

credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Sergeant Earl A. McGee, 15131809, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany. On 11 March 1945, when heavy enemy mortar fire disrupted the communication lines between forward and company command posts, Sergeant McGee, a Company E communications sergeant, without thought for his own safety, and under a hail of enemy fire, relaid the lines. Throughout the rest of the day, as the intensity of enemy machine-gun, mortar and small arms fire increased, and the lines were repeatedly blown out, Sergeant McGee worked continuously to keep these vital communication lines in contact. His untiring devotion to duty and his courage under hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon Sergeant McGee and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Thomas I. Meehan, 31148420, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, at Struth, Germany, on 7 April 1945. When the Third Battalion was attacked in the town of Struth, Private Meehan distinguished himself on several occasions. Under heavy enemy fire, he led a patrol in silencing a sniper in a church steeple four hundred yards from the Command Post. Again, when a medical truck was disabled, he risked his life bringing necessary supplies to the aid of the casualties. Later he repaired the truck under fire. Disregarding a shrapnel wound, he voluntarily led a patrol in silencing a second sniper. His initiative, fortitude and constant devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Private Meehan and the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Sergeant Leonard W. Meeks, (then Private First Class), 36979446, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany on 17 March 1945. Sergeant Meeks, a Company K rifleman, voluntarily led five men in an attack on heavily fortified houses, and cleared three buildings. A violent enemy cross-fire of rockets struck the house in which Sergeant Meeks was located. Upon discovering one man killed and another seriously wounded, he began evacuating the injured man. At this time, Sergeant Meeks was hit in the shoulder by machine gun fire, but he courageously continued to assist his comrade. Sergeant Meeks, in attempting to save his fellow soldier, while wounded himself, displayed a courage and determination which is a tribute to himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Charles L. Mellott, 39280093, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 17 March 1945 in Saarlautern, Germany, Sergeant Mellott was notified that a building occupied as a company outpost had been hit by enemy mortar fire and that three men were trapped beneath the wreckage. Two of the men managed to free themselves, but the third was still entrapped. Despite heavy machine-gun fire, Sergeant Mellott assisted in extracting his fellow soldier and then while still under enemy fire aided in the evacuation of the wounded man to another outpost for medical treatment. His valor under hazardous conditions and his solicitude for others reflect great credit upon Sergeant Mellott and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Elmo L. Miller, 15054960, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, at Fraulautern,

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Germany. From 6 March to 10 March 1945, Sergeant Miller, in connection with laying wire while under enemy fire and maintaining communications with all front line platoons and outposts, guided medical aid men to platoon headquarters and outposts, and in addition, assisted in the evacuation of wounded men. When an enemy mortar shell scored a direct hit on Platoon Headquarters, his platoon leader and platoon sergeant were injured. Sergeant Miller, on his own initiative, then took immediate charge and established a platoon defense sector. The coolness, initiative and devotion to duty shown by Sergeant Miller reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Captain Benjamin H. Oehnke, 0328930, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 3 March 1945 to 15 April 1945. During this period Captain Oehnke distinguished himself on several occasions. He consistently exhibited exceptional organization ability in his duties. On 21 March 1945, Captain Oehnke, displaying ingenuity and bravery, captured an enemy railroad repair train of eighty cars and the maintenance crew of eighty-nine. At a later date near Duppenwieler, Germany, discovering an American convoy disrupted by accidents, he assumed control of the situation and with great resourcefulness rerouted the remaining trucks, enabling them to reach their destination on schedule. Captain Oehnke's diligence, devotion to duty and executive ability are in keeping with the high traditions of the Army. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Arthur L. O'Sullivan, 11079766, Field Artillery, 868th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Fraulautern, Germany on 8 March 1945. When an important telephone wire was severed by enemy shelling, Technician O'Sullivan, a forward observer with Battery B, volunteered to repair the damage. Although the area through which the wire was laid was under constant mortar fire, Technician O'Sullivan and another soldier remained at their task for forty-five minutes, undeterred by the fact that a communications sergeant had just previously been killed at the same job. The communications facilities which these men reestablished, contributed materially to the Battalion mission. Technician O'Sullivan's coolness and his devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant Clayton C. Owens, 6854752, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany. On the night of 18 March 1945, when an attack was being launched by his Battalion against the enemy, Sergeant Owens, wire chief of the Battalion, was charged with the responsibility of maintaining constant telephone communications. For twenty-two hours, without rest and under constant enemy mortar and small arms fire, he laid and repaired the wire lines, maintained required contacts, and thus contributed immeasurably to the success achieved by his battalion. The courage and skill which he displayed in executing his mission are worthy of high praise and bring great credit to Sergeant Owens and the United States Army. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Rosment Papadinis, (then Private), 31271618, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Fraulautern, Germany. On the afternoon of 10 March 1945

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Private Papadinis, a Company D machine-gunner volunteered to guide the driver of a jeep to a machine-gun position in order to evacuate a seriously wounded soldier. Although Private Papadinis received a severe wound from heavy enemy fire through which he had to travel, he continued to the gun position and reported to the Platoon leader. In spite of his painful wound, he assisted in evacuating the casualty. His courage, fortitude and perseverance reflect the highest credit upon Private Papadinis and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Anton F. Pechloff, 36952522, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. When twelve Company E men were trapped in a cellar and entirely cut off by murderous machine-gun fire, Private Pechloff volunteered to leave the cellar and locate the position of the Company. Running through a hail of bullets over a heavily mined area, he succeeded in reaching his company. The fact that he was wounded enroute did not deter him from his purpose and, as a result, the trapped men were saved. Private Pechloff's selflessness and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Robert C. Roose, 36892032, Medical Department, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Wadgassen, Germany, on 15 March 1945. In order to render aid to two men injured by crossfire from three German machine-guns, Private Roose, without consideration for his own life, crawled across seventy-five yards of open terrain. Despite his Red Cross markings, which were easily distinguishable in the sun light, he was constantly fired upon. Still under fire, he determined the first man to be dead, administered aid to the second man and assisted him to safety. While aiding the second man Private Roose was wounded. His courage, fortitude and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Private Roose and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant Norman C. Shepard, Jr., 026654, Field Artillery, 867th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, and Quierschied, Germany, from 18 March 1945 to 20 March 1945. During this time Lieutenant Shepard was a member of an observation party working with leading elements of the Infantry. Although under incessant enemy machine-gun, artillery, and mortar fire, he relayed important fire missions to the Fire Control Center. Throughout the moving fire fight, he succeeded in keeping communications open at all times. During a continuous march into enemy territory on 20 March 1945, Lieutenant Shepard assisted in the capture of twenty-two enemy officers and men in addition to maintaining communications. The exceptionally meritorious manner in which he fulfilled his mission and the courage shown by Lieutenant Shepard reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Leon L. Shofner, (then Private), 39232567, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 11 March 1945 at Fraulautern, Germany, Private Shofner, an assistant to the Company B Communications Sergeant, distinguished himself under fire on two separate occasions. While being constantly observed and fired upon by the enemy, he laid and repaired wire communications to all platoons and outposts. Later when the Company Observation Post had been hit by a mortar shell, he helped evacuate

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the wounded soldiers. Private Shofner's aggressiveness and outstanding courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Millard M. Sims, 34338471, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. When his squad was pinned down by enemy machine-gun fire, Sergeant Sims, finding that casualties were being inflicted upon his men, sprang into the open and fired at the gun emplacements. When his submachine-gun was shot from his hand, he seized a bazooka and fired rockets, setting the enemy held building afire. Although seriously wounded, he refused to give up and continued his single-handed attack until enemy fire relaxed sufficiently to permit the withdrawal of his squad. Not until then did he accept medical attention. Sergeant Sims' courage, determination and fortitude reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technical Sergeant Walter F. Sternadel, 39546493, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 12 March 1945 at Saarlautern, Germany, when three members of his daylight patrol were trapped within a house as a result of enemy machine-gun fire from a building across the street, Sergeant Sternadel went to their rescue by circling the building and drawing fire upon himself and another member of his patrol. Undaunted by crossfire from the enemy which was pinning down his men, Sergeant Sternadel threw smoke grenades and concentrated his submachine-gun upon the enemy until the trapped men could return to safety. This brave action which permitted the three men to escape reflects great credit upon Sergeant Sternadel and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Major James L. Sumpter, 0456207, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Saarlouie-Roden, Germany, on 17 March 1945. In crossing a bridge, Major Sumpter and forward elements of his Battalion were caught by an intense barrage of enemy artillery and machine-gun fire. Realizing the threat of disaster if his men remained in their open position, he hurried them across the bridge to seek the shelter of buildings on the opposite side. Returning through a hail of bullets and shrapnel, Major Sumpter reorganized his main body and, by continually moving among them, shouting encouragement and directions, he led them across to the covered positions. His fearlessness and cool leadership inspired his men to carry on and reflect great credit upon Major Sumpter and the Army. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Raymond W. Swenson, 6827713, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany. On the 18th of March 1945, when Company F pressed an attack against the enemy, Sergeant Swenson, despite his serious wound, displayed indomitable courage in leading his squad through vicious enemy machine-gun and grenade fire to the successful accomplishment of its mission. When the seriousness of his wound made it impossible for Sergeant Swenson to carry on, he disregarded his own danger, compelled his men to withdraw to safety and left himself exposed to enemy danger until later evacuated. His leadership, courage and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Sergeant Swenson and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Captain James A. Taylor, 0456255, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 13 March 1945. While directing the attack of his company through incessant and intense mortar, machine-gun and small arms fire, Captain Taylor was wounded in the face by mortar fragments. Despite an evacuation order from his Battalion Commander, he requested permission to retain active control of his unit, and for the remainder of the day he continued to lead the attack in spite of heavy casualties. The refusal of Captain Taylor to accept further medical aid and his unflinching devotion to duty are a great credit to himself and in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant Johnnie E. White, 34457462, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 9 March 1945. Sergeant White, serving as a heavy weapons platoon sergeant, aided materially in the evacuation of three wounded men from a platoon command post, while he was under direct enemy observation and subjected to artillery and automatic small arms fire. He further evacuated the men from the company command post to a medical aid station. As a result of his determined efforts, the lives of three soldiers were saved. His courage under fire and the endangering of his own life to save that of others reflect great credit upon Sergeant White and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Sergeant Harold A. Workman, Jr., 16120560, Field Artillery, 868th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Fraulautern, Germany, on 8 March 1945. When an important telephone wire was severed by enemy shelling, Sergeant Workman, a Forward Observer with Battery B, volunteered to repair the damage. Although the area through which the wire was laid was under constant mortar fire, Sergeant Workman and another soldier remained at their task for forty-five minutes, undeterred by the fact that a communications Sergeant had just previously been killed at the same job. The communication facilities which these men reestablished contributed materially to the success of the Battalion mission. Sergeant Workman's coolness and his devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

VI - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Oak Leaf Cluster)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named enlisted men, for wounds received in Germany on dates indicated:

<u>RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH</u>	<u>DATE WOUNDED</u>
Pfc Albert E. Anderson, 3423765, Infantry	11 April 1945
Sgt Edmund E. Koraszewski, 12028893, Infantry	9 April 1945
Pfc Billy S. Williams, 34201673, Infantry (armored)	8 April 1945

VII - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men, for wounds received in Germany on dates indicated:

