture the occupants of the pillbox. The courageous actions of Sergeant Schimp contributed to a large extent to his company's successful breakthrough of the Siegfried defenses, and reflect high credit. Entered the military service from Clarion, Pennsylvania.

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Section I

Award of Two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart are awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy actions:

EUGENE H KACHERLEYER 35771534, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 4 April 1945 and Germany, 23 April 1945. Home address: Cedar Grove, West Virginia.

ALPHONSE J POPLONSKI 32641834, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945 and Germany, 23 April 1945. Home address: New York, New York.

Section 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 enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy actions:

HARRY D EMBERT 33897832, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 December 1944. Home address: Chestertown, Maryland.

VERNON C EWIN 37476084, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 January 1945. Home address: Le Mars, Iowa.

HERBERT E HUFF 37610255, Infantry, Corporal, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: Roubidoux, Missouri.

HARRY LEWIS 35069775, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 November 1944. Home address: Rochester, New York.