<u>RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH</u>	<u>DATE WOUNDED</u>
Pfc Leonard H. Arensberg, 11127800, Infantry	18 April 1945

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<u>RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH</u>	<u>DATE WOUNDED</u>
Pfc Lawrence E. Barrett, 33844795, Infantry	20 April 1945
Pfc Israel S. Berman, 42054560, Infantry	22 April 1945
Sgt Charles W. Biedzycki, 32627721, FA	22 April 1945
Sgt Jack M. Bogle, 34138479, Infantry, (armored)	6 April 1945
1st Lt Julius H. Cannon, 0550207, Infantry	7 April 1945
Pfc Joseph A. Carr, 38671287, Infantry	4 April 1945
Pfc John H. Carter, 13017011, Infantry	21 April 1945
Pfc Joseph F. Carter, 35839585, Infantry	21 April 1945
Cpl Charles R. Christian, 32947229, Infantry	21 April 1945
Pfc Thomas Clark, 20911206, Infantry	7 April 1945
S/Sgt Zeb V. Clayton, Jr., 4009350, Infantry	7 April 1945
1st Sgt Steve Connelly, 36008251, Infantry	7 April 1945
T/Sgt George E. Cron, 6661314, Infantry	21 April 1945
Pfc Charles E. DeLong, 36981560, Infantry	30 March 1945
Tec 5 Philip T. Demers, 39215995, Infantry	5 April 1945
Pvt Sylvio J. Dennis, 11016560, Infantry	5 April 1945
Pfc Donald A. Dieso, 31363724, Infantry	22 April 1945
Pvt Kenneth R. Duffey, 35928353, Infantry	14 March 1945
Pfc Robert F. Farley, 37466184, Infantry	19 March 1945
Pfc Edward J. Finn, 42052816, Infantry	21 April 1945
Capt Alvin E. Harris, 01296029, Infantry	22 April 1945
Pfc William R. Hicks, 36951693, Infantry	7 April 1945
Pfc Carl E. Holmes, 36784701, Infantry	20 April 1945
Pfc William E. Jones, 37525480, Infantry	20 April 1945
Sgt Steve J. Kallay, 6660624, Infantry	22 April 1945
Cpl Joseph M. Kelly, 33804956, FA	6 April 1945
Pfc Versey M. King, 33661631, Infantry	11 April 1945
Sgt Anton L. Kichassa, 38557805, Infantry	6 April 1945
Sgt Walter Kowalick, 12213582, Infantry	19 April 1945
1st Lt George La Maine, 01042860, Infantry	7 April 1945
Pfc Thomas L. Langston, 36780783, Infantry	4 April 1945
1st Lt Robert S. Lard, 0533560, FA (armored)	8 April 1945
Pfc Richard J. Latona, 33745818, Infantry	20 March 1945
Sgt Richard R. Lee, 14117479, Infantry	3 April 1945
Capt James G. Martin, 01165906, FA	26 April 1945
Pvt Lloyd H. Marvin, 39586148, Infantry	2 April 1945
Capt Fred McAlpine, 01297227, Infantry	22 April 1945
Pfc Thomas L. Meehan, 31148420, Infantry	7 April 1945
Sgt Earl E. Mills, 39719861, Infantry	21 April 1945
2nd Lt Edmond F. Murtha, 01039133, Infantry	2 April 1945
Sgt Melvin T. Nale, 34152199, Infantry	22 April 1945
Pfc Ray N. Nuzum, 37489877, Infantry	25 March 1945
Pfc Chester A. Ogle, 33590174, Infantry	20 April 1945
S/Sgt Henry Orman, 36774022, Infantry	22 April 1945
2nd Lt Donald S. Parker, 0544595, Infantry	7 April 1945
S/Sgt Harold F. Pinkston, 6798177, Infantry	5 April 1945
T/Sgt Henry P. Poer, 14013710, Infantry	7 April 1945
Pfc Richard A. Sayers, 13042249, Infantry	20 April 1945
2nd Lt Mark H. Schwartz, 0554751, Infantry	19 March 1945
S/Sgt Richard Sexauer, 37397020, Infantry	6 April 1945
1st Lt David L. Simpson, 01315871, Infantry	20 April 1945
Sgt Abraham Spanover, 32494837, Infantry	21 April 1945
Tec 3 Robert A. Stacy, 33400763, MD	4 April 1945
*1st Lt Woodrow Stafford, 01063188, Infantry	18 MARCH 1945
Pfc Delbert L. Stewart, 36412500, Infantry	31 March 1945
Pfc Jack H. Stewart, Jr., 38686749, Infantry	3 April 1945
Pfc Bernard J. Swicklas, 31053170, Infantry	5 April 1945
Pvt Lester T. Swigert, 35903369, Infantry	7 April 1945
Tec 5 Thomas J. Tiehman, 36687040, Infantry	4 April 1945
Pfc Palmer W. Tindall, 37270206, FA	7 April 1945
Sgt Cecil W. Tyler, 31422002, Infantry	21 April 1945
S/Sgt James B. Wallace, 17045928, Infantry	4 April 1945

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T/Sgt Doyle B. Watson, 18107139, Infantry	6 April 1945
Pfc Joseph M. Weast, 38692061, Infantry	12 April 1945
Cpl George E. Wendorf, 36612300, Infantry	8 April 1945
S/Sgt Robert D. Willeford, 16039865, Infantry	4 April 1945
Pfc Christ Zafiratos, 36774058, Infantry	5 April 1945

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (Posthumous Award)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Sergeant Murray Davis, 32003876, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action at Struth, Germany, on 7 April 1945. While at a forward observation post, Sergeant Davis saw a wounded infantryman lying unattended in an open square, inaccessible because of continuous sniper fire. Saying, "God, they can't leave him there, I'm going after him," Sergeant Davis darted out into full view of the enemy. Despite intense sniper fire, he began dragging the man to safety. At this time Sergeant Davis was fatally wounded, but he continued assisting in the rescue before accepting medical attention himself. Sergeant Davis' indomitable courage in sacrificing his life for another was an inspiring example to his fellow men and exemplifies the highest traditions of the Army. Entered military service from New York.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Captain John H. Baker, Jr., 0433820, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Struth, Germany. On 7 April 1945. Company B under the command of Captain Baker participated in the attack upon German forces which had encircled and completely cut off a battalion of American infantry in Struth, Germany. Through skillful leadership and keen judgment Captain Baker effectively led his organization so as to completely surprise the enemy and put them to a disorganized retreat. As a result of Captain Baker's action, fifteen German soldiers were killed, a number of others were wounded and one hundred and fifty were taken prisoners. During the operation not a single casualty was sustained by Company B. Captain Baker's courageous leadership and decisive action reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Services. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Walter R. Howes, 39122795, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For gallantry in action at Struth, Germany, on 7 April 1945. When his battalion was attacked by a superior number of enemy armored units, Private Howes, a cook, seized a bazooka, and successive hits, crippled two tanks and forced a third to flee. While looking for more targets, he discovered two wounded men lying directly in the enemy's path of fire. Without regard for personal safety, Private Howes ran to his comrades through a curtain of fire and removed them to safety, thus making available the necessary medical aid which unquestionably saved their lives. His outstanding bravery and coolness under fire reflect the greatest credit upon Private Howes and the military service. Entered military service from California.

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First Lieutenant James M. McDonald, jr., 0438368, Infantry (TD) 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action near Schmittten, Germany on 29 March 1945. A small cavalry task force entered Schmittten and was ambushed by SS troops who destroyed three tanks and captured another. Coming to their rescue in an M-36 Tank Destroyer, Lieutenant McDonald, in an hour-long battle, laid down a barrage permitting the withdrawal of the cavalry force. After he had withdrawn from the action, Lieutenant McDonald returned to lead twenty wounded men to safety by interposing his tank destroyer between them and the enemy. Lieutenant McDonald's courageous and timely action prevented the annihilation of the cavalrymen and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Carl C. Pogue, 38064466, FA, 808th Tank Destroyer Bn. For gallantry in action on 29 March 1945 in Schmittten, Germany. While in charge of three tank destroyers which were covering the withdrawal of cavalry forces cut off by the enemy, Sergeant Pogue exposed himself to intense enemy fire for more than an hour against the attack of fanatical SS troops armed with numerous machine guns. Operating his 50 caliber machine-gun with devastating effect. Sergeant Pogue, with rare presence of mind, withstood the enemy fire until the cavalry force had withdrawn from the town. He then escorted the cavalry's wounded to safety, shielding them with his vehicle. His initiative and outstanding valor against great odds reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Pogue and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Richard C. Wetzel, 38540866, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For gallantry in action in Struth, Germany, on 7 April 1945. Seeing a soldier attempting to rescue two men lying wounded in the main street outside the CP, Private Wetzel, without hesitation and under fierce enemy sniper and automatic weapons fire dashed to his aid. When one man was rescued, Private Wetzel ran back to get the other. Being unable to carry the wounded man to safety, because of the heavy enemy fire, he tied wire to the casualty's leg and dragged him to safety where he could be treated. The bravery and selflessness exhibited by Private Wetzel are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Texas.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous Award)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Staff Sergeant Samuel L. Adler, 36774182, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Neumarkt, Germany, on 20 April 1945. Sergeant Adler, a Company "K" squad leader, leading his squad in clearing houses in Neumarkt, was pinned down by intense fire from an enemy machine-gun nest to his front. Leaving his men under cover, Sergeant Adler inched his way toward the enemy gun. Discovering their position, he informed his scout, and began an advance to wipe out the nest. When within twenty-five yards of his objective, he was fatally wounded by machine-gun fire. Sergeant Adler gave his life protecting his comrades, and by his heroic devotion to duty enabled his squad to annihilate the enemy machine gun nest, thus contributing greatly to company's advance. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Sergeant Horrel E. Baker, 18048872, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Neumarkt, Germany, on 21 April 1945. When heavy sniper and automatic fire harassed the assault squad led by Sergeant Baker to clear houses in this town, he began reconnoitering the buildings ahead, after first seeing that his own men were under cover. While attempting to locate the snipers, Sergeant Baker was killed by enemy fire. His disregard for danger and personal courage inspired his men to move forward under enemy fire, enabling them to clear the area. His devotion to duty and solicitude for the welfare of his men reflect great credit on Sergeant Baker and are in keeping with the high standards of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Missing in Action)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade Joy R. Hurst, 35810354, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Muhlhausen, Germany. On 5 April 1945, Technician Hurst, a jeep driver, was driving an officer to a Forward Command Post when he ran into an enemy ambush. By expert driving and fast thinking, he saved both himself and the officer. With enemy machine-gun fire on both flanks, his officer wounded and his vehicle ablaze from the fire of seven enemy riflemen, Technician Hurst adroitly sped his machine through the gauntlet of fire until he reached safety. The courage, tenacity and coolness under fire displayed by Technician Hurst reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

V - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Private First Class Vernon L. Anderson, 37074335, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarbrücken, Germany, from 7 March 1945 to 18 March 1945. During this period Private Anderson's duties as a Company "F" wireman in laying and repairing communication lines to platoon Command Posts necessitated his being constantly subjected to enemy mortar and machine-gun fire. On the morning of 18 March 1945, he not only kept the wire in operation at all times but acted as an ammunition bearer for a light machine-gun section. Later in the day he was wounded in action while assisting a forward platoon in constructing a sandbag defense. The perseverance and courageous devotion to duty shown by Private Anderson exemplify the high standards of the military service. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant David S. Andrews, 01311730, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany. From 5 March 1945 to 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Colonel Francis M. Bain, 0271514, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany. From 12 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Colorado.

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Technician Fifth Grade Edmund C. Bartholmey, 39171286, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Eschwedge, Germany, on 7 April 1945. While driving his truck toward Eschwedge, Technician Bartholmey was fired upon by enemy automatic weapons. Despite the puncture of his tires and gasoline tank, he drove beyond the enemy's range to a point where he met two jeeps containing personnel wounded by the same fire. Taking one of the jeeps and dodging intense fire, he drove two of the wounded to safety, showing the way to the others who followed in the remaining jeep. Later he returned to his vehicle, repaired it and continued on to his destination. Technician Bartholmey's courage and initiative exemplify the high traditions of the Army. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class Norman P. Beard, 39563600, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Schnitten, Germany. On 29 March 1945, when his Tank Destroyer platoon was attempting to save a small Cavalry force ambushed by the enemy, Private Beard took an exposed position in the pitched battle that ensued and under a terrific hail of fire, manned his machine-gun, giving the enemy shot for shot. Without regard for his own safety, he stuck to his gun until the cavalrymen had withdrawn past the line of Tank Destroyers. The heroic conduct against heavy odds and the initiative shown by Private Beard reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Israel Berman, 42054560, Medical Department, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Beunmarkt, Germany, on 22 April 1945. During a heavy concentration of artillery and sniper fire upon his platoon, Private Berman, company aid man with the First Platoon, rose to his feet under fire and ran to where three men lay wounded. He administered first aid saving the life of at least one of the men, who had lost a leg. Upon rejoining his platoon, he found four more men seriously wounded; working under fire and disregarding his own personal safety, he again administered first aid. Private Berman's courage and devotion to duty under enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Guido D. Bertolani, 36732802, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Malsfeld, Germany, on 31 March 1945. Private Bertolani, a machine gun section gunner, was pinned down, by grazing machine-gun fire, with elements of his company that had just crossed the Fulda River to establish a bridgehead for the construction of a trestle bridge. Having assembled his machine-gun, Private Bertolani, with his assistant gunner, dragged it through a curtain of enemy fire to

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position from which they effectively engaged the enemy and thus succeeded in neutralizing enemy weapons, permitting their company to reach its objective. The disregard for personal safety and devotion to duty displayed by Private Bertolani are a credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Albert F. Bradley, 4165019, Infantry, (armored), 748th Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. As a reconnaissance scout, Private Bradley, ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~responsible~~ ^{responsible} for selecting a safe route through this town for use by tanks. While leading the armored vehicles at dawn, he encountered intense small arms and mortar fire, from which accompanying infantrymen were forced to seek cover. He continued to expose himself, leading the tanks to their attack position through a hail of lead. Private Bradley's fearlessness and his unwavering devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Sergeant John B. Calhoun, 34151251, Infantry (armored), 748th Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. While serving as a tank commander, and upon hearing that the tank commanded by an officer of his company had been destroyed by enemy fire, Sergeant Calhoun directed his own tank in a search for the officer and crew. Wearing the destroyed tank, he dismounted in the face of heavy machine-gun fire and attempted to reach the body of the officer. Sergeant Calhoun was painfully wounded and forced to withdraw. Although unsuccessful in his attempt, Sergeant Calhoun's determined courage, voluntary risk of his life, and heroic devotion to duty are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

First Lieutenant Philip J. Callaghan, 0543640, MC, 261st Infantry. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 10 March 1945 to 5 April 1945. During this period Lieutenant Callaghan distinguished himself on several occasions. On 18 March 1945, in going to the aid of a wounded man, Lieutenant Callaghan was forced to cross enemy mine fields under intense fire. He remained under fire all night administering care to the casualty. On 5 April 1945, while going to the aid of an injured driver, Lieutenant Callaghan was wounded in both legs, but despite this he continued to direct aid men in caring for the injured man before permitting his own evacuation. Lieutenant Callaghan's selflessness and devotion to duty are a great credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Arthur R. Castonguay, (then Private), 399185, Infantry, 3rd Battalion, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Struth, Germany, on 7 April 1945. While his battalion was being attacked by a superior number of enemy armored units, Private Castonguay, a Headquarters Company driver, distinguished himself upon several occasions. He twice volunteered to silence snipers firing upon his position, although each time this necessitated crossing open terrain bracketed by enemy fire. Throughout the fierce battle, he repeatedly volunteered to rescue wounded men who were lying in an open field under enemy fire.

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His disregard for personal safety and repeated bravery in the face of danger resulted in the saving of at least five men's lives and served as an inspiring example to his comrades. Entered military service from Maine.

Captain Richard K. DeBuse, 01113164, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany. From 15 March 1945 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Captain Charles F. Degenhardt, 01296664, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany. From 5 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant James H. Dickerson, (then Second Lieutenant), 0555099, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by intense fire from enemy artillery and a hostile machine-gun nest, Lieutenant Dickerson, without regard for personal safety, advanced toward the machine-gun nest. As he advanced the concussion from an enemy artillery burst, fifteen yards to his front, caused him to lose consciousness for several minutes. Regaining consciousness Lieutenant Dickerson continued on and wiped out the enemy machine-gun nest with hand grenades. He then fell back, reorganized his platoon and continued the attack, refusing medical attention until his platoon's position was secured. The courageous leadership displayed by Lieutenant Dickerson served as an inspiring example to his men. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Walter Dysinger, 39616361, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Schmitzen, Germany, on 29 March 1945. Deployed on high ground to provide covering fire for cavalry units reconnoitering this town, Private Dysinger, observing these units ambushed by enemy troops, raced his tank destroyer through 75mm fire to protect the withdrawing men. While maneuvering for a clear field of fire, Private Dysinger was struck in the face by an armorpiercing bullet. Although painfully and severely wounded, he continued for over an hour to direct the emergency driver, thus aiding materially in the successful evacuation of his fellow soldiers. The fortitude and exceptional devotion to duty shown by Private Dysinger are a credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from Montana.

Staff Sergeant Herman K. Ellis, (then Sergeant), 35809839, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neumarkt, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When his platoon was moving to the final assembly area preceding the Third Battalion's

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65th Infantry, 16033661, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 12 March 1945. When three members of his patrol were trapped in a building, Private Farnham assisted his patrol leader in rescuing the men. Heavy enemy machine-gun fire had cut off the lane of escape for the three men. In spite of the bullets hitting about them, Private Farnham and the patrol leader fired at the enemy and simultaneously hurled smoke grenades cutting off the vision of the enemy machine gunners. By this act the entire patrol was able to return to their company safely. Private Farnham's bravery and devotion to duty under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Earl J. Farnham, 16033661, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 12 March 1945. When three members of his patrol were trapped in a building, Private Farnham assisted his patrol leader in rescuing the men. Heavy enemy machine-gun fire had cut off the lane of escape for the three men. In spite of the bullets hitting about them, Private Farnham and the patrol leader fired at the enemy and simultaneously hurled smoke grenades cutting off the vision of the enemy machine gunners. By this act the entire patrol was able to return to their company safely. Private Farnham's bravery and devotion to duty under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class William F. Finley, (then Private), 3388 9180, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When one of his comrades was hit during clearing operations in the town of Neumarkt, Private Finley, without hesitation, left his position of safety, went over to the unconscious man, and, amid a hail of flying shrapnel, succeeded in dragging him to cover where a company aid man could treat him. This action took place in the open, under direct fire from a German 88mm gun and required exceptional courage on the part of Private Finley. His heroism and his loyalty to his comrade in a most dangerous situation reflect great credit upon Private Finley and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Captain Alfred W. Frederickson, 01107958, CE, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Hermsdorf, Germany, on 13 April 1945. On a reconnaissance party whose mission was to reconnoiter the North-South Autobahn, Captain Frederickson, commanding the party, effected the capture of 17 enemy trucks, took 19 German prisoners, and liberated 21 Canadian soldiers and Swiss Neutrals. He halted the convoy by firing a machine-gun over the vehicles. Investigating the trucks on foot, Captain Frederickson discovered in one of them 5 armed German soldiers. After disarming the enemy soldiers, he led the convoy back to Corps Headquarters where it was turned over to the proper authorities. Captain Frederickson's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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Second Lieutenant William C. Hall, 01328692, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Neunarkt, Germany, on 20 April 1945. While on the mission of clearing the city of Neunarkt, Lieutenant Hall learned that one of his squads was pinned down by heavy enemy fire and that their leader had been killed. Crawling for many yards over unfamiliar terrain and continuously under enemy fire and observation, Lieutenant Hall succeeded in withdrawing the squad by directing individual movements of the men. Before rejoining his men he once more crawled forward to the body of the squad leader to assure himself that the man was really dead. Lieutenant Hall's leadership, selflessness and courage under hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

Staff Sergeant Roland M. Helberg, 35540709, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neunarkt, Germany, on 21 April 1945. When elements of his company were attacking Neunarkt, Sergeant Helberg, a Company I Squad Leader discovered that Company K was held back by intense sniper and machine-gun fire. With bullets pitting the earth around him, he led a tank, attached to his squad, into the most advantageous firing position. When he discovered his communication system with the tank had been shot out, he climbed onto the hull of the tank and, attracting the attention of the gunner, directed telling fire against the enemy snipers, thus releasing the pinned down units. Sergeant Helberg's initiative and courage contributed materially to the advance of the two companies. Entered military service from Indiana.

First Sergeant William F. Hennings, 13048522, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neunarkt, Germany, on 22 April 1945. While his company was participating in the attack on Neunarkt, Sergeant Hennings, First Sergeant of Company "K", distinguished himself upon several occasions. He repeatedly ran a gauntlet of hostile shelling across a six hundred yard open area to provide rations for his men. Twice, braving deadly sniper fire, he led tanks into firing position through debris-filled streets. Amidst sniper-infested buildings. Sergeant Hennings made personal liaison trips to the adjoining company to provide vital contact. His outstanding bravery under fire and instant adaptation to the situation have been inspirational to his men and reflect great credit upon Sergeant Hennings and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class William L. Hensler, 32486459, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neunarkt, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When his squad was pinned down by machine-gun, mortar, and artillery fire, Private Hensler on his own initiative, began an assault fire with his automatic rifle. Advancing in full view of the enemy gunners, he directed his fire upon a nearby house, killing a sniper who had been firing upon him. Then, occupying the building, he fired upon and neutralized the machine-gun nest which was holding down his platoon. Private Hensler's aggressiveness, courage, and willingness to close with the enemy permitted his platoon to go forward and inspired all who witnessed his deed. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Captain William H. Johnston, 01296037, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Malsfeld, Germany, on 31 March 1945. When his battalion was ordered to cross the Fulda River, Captain Johnston Battalion S-3, joined the ammunition and pioneer Platoon whose mission was to construct a partially demolished bridge. Seeing the men falter slightly in face of intense machine-gun fire, Captain Johnston seized a ladder and, exposing himself completely to enemy fire, walked across the bridge, and placed the ladder over the demolished portion. Inspired by his bravery, the men followed willingly when he led them across the bridge to begin their work. By his exceptional leadership, courage and unhesitating disregard for danger, Captain Johnston aided materially in establishing the bridgehead, and securing the success of our forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain Robert L. Kaiser, 01165882, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery, Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Weillohe, Germany, on 27 April 1945. When, in crossing the Danube River, air observation for artillery was prevented by poor weather, Captain Kaiser volunteered to move forward with a small detachment and direct artillery fire from positions 1800 yards ahead of his unit and at time within 10 yards of enemy positions. During the course of this problem, Captain Kaiser and his small group captured eight prisoners in hitherto unentered territory. Captain Kaiser's skillful and accurate direction of defensive fire made possible the effective support of two infantry battalions. Captain Kaiser's leadership, courage, and aggressiveness are in keeping with the high standards of the Army. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant John F. Kolozie, 35382049, Infantry (armored), 748th Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. On duty as a tank commander, Sergeant Kolozie, upon seeing his platoon leader's tank knocked out and on fire, dismounted and rushed to this officer to extinguish his burning clothing. Although threatened by anti-tank guns and subjected to small arms and mortar fire, Sergeant Kolozie, disregarding his own safety, climbed up on the disabled tank and attempted to open the driver's and bow gunner's hatches to rescue the men inside. He continued his gallant action until he was finally driven from the burning tank by the fire and exploding ammunition. Sergeant Kolozie's heroism and courageous devotion to duty are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Captain George E. Newman, 026015, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany. From 5 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Andrew G. Oldfield, 32859388, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement against an enemy of the United States in Geismar, Germany, on 5 April 1945. When his patrol was cut off from its battalion, Private Oldfield voluntarily proceeded through heavy enemy fire to obtain reinforcements. He advanced over open terrain, a mile of which was under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, obtained reinforcements and returned with them to attack the enemy, freeing the encircled men and undoubtedly saving their lives. Information on terrain and routes of approach obtained by Private Oldfield proved of great value to

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battalion commander in formulating future plans. Private Oldfield's courage, initiative and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Bayard Osborn, 12190557, Infantry (armored), 748th Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. As a reconnaissance scout, Corporal Osborn, risking snipers and mine fields, spent the entire night selecting a safe route through this town for use by tanks. While leading the armored vehicles at dawn, he encountered intense small arms and mortar fire, from which accompanying infantrymen were forced to seek cover. He continued to expose himself, leading the tanks to their attack position through a hail of lead. Corporal Osborn's fearlessness and his unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Reed D. Pace, 39922438, Infantry, 261st Infantry, For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Malsfeld, Germany, on 31 March 1945. Sergeant Pace, a machine-gun section leader, was pinned down by enemy machine-gun grazing fire, with elements of a company that had just crossed the Fulda River to establish a bridge head. Quickly realizing the situation and with complete disregard for personal safety, he crawled over open terrain to determine a firing position for his guns. Sergeant Pace returned to his weapon and displaced his gun forward where he succeeded in neutralizing the enemy fire, enabling the company to continue its mission. The initiative and courageous leadership displayed by Sergeant Pace exemplify the high traditions of the armed services. Entered military service from Utah.

Private First Class Lon B. Patton, 38087048, Field Artillery, 803rd Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Schmitzen, Germany, on 29 March 1945. While the Tank Destroyer of which Private Patton was leader, was maneuvering to provide covering fire for withdrawing troops, the driver was struck in the face by an armor-piercing bullet. Disregarding 75mm bursts which continually rocked the vehicle making it impossible to stand, Private Patton coolly administered first aid to his comrade, staunching the heavy flow of blood. When a wounded officer jumped into the tank destroyer seeking first aid, Private Patton also treated his wounds. Throughout the fire fight, which lasted for over an hour, his determined efforts in rendering first aid was of material assistance in saving the lives of two men. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Lieutenant Colonel Russell F. Paul, 0366721, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Regensburg, Germany, from 25 April to 27 April 1945. Only nineteen hours after the 65th Division executed an assault crossing of the Danube River, the 265th Engineer (C) Battalion, under the leadership of Colonel Paul, successfully constructed a treadway bridge over the river. The accomplishment of this enterprise was due almost entirely to Colonel Paul's ability and ingenuity in overcoming the difficult obstacles of weather and enemy resistance. During the construction of the bridge he had to contend with roads turned to quagmires by heavy rains and with enemy fire which repeatedly destroyed assault boats and ferries. Colonel Paul's outstanding leadership, initiative and decisive action are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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Technician Fifth Grade Talbott M. Peddicord, 33199010, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, near Hermsdorf, Germany, on 13 April 1945. While a member of a reconnaissance party, Technician Peddicord assisted in capturing a convoy of 17 German vehicles and 19 armed occupants, and liberating 15 Canadian soldiers and 6 Swiss neutrals without loss to own own troops. He halted the convoy by boldly driving his vehicle in front of it as his Patrol Leader fired a machine-gun overhead. Then taking over the machine-gun, he covered the convoy while his patrol leader rounded up the occupants. Technician Peddicord's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Arthur M. Peters, 37484116, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 17 March to 19 March 1945. During this period Private Peters distinguished himself on several occasions. Twice Private Peters voluntarily led rescue parties, in the face of intense enemy fire, to evacuate men wounded behind enemy lines. Later, when the presence of Private Peters and his Commanding Officer was discovered by an enemy soldier he fired at the enemy, wounding him and then killing him with his knife to prevent the disclosure of their presence. Again, when five German soldiers had observed the advance of Company G, he killed two and captured three. Private Peters' aggressiveness, initiative and coolness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant Horace C. Platt, 38395724, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operation against an enemy of the United States, at Schmitt, Germany, on 29 March 1945. When his platoon was protecting a small task force of light tanks entering the town of Schmitt, Sergeant Platt, observing the tanks in an ambush of fanatical SS troops armed with rocket guns, immediately took steps for their rescue. He drove his Tank Destroyer to the edge of town and battled for more than an hour, holding open an escape route. He then shielded twenty wounded men from machine-gun and 75mm fire while they withdrew to safety. The courage and devotion to duty of Sergeant Platt reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Grier C. Powers, 34894866, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Geismar, Germany, on 5 April 1945. When two squads became cut off from their battalion, Sergeant Powers voluntarily led a patrol through heavy fire to obtain reinforcements. He led his group over open terrain, a mile of which was under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, obtained reinforcements and returned with them to attack the enemy, freeing the encircled men and undoubtedly saving their lives. Information on terrain and routes of approach obtained by Sergeant Powers on the trip proved of great value to the battalion commander in formulating future plans. Sergeant Powers' courage, initiative and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Elmer A. Reid, 18017058, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Geismar, Germany, on 5 April 1945.

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When his patrol was cut off from its battalion, Sergeant Reid voluntarily proceeded through heavy enemy fire to obtain reinforcements. He advanced over open terrain, a mile of which was under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, obtained reinforcements and returned with them to attack the enemy, freeing the encircled men and undoubtedly saving their lives. Information on terrain and routes of approach obtained by Sergeant Reid proved of great value to the battalion commander in formulating future plans. Sergeant Reid's courage, initiative and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Second Lieutenant Mark H. Schwarz, 0554751, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany. From 10 March 1945 to 3 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Robert M. Scramlin, 39215644, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operation against an enemy of the United States near Pelchenhofen, Germany, on 21 April 1945. While digging in on a high hill under a terrific "88mm" artillery barrage, Private Scramlin, company aid man, saw a member of his platoon struck by fragments from a tree burst. Disregarding the heavy fire, he hurried to the wounded man and administered first aid. Until the wounded man died, Private Scramlin lay on open ground and covered his comrade with his own body. Private Scramlin's complete devotion to duty and utter disregard of personal safety characterize the high traditions of the Medical Corps and pay great tribute to Private Scramlin and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

Staff Sergeant Richard A. Sexauer, 37597020, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievements in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Struth, Germany on 7 April 1945. When his battalion was attacked by a superior number of enemy armored units, Sergeant Sexauer, a mess Sergeant, not only manned a bazooka himself, accounting for two enemy tanks, but also, while under artillery and mortar fire, organized and controlled bazooka teams for a co-ordinated anti-tank defense. Sergeant Sexauer was later wounded by shrapnel while directing his teams, but, disregarding his injuries, he braved an intense artillery barrage to rescue a wounded comrade, before accepting aid himself. His fortitude, qualities of leadership, and devotion to duty are a great credit to Sergeant Sexauer and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Howard F. Smith, 7007706, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Hermsdorf, Germany. On the morning of 13 April 1945, on a reconnaissance party whose mission was to reconnoiter the North-South Autobahn, Private Smith came upon four enemy vehicles, and at machine-gun point, succeeded in capturing them without loss to our own troops. After liberating several Canadian soldiers, he took charge of the captured materiel and prisoners while the rest of his party captured the remainder of the convoy. Private Smith capably led the convey back to Corps Headquarters where he turned it over to the proper authorities. Private Smith's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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Private First Class Frank C. Uscinowicz, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Malsfeld, Germany, on 31 March 1945. Private Uscinowicz, a machine-gun section assistant gunner, was pinned down, by grazing machine-gun fire, with elements of his company that had just crossed the Fulda River to establish a bridgehead for the construction of a treadway bridge. Having assembled his machine-gun, Private Uscinowicz, with his gunner, dragged it through a curtain of enemy fire to a position from which they effectively engaged the enemy and thus succeeded in neutralizing enemy weapons, permitting their company to reach its objective. The disregard for personal safety and devotion to duty displayed by Private Uscinowicz are a credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Lieutenant Colonel Gerald V. Weigle, 0364468, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany. From 7 March 1945 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (Oak Leaf Cluster)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third U. S. Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant James L. McKendree, Jr., (the Second Lieutenant), 0536189, Field Artillery, 868th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight at Rohdra, Germany. On 4 April 1945, the plane of Lieutenant McKendree, an artillery liaison pilot, in which he and another officer were flying, was attacked by a German fighter plane. Although both occupants were injured by an exploding 20mm shell, Lieutenant McKendree, by skillful handling succeeded in landing safely. Upon landing, heedless of his wound, Lieutenant McKendree removed his passenger from the plane and, disregarding the constant danger of an enemy strafing attack, carried him to safety. His courage, fortitude and solicitude for his fellow officer are in keeping with the high standards of the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (Posthumous Award)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded Posthumously to:

Technical Sergeant Donald P. MacFarlane, 35010977, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Neumarkt, Germany, on 20 April 1945. Taking cover from withering machine-gun and rifle fire, Sergeant MacFarlane, pinned down with elements of his platoon, located an enemy position one hundred yards distant across a pasture. Crying "I am going to get them," he voluntarily deserted his cover and dashed across the field to an abandoned building, from which he opened fire, forcing the enemy to retreat. In making possible the advance of his platoon by this courageous act Sergeant MacFarlane received a mortal wound. His aggressive spirit and bravery against overwhelming odds were a magnificent inspiration to his men and reflect the greatest praise upon Sergeant MacFarlane and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Ralph J. Smelley, 38522270, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Neumarkt, Germany, on 21 April 1945. During an attack on Neumarkt, Sergeant Smelley voluntarily advanced four hundred yards to the front of his platoon in order to reconnoiter possible routes of advance. Despite withering 88mm and small arms fire, Sergeant Smelley daringly exposed himself to secure the necessary information. He withdrew after his position became untenable, but only after he had accounted for three enemy casualties. While rejoining his unit he courageously risked his life to save two wounded men lying under direct observation of the enemy. The selflessness and bravery displayed by Sergeant Smelley saved the lives of two comrades and enabled his platoon to rout the enemy. Entered military service from Louisiana.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous Award)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is

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awarded Posthumously to:

Sergeant Garth G. Thurston, 12131225, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neumarkt, Germany, on 20 April 1945. As Sergeant Thurston was placing his mortar into position on the outskirts of Neumarkt, artillery "time fire" began raining upon the open field where his men were moving the mortar. With complete disregard for personal safety, Sergeant Thurston braved the flying shrapnel and directed his men to positions of adequate cover. Upon seeing his squad in comparative safety, he then fearlessly moved back to the open field to retrieve his mortar. At this time a shell fragment struck and fatally wounded him. Sergeant Thurston lost his life through his solicitude for his men and his determined devotion to duty. Entered military service from New York.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Master Sergeant James A. Belchamoer, 37059591, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany. From 5 March 1945 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Sergeant Isabel S. Castro, (then Private First Class) 39225727, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany, on 20 April 1945. While advancing in the outskirts of Neumarkt, a rifle squad of which Sergeant Castro was a member, was crossing an open street when fired upon by an enemy sniper. After his squad had taken cover, Sergeant Castro, on his own initiative, began moving forward in search of the enemy soldier. Without regard for his safety, he crossed open ground through heavy machine-gun and sniper fire, located the sniper, and killed him, thus enabling his squad to continue its advance. Sergeant Castro's bravery and willingness to close with the enemy were a source of inspiration to his men, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

First Sergeant Claude R. Davis, Jr., 37058943, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany. From 5 March 1945 to 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

First Lieutenant Robert L. Evans, 01062330, Infantry 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany, from 20 April to 22 April 1945. During the attack on Neumarkt the duties of Lieutenant Evans as executive officer of Company "K" were manifold and often hazardous. When moving his Headquarters across open terrain in the face of enemy artillery fire he set the example for his men by taking the lead. Throughout the action Lieutenant Evans was personally in charge of casualty evacuation as well as ammunition supply. In the performance of this work he was usually forced to traverse areas and streets devoid of cover and constantly under fire from enemy artillery and small arms. Lieutenant Evans' courage, leadership and determination were exemplary and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

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Second Lieutenant John D. Frawley, 0556012, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany, from 17 March 1945 to 5 May 1945. During this period Lieutenant Frawley, anti-tank Platoon Leader, distinguished himself on several occasions. On 17 March 1945, under intense enemy fire, Lieutenant Frawley personally supervised the placing of anti-tank guns in position on the Saar River and direct the removal of a road block. On 31 March 1945, Lieutenant Frawley, despite enemy barrages, organized his platoon into listening posts 600 yards in advance of his forward elements, and on 4 April 1945, he and another officer entered Langenfeld, Germany, capturing 60 armed guards, and liberating 430 British prisoners. The outstanding leadership, aggressiveness, and bravery under fire shown by Lieutenant Frawley have continually inspired his men and are in keeping with military traditions. Entered military service from New York.

Major Fred B. Hammond, 0351266, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany. From 30 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Oregon.

Sergeant Fred L. Hatch, 39202607, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany, on 20 April 1945. From a covered position fifty yards in advance of his machine-gun squad, Sergeant Hatch, seeing the second platoon fired upon by a group of enemy soldiers, ran back to his squad despite the hail of bullets. Strategically placing his men Sergeant Hatch ordered them to open fire, thereby forcing the enemy to retreat. Later, when fired upon by snipers, Sergeant Hatch, endangering his life by exposing himself to the enemy fire, led a tank into a more advantageous position and directed telling fire against the snipers. Sergeant Hatch, by his aggressive actions and disregard for self, aided materially in the company's advance. Entered military service from Washington.

Technical Sergeant Robert B. Hochderffer, 38146930, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 16 March 1945 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Leslie E. Holsclaw, 35691347, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany on 21 April 1945. During the attack on Neumarkt by his battalion, Technician Holsclaw, a Third Battalion Headquarters Company radio operator, selflessly remained at his radio in a position which was exposed to enemy fire. Despite intense hostile artillery fire, Technician Holsclaw continued to transmit and relay vitally important tactical messages. Later as the rifle companies advanced Technician Holsclaw moved his radio from the Battalion HQ to the attic of a nearby house in order to maintain contact with these companies and thus facilitate the attack. In spite of "tiaz" fire bursting at house top level, Technician Holsclaw remained at his radio and accomplished his assigned mission. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Sergeant William G. Koerber, Jr., 36551633, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operation against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany, from 20 April 1945 to 22 April 1945. During the attack on Neumarkt, Sergeant Koerber, Company "K" communications Sergeant, constantly endangered his life to maintain contact with forward platoons. In order to supply fresh batteries for the company

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radios, he repeatedly crossed open areas exposed to intermittent artillery "time" fire. shrapnel from which injured him slightly. During the times when communications were impaired Sergeant Koerber, disregarding his own safety, ran the gauntlet of fire to relay the messages personally. His initiative, courage in the face of enemy fire and untiring efforts reflect great credit upon Sergeant Koerber and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Henry E. Kulwicki, 12093614, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operation against an enemy of the United States near Neumarkt, Germany, on 20 April 1945. Working his way on foot over enemy-occupied ground, Sergeant Kulwicki voluntarily returning to the company CP for rations for his men, succeeded in reaching the supply point, and returned by jeep over an unreconnoitered route to his platoon's position. He then evacuated an injured man through Pelchenhofen, fully realizing that enemy troops occupied this town. Succeeding in driving his jeep completely through the enemy-held town without detection, he again braved possible discovery to return to his platoon. Sergeant Kulwicki's devotion to the welfare of his men reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Corporal Anders Martenson, Jr., 11115397, Quartermaster Corps, 65th Quartermaster Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France and Germany during the period 5 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant Franklin M. Stewart, 17911182, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany. From 17 March 1945 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Second Lieutenant Carl F. Walker, 0558063, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Saarlautern, Germany, on 17 March 1945. While leading a reconnaissance patrol, Lieutenant Walker and his men came under fire for the very first time. The coolness and aggressive spirit shown by this Lieutenant did much to maintain control of his men and keep them on the move. Encountering an enemy pillbox, Lieutenant Walker singlehandedly captured the nine occupants after hurling a grenade into the installation. Later in fearlessly going to the rescue of one of his men injured by a schu-nine and lying in the midst of a mine-infested field, Lieutenant Walker was himself wounded by one of the mines. His calmness, leadership, and bravery were exemplary and inspirational to his men. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Louis W. Walker, 38661522, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neumarkt, Germany, on 20 April 1945. During the attack on Neumarkt, Private Walker's platoon, while crossing an 800-yard open field, was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage and small arms fire. Seeing the lead scout injured and unable to continue the advance, Private Walker, a Company K rifleman, voluntarily and without hesitation ran forward to assume the hazardous position, thus saving valuable time in reorganizing the squad. Private Walker's initiative, instant analysis of the situation, and bravery under fire served as

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an outstanding example to his fellow soldiers, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Eugene R. Ward, 36902276, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Lengfeld, Germany, on 27 April 1945. When his squad had dug in, without rations or water, because of a continuous 88mm and mortar barrage, Private Ward learning that supplies were at the company CP, volunteered to return for the necessary rations. He crawled through the artillery barrage, over terrain devoid of cover, disregarding the continuing rain of shells and sniper fire. With his additional burden of water and food he again ran the gauntlet of fire in returning from the CP. Private Ward's selflessness and solicitude for his comrades are a great credit to himself and in keeping with high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Jack F. Zimmerman, 36443243, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 5 March 1945 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

V - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Oak Leaf Cluster)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named enlisted men, for wounds received in Germany on dates indicated:

<u>RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH</u>	<u>DATE WOUNDED</u>
Sgt Alex E. Berg, 36293479, Infantry	15 March 1945

VI - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men, for wounds received in Germany on dates indicated:

<u>RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH</u>	<u>DATE WOUNDED</u>
Pfc Frank J. Baade, 36958933, Infantry	12 March 1945
Pfc Kay A. Bailey, 15362373, Infantry	18 March 1945
Capt Henry Barber, 0-25568, Infantry	7 March 1945
Sgt Alex E. Berg, 36293479, Infantry	12 March 1945
S/Sgt William A. Bishop, 38599631, Infantry	9 March 1945
Pfc Joseph E. Brown, 34202482, Infantry	9 March 1945
Pfc Louis Caporale, 31353542, Infantry	8 March 1945
Pvt James B. Cunningham, 34895603, Med Det.	9 March 1945
Pfc Peter Derosa, 42110014, Infantry	15 March 1945
Pvt Elmer J. Gerwele, 35343621, Infantry	18 March 1945
Sgt Virgil R. Lake, 38546003, Infantry	13 March 1945
Sgt Alfred C. Levin, 12193304, Infantry	17 March 1945
Pfc Vito J. Mezzoni, 31211136, Infantry	18 March 1945
Capt Hebert D. Neff, 01296409, Infantry	17 March 1945
Pfc William Paine, 31269798, Infantry	17 March 1945
S/Sgt James R. Smith, 34088851, Infantry	8 March 1945
Pfc Robert J. Vanner, 42085351, Infantry	8 March 1945
Pvt William H. Winburn, 18165893, Infantry	15 March 1945

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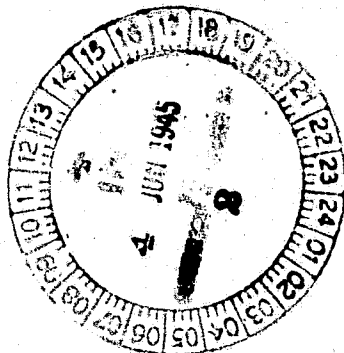
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, and TWX, XX Corps, 7 May 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following Enlisted Men of the Russian Army for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy:

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*Andrew, Stepan Valdimirovich	Private	9 Recon Co
*Nonashkin, Tergei Dmitrievich	Sergeant Senior	9 Recon Co
*Politsov, Ivan Ephremovich	Sergeant Senior	8 Bn of TD
*Nosterov, Ivan Vasiliyevich	Sergeant Senior	8 Bn of TD
*Rudenko, Vladimir Evstihovich	Private	5 Co of 29 Parachute Regt.
*Ts'yan, Grigorit	Private	4 Co of 29 Parachute Regt.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT - DEGREE OF LEGIONNAIRE

By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, and TWX, XX Corps, 7 May 1945, the Legion of Merit - Degree of Legionnaire is awarded to the following Officers of the Russian Army for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy:

- * ~~MAJOR GENERAL DIMITRI DRUSCHIN~~ Commanding General, 7th Parachute Guard Division, Russian Army
- * ~~COLONEL MICHAEL CHACKOVAIN~~ Russian Army
- * ~~LT COL WASHI BABACH~~ Russian Army
- * ~~LT COL BRWELOV TRUSCOLOENKOV~~ Russian Army
- * ~~MAJOR GREG PAPARONT~~ Russian Army

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men, for wounds received in Germany on dates indicated:

<u>RANK, NAME, ASN AND ORGN</u>	<u>DATE WOUNDED</u>
Pfc John R. Abbott, 36953587, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945
Pfc Samuel P. Amato, 38502943, 261st Infantry	26 April 1945
S/Sgt Leon T. Ashmore, 33101055, 260th Infantry	18 March 1945
Pfc Wilbert E. Behnke, 36774050, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945
T/4 Benjamin W. Bevis, 34793076, 261st Infantry	27 April 1945
S/Sgt Norman M. Blackwood, 31292684, 259th Infantry	26 April 1945
S/Sgt Roy A. Bowers, 34888058, 259th Infantry	24 April 1945
Cpl Walter F. Brierley, 19084971, 261st Infantry	28 April 1945
T/3 James J. Briggs, 34202482, 260th Infantry	26 April 1945
Pfc Desmond Call, 39922668, 720th FA Bn.	28 April 1945
Pfc Thomas M. Carroll, 36760834, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945
T/5 Edward Cichalski, 42100562, 259th Infantry	29 April 1945
Cpl Robert J. Cloud, 35899033, 265th Engr (C) Bn	27 April 1945
Capt Raymond Coward, 0270518, Hq 55th Inf Div	26 April 1945
S/Sgt Award W. Craig, 31422140, 260th Infantry	16 March 1945
S/Sgt William J. Craney, 32234880, 808th TD	30 April 1945
Pfc William David, 33393122, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945
Pfc Ray N. Davis, 36373322, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945
Pvt Charles W. Dawson, 33557953, 261st Infantry	28 April 1945
Pfc Charlie W. Dempsey, 14126545, 261st Infantry	28 April 1945
Pfc Lester C. Dennis, 38584131, 261st Infantry	29 April 1945
Sgt James H. Doggett, 34049962, 261st Infantry	28 April 1945
Pvt Edward A. Donalavage, 33835780, 261st Infantry	30 April 1945
Sgt John R. Donoghue, 39011631, 260th Infantry	17 March 1945
T/4 Norbert J. Eisenbath, 37187555, 65th Recon Trp	2 May 1945
Pvt Arnold A. Evenson, 36266511, 261st Infantry	28 April 1945
Cpl Myles Farris, 20103941, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945
Pfc Martin H. Feinberg, 12227862, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945
Pfc Art A. Fizinsky, 35833855, 260th Infantry	7 March 1945
Pfc George F. Gargus, 34936926, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945
S/Sgt Alfred Gonsalves, 31406526, 260th Infantry	14 March 1945
Cpl Sol L. Goodfriend, 35097587, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945
1st Sgt Julius G. Harrell, R-296219, 260th Infantry	30 April 1945
Sgt Morris B. Hart Jr., 16174743, 259th Infantry	8 May 1945
S/Sgt Wilbur E. Havi, 6902987, 260th Infantry	9 March 1945
Pfc Richard B. Higney, 32206057, 261st Infantry	26 April 1945
Pvt Robert F. Holman Jr., 34114941, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945
S/Sgt Lee E. Jacobsen, 36678693, 261st Infantry	28 April 1945
Sgt Howard E. Kelley, 35898834, 261st Infantry	30 April 1945
Sgt Henry A. Kicinski, 6902104, 261st Infantry	28 April 1945
Pfc John H. Koblner, 02701765, 260th Infantry	17 March 1945
T/Sgt Elmer K. Krov Jr., 35546478, 260th Infantry	21 April 1945
S/Sgt Frederick J. Kudrle, 17053449, 261st Infantry	28 April 1945
1st Lt. Walter K. LaFond, 01177498, 869th FA Bn	27 April 1945
Cpl Eldridge D. Lawrence, 38599676, 720th FA Bn	28 April 1945
Pfc Bill W. Laypath, 37013741, 259th Infantry	30 April 1945

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Pfc Otis F. Leach, 36435554, 261st Infantry	28 April 1945
Sgt Hubert Lee, 34466657, 261st Infantry	28 April 1945
2nd Lt. Lawrence P. Maffetone, 0554892, 260th Inf.	21 April 1945
Pfc James W. Marmagin, 35245513, 261st Infantry	28 April 1945
Capt William North, 0409123, 260th Infantry	12 March 1945
Pfc Everette Page, 34854764, 65th Rcn Trp	19 March 1945
Pvt James W. Pilant, 37364136, 261st Infantry	27 April 1945
Pfc John P. Pruitt, 33049193, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945
Pfc Silvestre R. Quinonez, 38671239, 259th Infantry	25 April 1945
Pfc LeRoy Register, 37709405, 869th FA Bn	2 May 1945
Pfc Theodore J. Richardson, 39471422, 261st Inf	28 April 1945
Pfc Albert J. Savignac, 37633915, 65th MP Platoon	2 April 1945
Pfc Guy E. Schwab, 33740496, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945
Pfc Douglas W. Shoun, 34812859, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945
1st Lt Allan L. Snellman, 01170989, 869th FA Bn	1 May 1945
1st Sgt Joseph J. Solito, 18226802, 261st Infantry	26 April 1945
1st Lt Aoy W. Standridge, 01181770, 868th FA Bn	25 April 1945
Pfc Nolan J. Stroup, 35840734, 260th Infantry	21 April 1945
Pfc Thomas U. Taliento, 12017086, 259th Infantry	29 April 1945
S/Sgt James O. Tonney, 39143085, 259th Infantry	28 April 1945
Pfc Donald L. Toot, 33767977, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945
Pfc Clifford L. Tudor, 34983097, 261st Infantry	28 April 1945
Pfc Fritz Voekel, 31465485, 261st Infantry	28 April 1945
Pfc Henry G. Volland, 35245861, 261st Infantry	9 May 1945
Pfc Henry C. Whitaker, 39294141, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945
Lt Col Walter E. Willard, 0355406, 869th FA Bn	30 March 1945
Pfc Lloyd Zoller, 37691727, 261st Infantry	28 April 1945

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Colonel William J. Epes, 012112, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Mainz, Germany. On 30 March 1945, Colonel Epes directed and coordinated the rapid movement of the 65th Infantry Division across the Rhine River near Mainz, Germany in such a manner that combat units of the division were able to move from assembly areas west of Mainz, Germany directly into pursuit of the enemy on the east side of the Rhine River without loss of time. Colonel Epes directed and coordinated this movement of the division from the main CP on the west side of the Rhine River at a time when due to faulty communication facilities, he was unable to contact the division commander at his advance CP on the east side of the Rhine River. Colonel Epes' careful staff planning and forceful executive ability reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Lieutenant Colonel David H. Arp, 0345124, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Deuerling, Germany. On 24 April 1945, Colonel Arp materially assisted the division in its assault crossing of the Danube River by his aggressive reconnaissance to select a location for the division command post from which this river crossing could be properly supervised and coordinated. At the time Colonel Arp made his reconnaissance the tactical situation was so fluid that he had no assurance the area to be reconnoitered was in possession of friendly forces. As a result of his aggressive action, the division command post was moved into Deuerling, Germany, with the forward elements of the division and was set up for operations in sufficient time for the Division Commander and his staff to plan and coordinate the assault crossing of the Danube River in an area practically without roads and continue pursuit of enemy forces on the south side of the Danube River without loss of time.

Lieutenant Colonel George T. Duncan, 018878, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Struth, Germany. On 7 April 1945, Colonel Duncan materially assisted in the annihilation of an enemy counterattacking force of approximately one thousand men and twenty five tanks by the rapidity and efficiency with which he assembled and coordinated the forces necessary to break up this counterattack. The forces employed included Infantry, Tank Destroyers, Tanks of an adjacent division, Fighter Bombers and Field Artillery including one battalion of medium field artillery which had been relieved of attachment to the Division and was on the road moving out of the division sector. As a result of Colonel Duncan's rapid, efficient and aggressive action the enemy counterattacking force was annihilated with a minimum of personnel and material loss to friendly

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forces employed in this action.

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph S. Hardin, 023126, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Deuerling, Germany. On 25-26 April 1945, Colonel Hardin materially assisted the division in its assault crossing of the Danube River by his careful staff planning, coordination and supervision of the construction of roads, traffic control, evacuation and supply prior to and during the 65th Division's assault crossing of the Danube River southwest of Regensburg, Germany in an area where there were no available roads in the division sector capable of carrying heavy military traffic necessary in an operation of this kind. As a result of Colonel Hardin's aggressive planning, coordination and supervision this assault crossing of the Danube River was made early on the morning of 26 April 1945 and pursuit of enemy forces on the south side of the Danube River was continued without loss of time.

Lieutenant Colonel James N. Robertson, 0324257, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Dillengen, Germany. During March 10-17, 1945, Colonel Robertson was able to secure and furnish to units of the 65th Infantry Division information as to the exact location and direction of fire of all German fortifications such as pill-boxes and bunkers in the Siegfried Line along the East Bank of the Saar River throughout the division sector. This information materially assisted assault units of the division in smashing through the Siegfried Line along the Saar River with a minimum of personnel and material loss. Colonel Robertson's ability in securing this vitally important information reflects great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men, for wounds received in Austria on dates indicated:

<u>RANK, NAME, ASN AND ORGN</u>	<u>DATE WOUNDED</u>
Pfc William H. Behrends, 37460569, 261st Infantry	2 May 1945
Capt Ernest L. Bell, 01283008, 260th Infantry	5 May 1945
Pfc Guido D. Bertolani, 36732802, 261st Infantry	28 April 1945
Pvt Thomas W. Blackwell, 12047270, 261st Infantry	2 May 1945
Cpl Steve Bungo, 33397663, 41st Cav Rcn Sqd	8 May 1945
S/Sgt Frank C. Burgess, 34130033, 261st Infantry	9 May 1945
Pfc James D. Burke, 36825941, 261st Infantry	2 May 1945
Tec 5 Roberto C. Castillo, 39863786, 261st Infantry	11 May 1945
S/Sgt Paul E. Crowell, 38090034, 261st Infantry	3 May 1945
Pfc Gordon R. Dafeo, 6918670, 261st Infantry	30 April 1945
Pfc Alvin DeRouen, 20460004, 261st Infantry	2 May 1945
Capt Hubert A. Duncan, 01296341, 259th Infantry	4 May 1945
1st Sgt John L. Dunne, 37189113, 261st Infantry	28 April 1945
Pfc Richard B. Fields, 20836461, 259th Infantry	3 May 1945
Sgt Joseph G. Gold, 12047739, 261st Infantry	3 May 1945
Pfc Edward S. Gorski, 36965282, 261st Infantry	2 May 1945
Pfc Richard Hannaford, 39471387, 261st Infantry	2 May 1945
Sgt Theda Hollenbaugh, 35898943, 261st Infantry	6 May 1945
Pfc Fred N. Hyatt, 34961226, 65th Rcn Trp	10 May 1945
Pfc Melvin London, 36694291, 261st Infantry	8 May 1945
Pvt Roland D. McGirr, 15010214, 261st Infantry	2 May 1945
Pvt Eugene Messer, 35713244, 261st Infantry	6 May 1945
Pvt Carmen P. Pitarra, 33459561, 261st Infantry	2 May 1945
Sgt Michael O. Poschner, 15096921, 261st Infantry	6 May 1945
Pfc Frederick W. Raulind, 39038732, 259th Infantry	1 May 1945
Pfc Duane A. Skamser, 16069422, 261st Infantry	3 May 1945
Pfc William Smith Jr., 36954068, 261st Infantry	2 May 1945
Major James L. Sumpter, 0456207, 261st Infantry	7 May 1945
Pfc David W. Wagner, 6847558, 261st Infantry	8 May 1945
Pfc Charles H. Wild, 42102650, 261st Infantry	3 May 1945
S/Sgt Roy D. Williams, 35575986, 261st Infantry	6 May 1945
Pfc Donald B. Wilson, 33815067, 41st Cav Rcn Sqd	8 May 1945
S/Sgt Gurvin C. Work, 6136782, 261st Infantry	6 May 1945

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (Posthumous Award)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded Posthumously to:

First Lieutenant Francis C. Dolese, 0558072, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For gallantry in action at Salzbach, Germany, on 1 May 1945. When a motorized reconnaissance patrol which he was leading, ran into an enemy ambush, Lieutenant Dolese stood upright in his jeep in order to direct the return fire of his men. The enemy, attempting to eliminate the leader of the patrol, fired deliberately at Lieutenant Dolese, fatally wounding him; however despite his painful wound, he continued to command his men until enemy fire was neutralized sufficiently to permit the other patrol members to withdraw. Shortly thereafter he slumped down in his jeep, dead. His outstanding fortitude, determination and selfless leadership will remain as an inspiration to his men. Entered military service from Louisiana.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Dale K. Gulbransen, 39921338, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For gallantry in action at Frembockkirchen, Germany, on 4 May 1945. When his company was stopped and pinned down by enemy fire from a hill which afforded excellent observation and lanes of fire, Sgt Gulbransen, on his own initiative, advanced with his squad and in spite of heavy casualties which reduced his forces to three men, succeeded in capturing the hill. Disregarding intense enemy fire, he employed clever ruses and rapid movement in knocking out several machine-gun positions. Even when ordered to withdraw, he did not leave until every wounded man in his squad was evacuated. His dauntless courage and determined perseverance in the face of great odds, reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Gulbransen and the armed forces. Entered military service from Utah.

Captain Vernon W. Woods, 0505067, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For gallantry in action in Passau, Germany, on 2 to 3 May 1945. While engaged in a mopping up mission in Passau, Captain Woods, Anti-tank Company Commander, observed two companies under fire from Tiger tanks. Without hesitation, and despite the intensity of sniper fire throughout the area, he located advantageous positions from which he was able to bring fire upon the Tiger tanks. Personally leading his squads to these positions, he directed their fire with such accuracy that the tanks were destroyed and the crews routed, relieving the pressure upon the two companies and eliminating

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a potential threat to the main supply route. Captain Wood's courageous leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number , Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade Oliver E. Adams, 38554857, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operation against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany, from 20 April 1945 to 22 April 1945. In order to deliver ammunition to forward echelons, Technician Adams, a Company "K" driver, crossed open terrain bracketed by enemy artillery fire. When it became impossible to use vehicles, he assisted carrying parties in moving supplies by hand, and by his courage often inspired the party to continue forward despite deadly sniper fire. On his return trip he frequently evacuated wounded men, driving his vehicle on roads which were subjected to artillery fire and which were impassable for ambulances. Technician Adams' fortitude, bravery under fire, and personal leadership aided materially in his company's advance. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Fred P. Austin, 31447291, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Kapfenberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. During his mission of moving infantrymen across the Danube River, Sergeant Austin, in command of an assault boat, went to the aid of two wounded men who were lying under enemy fire on the opposite river bank. Disregarding his own safety and under constant hostile observation and fire, Sergeant Austin succeeded in moving the men back across the river to an aid station. After this heroic rescue, Sergeant Austin returned to his boat and resumed work. The heroism and the devotion to duty that Sergeant Austin displayed reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class George Beleny, 35245587, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Salzbach, Germany, on 1 May 1945. Observing an enemy soldier about to open fire upon his reconnaissance patrol, Private Beleny jumped from the Jeep in which he was riding and advanced toward the enemy soldier in the face of enemy fire from machine-gun and anti-aircraft guns. Private Beleny returned the fire, killed a German anti-aircraft gunner and another trooper. As members of the patrol started to load the wounded on the vehicle, the enemy again opened fire with anti-aircraft guns. Private Beleny, holding a wounded soldier on the Jeep and firing a sub-machine-gun at the same time, helped pin the enemy down and thus enabled the vehicle to withdraw without further loss. Entered military service from Ohio.

Master Sergeant Harvey B. Black, 7087648, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 7 March 1945 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technical Sergeant Marvin D. Bowman, 37523302, Quartermaster Corps, 65th Quartermaster Company. For meritorious service in

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connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France and Germany from 5 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Wilmer V. Brier, Jr., 35244807, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Salzbach, Germany, on 1 May 1945. When a motorized patrol, of which Private Brier was a driver, was ambushed by enemy fire, Private Brier braving the hail of 20mm automatic weapons fire, attempted twice to unhook his trailer preparatory to a withdrawal. Succeeding in the second attempt, he turned his jeep around and despite the continuously intense fire, loaded men into the jeep. Then, with one arm about a comrade for whom there was no room in the jeep, Private Brier grasped the wheel and sped from the town to safety. The quick thinking of Private Brier materially assisted in the successful withdrawal of the patrol with a minimum of losses. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private Rudolph L. Charpentier, 31162538, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. During his mission of moving infantrymen across the Danube River, Private Charpentier, a member of a crew of an assault boat, went to the aid of two wounded men lying under enemy fire upon the opposite river bank. Disregarding his own safety and under constant hostile observation and fire, Private Charpentier succeeded in moving the men back across the river to an aid station. He also captured a German prisoner. The heroism and the devotion to duty that Private Charpentier displayed reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Rudolph E. Cisper, 37505117, Quartermaster Corps, 65th Quartermaster Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France and Germany from 5 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Richard R. Cookson, 35295858, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When the Second Battalion, 261st Infantry, was ordered to cross the Danube River, Sergeant Cookson, an artillery Liaison Sergeant, proceeded with forward Infantry elements and laid the only successful wire during the operation. When infantry elements were pinned down, Sergeant Cookson, disregarding his own safety, continued to push forward whenever it was required, at times operating within 150 yards of the enemy. Throughout the operation Sergeant Cookson was subjected to continuous enemy fire. He coordinated and controlled the work of his men during night operations so that even though the men were working at different places none were lost. Sergeant Cookson's leadership and determination reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class James F. Cornaire, 42026507, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When the Second Battalion, 261st Infantry was ordered to cross the Danube River, Private Cornaire,

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an artillery Battalion assistant radio operator, and a fellow soldier, carrying component parts of 61C radio on their backs, proceeded with forward infantry elements in order to transmit fire missions to the supporting artillery. When infantry elements were momentarily pinned down, Private Cornaire disregarding his own safety continued to push forward with his Liaison Officer whenever it was required, at times operating within one hundred and fifty yards of the enemy. His willingness to risk his life to insure closest possible support for the infantry was most commendable and reflects great credit upon Private Cornaire and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class James Gomes, 31426135, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (J) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. As a member of an ammunition boat crew at an important river crossing, Private Gomes, under heavy sniper fire and 88mm shelling, succeeded in landing the greatly-needed supplies at a point where infantrymen were waiting to use them against the enemy. In spite of the swiftness and width of the river, as well as the intense enemy fire which followed his course across the Danube, Private Gomes showed no hesitation in the fulfillment of his mission. His success in delivering this explosive cargo aided our troops materially. Private Gomes' courageous act and devotion to duty in accomplishing a difficult mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class James E. Hony, 37056937, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Sulzbach, Germany on 1 May 1945. When his motorized reconnaissance patrol was ambushed, Private Hony, a Company M driver, noticed an enemy soldier firing on one of his comrades. Private Hony quickly killed the enemy soldier but in doing so brought down a rain of fire which forced the patrol members to cover. Killing three of the advancing enemy, he left his cover, crawled to the road, unhitched the trailer from his jeep and turned his vehicle around. Noticing another driver having difficulty disconnecting his trailer, Private Hony crawled back to render assistance. Then, still under heavy fire he loaded his jeep with casualties and drove to the aid station. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technical Sergeant Edward J. Kacerovsky, 77190077, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neu-markt, Germany, on 20 April 1945. Sergeant Kacerovsky not only carried out his duties as a Weapons Platoon Sergeant, but in addition rendered services which were invaluable to his company's supply system and which were of importance in maintaining the morale of the men. In order to provide ammunition, rations, and water to his men and to evacuate casualties after he assumed control of the forward supply point, he drove through streets and over open ground, constantly subjected to artillery fire. His untiring efforts and solicitude for his fellow soldiers are a great credit to Sergeant Kacerovsky and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Iowa.

Sergeant Walter E. Kennedy, 36312656, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 7 March 1945 to 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Private First Class Kenneth O. Kinsey, 37284440, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany from 5 March 1945 to 19 March 1945. Private Kinsey as Headquarters Company lineman was laying, repairing and assisting in the maintenance of communications within the Third Battalion. In the performance of these duties, it was often necessary for Private Kinsey to work under enemy mortar, machine-gun, small arms and artillery fire. On one occasion Private Kinsey was observed lying on his stomach in an open area with 88mm artillery and 80mm mortar shells bursting around him, as he coolly went about his work of splicing a communication line, seeking cover only after completion of his job. Private Kinsey's perseverance, courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Edward Krish, 31738685, Medical Department, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Abbach, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Seeing three men struck by machine-gun fire while his platoon was crossing open terrain, Private Krish, a company aid man, disregarding his own safety, returned to care for the wounded. Despite the Geneva Cross, Private Krish was subjected to intense enemy fire. Nevertheless he treated the casualties and remained at their side until they had been evacuated. During this entire time, he was in direct observation of the enemy. His heroism and solicitude for others are a great credit to Private Krish and worthy of the high standards of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Wilfred J. Lefebvre, 31373460, Medical Department, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Treuf, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When the forward platoon of Company "C", called for medical aid, after running into a tank, automatic weapons and small arms fire, Private Lefebvre, a company aid man, selflessly volunteered to run through the intense shelling to care for the wounded. Knowing that his insignia might not be recognized, and that every movement invited even more intense fire from the enemy, Private Lefebvre daringly moved about the battlefield, assisting the wounded men by administering morphine, and applying bandages and tourniquets. His outstanding heroism and devotion to the traditions of the Medical Corps merit great praise for Private Lefebvre and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Private First Class Alden J. Lejeune, 38484091, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neumarkt, Germany, on 21 April 1945. In an advance toward the city of Neumarkt, when his men were halted by intense enemy fire, Private Lejeune, a Company I lead scout, voluntarily exposed himself in full view of the enemy in order to draw their fire and learn their position. This act of bravery which caused automatic weapon fire to be directed at him was repeated several times until all the enemy weapons had been neutralized, and his platoon was once more able to push the attack. The courageous action and undaunted spirit of Private Lejeune in the face of enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Technician Fifth Grade James W. McCartin, 35809539, Medical Department, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Treuf, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When the forward platoon of Company "C" called for medical aid, after running into a terrific hail of enemy tank, automatic weapons and small arms fire, Technician McCartin, a company aid man, selflessly volunteered to run through the intense shelling to care for the wounded. Knowing that his in-

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signia might not be recognized, and that every movement invited even more intense fire from the enemy, Technician McCartin daringly moved about the battlefield, assisting the wounded men by administering morphine, and applying bandages and tourniquets. His outstanding heroism and devotion to the traditions of the Medical Corps merit great praise for Technician McCartin and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant William T. McCarty, 38089024, Medical Department, 365th Medical Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 6 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Third Grade Ivan L. McGlaughlin, 32698223, Medical Department, 365th Medical Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 6 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Ivan C. Merrill, 14081748, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Lengfeld, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When a group of soldiers consisting of a small Military Police Detachment and a Medical Detachment were pinned down by enemy fire in an open field, Private Merrill, with complete disregard for himself, knelt in full view of the enemy and returned fire with his automatic rifle forcing the enemy gunners to concentrate their fire upon him. Private Merrill continued to expose himself and met fire with fire until all soldiers in both detachments, including one wounded man, had reached cover. Private Merrill's dauntlessness and deep concern for others reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

Private First Class William B. Miller, 39621047, Medical Department, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Abbad, Germany, on 26 April 1945. During the advance of Company "I" after crossing the Danube River, several men in the first and third platoons were wounded. Without hesitation, Private Miller, a medical aid man, arose from his covered position and ran through intense enemy fire to administer first aid to the casualties. He made his way from wounded man to wounded man in the face of continued enemy fire. Despite the increasing intensity of fire, he continued to administer aid until help arrived and evacuation of the wounded was made possible. Private Miller's concern for the welfare of the wounded men and his disregard for his own safety were responsible for the successful evacuation of the wounded. Entered military service from Montana.

Corporal George E. Morrow, 32542282, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. As commander of an ammunition boat crew at an important river crossing, Corporal Morrow, under a heavy sniper fire and 88mm shelling, succeeded in landing his greatly needed supplies at a point where infantrymen were waiting to use them against the enemy. In spite of the swiftness and width of the river, as well as the intense enemy fire which followed his course across the Danube, Corporal Morrow showed no hesitation in the fulfillment of his mission. His success in delivering this explosive cargo aided our troops materially. Corporal Morrow's courageous act and devotion to duty in accomplishing a difficult mission reflect

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great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Master Sergeant Robert F. O'Connor, 36714986, Medical Department, Headquarters Detachment, 365th Medical Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 6 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Ronald V. Ordway, 31464033, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. As a member of an ammunition boat crew at an important river crossing, Private Ordway, under heavy sniper fire and 80mm shelling, succeeded in landing the greatly-needed supplies at a point where infantrymen were waiting to use them against the enemy. In spite of the swiftness and width of the river, as well as the intense enemy fire which followed his course across the Danube, Private Ordway showed no hesitation in the fulfillment of his mission. His success in delivering this explosive cargo aided our troops materially. Private Ordway's courageous act and devotion to duty in accomplishing a difficult mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant Paul W. Phillips, 026611, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by intense enemy fire, Lieutenant Phillips, realizing that his group could not advance without suffering severe casualties, crawled to a railroad track and took a position of observation under the cars in order to direct his men's fire. Although endangered by tank cars which were full of gasoline and constantly sniped at by enemy bullets, he remained in his position until he had located the German guns and had silenced them by personally directing fire. His outstanding courage in the face of extreme danger reflects great credit upon Lieutenant Phillips and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Seymour A. Pratt, 31287439, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Heining, Austria, on 1 May 1945. When his patrol was ambushed by a strong enemy force armed with anti-aircraft guns, machine-guns, bazookas and mortars, Private Pratt with conspicuous bravery stood up in his jeep to gauge the situation and then returned the enemy's fire, with his automatic rifle. Although he was subjected to a constant hail of fire, Private Pratt covered the withdrawal of the patrol until the men had gained the protection of a house, 100 yards distant. As a result of his heroic efforts, the enemy was driven back and six of our men were able to hold out until help arrived. His outstanding bravery and selflessness reflect great credit upon Private Pratt and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Sergeant Daniel D. Radu, 35920952, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Passau, Germany, on 2 May 1945. When an enemy "Tiger" tank set fire to an ammunition truck, and the drivers and crew of four other trucks were forced to abandon their vehicles, Sergeant Radu, with great presence of mind, voluntarily undertook the task of saving the trucks and succeeded in moving them from the vicinity of the burning ammunition. Although fired upon repeatedly by the "Tiger" tank and subjected to a hail of enemy bullets from other sources, Sergeant Radu boldly drove each vehicle to suit-

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able cover. His outstanding courage and determination in the face of great peril reflect great credit upon Sergeant Radu and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Frank G. Ralston, Jr., 0540876, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany on 26 April 1945. In the face of an intense barrage of enemy artillery and sniper fire, Lieutenant Ralston assumed the mission of constructing a support raft on the Danube River, a task which had been previously abandoned by other Engineer units due to the fierceness of the enemy opposition. Lieutenant Ralston persisted at this dangerous job until a direct hit demolished his ferry. He then ordered his men to cover, but was seriously wounded before reaching safety himself. His leadership, devotion to duty and determined effort in the face of overwhelming odds reflect great credit upon Lieutenant Ralston and the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Stephen J. Reagan, (then Private), 33893206, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Salzburg, Germany, on 1 May 1945. When the reconnaissance patrol of which Private Reagan was a member, was ambushed by automatic weapons and anti-aircraft fire, Private Reagan, moved to the flank and opened fire upon enemy seeking to envelop his party. Continuously under heavy fire, Private Reagan, armed with a carbine, held back the hostile troops, and diverted fire from the main body of the patrol onto himself. Seeing preparations being made for a withdrawal, Private Reagan, fully exposed to enemy fire, placed wounded men on the vehicle and evacuated them. Private Reagan's coolness under fire and solicitude for others are a great credit to both himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Harry C. Rice, 17119769, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. Sergeant Rice, stationed in an outpost building was wounded severely by fragments from a shell burst, which also wounded two other men. Realizing the immediate need for aid, Sergeant Rice traversed enemy-bracketed ground, through artillery fired fire, to reach his company CP in order to report the situation. He refused first aid for himself until his men, at the outpost, had been rescued and given medical care. Sergeant Rice's outstanding heroism, despite excruciating pain, and his solicitude for his fellow soldiers is exemplary of the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Kansas.

Lieutenant Colonel Frederick W. Richards, (then Major), 0304418 Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Lengfeld, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Colonel Richards, commanding the Second Battalion during the assault crossing of the Danube River by his regiment, constantly inspired his men to greater effort through personal leadership. Coordinating his plans with the Third Battalion, which was pinned down by artillery fire and in dire need of additional ammunition, Colonel Richards succeeded in securing additional ammunition through his rear CP. He then by-passed the Third Battalion and in the face of intense fire from enemy small arms and artillery he directed the battalion's attack on Lengfeld, Germany. Under his skillful leadership, his men moved forward and occupied the town. As a result of his decisive action Colonel Richards aided materially

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in the accomplishment of the regimental mission. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant John E. Shomo, (then Private First Class), 20528109, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 16 March 1945. Awakening just in time to see a hand grenade hurled through the window of his room by one of a group of eight enemy soldiers, Sergeant Shomo, realizing that his squad leader was still sleeping, instantly threw himself across his prostrate form to protect him. Although cut severely in the face by the grenade fragments, Sergeant Shomo, braving heavy enemy fire, ran through the darkness to his platoon CP to rush reinforcements to his comrades, who were holding off the attack. Sergeant Shomo by his outstanding valor and decisive action exemplified the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class Duane A. Skamser, 16069422, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Passau, Germany, on 2 May 1945. When an enemy "Tiger" tank set fire to an ammunition truck and the drivers and crew of four other trucks were forced to abandon their vehicles, Private Skamser and a fellow soldier voluntarily undertook the task of saving the trucks and succeeded in moving them from the vicinity of the burning ammunition. Although fire upon repeatedly by the "Tiger" tank and subjected to a hail of enemy bullets from other sources, Private Skamser and his comrade boldly drove each vehicle to suitable cover. His outstanding courage and determination in the face of great peril reflect great credit upon Private Skamser and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Robert L. Tyson, 14013896, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operation against an enemy of the United States at Geismar, Germany, on 5 April 1945. While occupying the town of Geismar, Sergeant Tyson's machine-gun section was attacked by a superior number of enemy troops withdrawing into a house with his men, Sergeant Tyson saw an enemy group advancing upon five American vehicles coming to his sections aid. Realizing that there was no time to mount his weapon on a tripod, Sergeant Tyson, cradled the heavy machine gun in his arms and poured a withering fire into the enemy group, wounding six and forcing the remainder to flee. Sergeant Tyson's courageous action and aggressiveness were instrumental in holding Geismar as an outpost for his company. Entered military service from Florida.

Technician Fifth Grade Slavatore V. Vinci, 42051859, Medical Department, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Treuf, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When the forward platoon of Company "C" called for medical aid, after running into a terrific hail of enemy tank, automatic weapons and small arms fire, Technician Vinci, a company aid man, selflessly volunteered to run through the intense shelling to care for the wounded. Knowing that his insignia might not be recognized, and that every movement invited even more intense fire from the enemy, Technician Vinci daringly moved about the battlefield, assisting the wounded men by administering morphine and applying bandages and tourniquets. His outstanding heroism and devotion to the traditions of the Medical Corps merit great praise for Technician Vinci and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from New York.

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Technician Fifth Grade Floyd L. Wallace, 39144424, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Kapfelberg, Germany on 26 April 1945. When the Second Battalion, 261st Infantry was ordered to cross the Danube River, Technician Wallace, an Artillery Battalion Radio Operator, and a fellow soldier, carrying component parts of a 610 radio on their backs, proceeded with forward infantry elements in order to transmit fire missions to the supporting artillery. When infantry elements were momentarily pinned down, Technician Wallace, disregarding his own safety, continued to push forward with his Liaison Officer whenever it was required, at times operating within 150 yards of the enemy. His willingness to risk his life to insure closest possible support for the infantry was most commendable and reflects great credit upon Technician Wallace and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Richard D. Wallace, 35245605, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Salzbach, Germany. Sergeant Wallace was a member of a motorized patrol spearheading operations along the Danube River on 1 May 1945. As the patrol entered Salzbach, Germany, it was suddenly ambushed by enemy anti-aircraft guns, severely wounding Sergeant Wallace. Although his jeep was repeatedly sprayed by 20mm anti-aircraft guns and small arms, Sergeant Wallace, despite intense pain, continued to man the machine-gun on his vehicle and twice replaced ammunition boxes. As the patrol started to withdraw, Sergeant Wallace remained at his gun under a hail of enemy fire, and protected the maneuver. Sergeant Wallace's fortitude, valor, and disregard for personal safety aided materially in the successful withdrawal of his patrol.

Technician Fifth Grade Jess W. Wheatley, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 7 March 1945 to 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Captain Hollis B. Williams, 01287282, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, at Passau, Germany, on 2 May 1945. While riding on the lead tank of a spearhead column approaching Passau, Captain Williams suffered a severe wound when his tank received a direct hit from a German Panzer-faust. Despite painful wounds, Captain Williams organized and led his men into the building from which the enemy had fired, killing five and taking ten of them prisoners. After issuing order to his platoon leaders to flush the surrounding buildings, his Battalion Commander ordered him to remain behind with other wounded men to receive medical treatment. He accepted treatment only after others had been treated. The fortitude and leadership displayed by Captain Williams are in keeping with the high standards of the military service.

IV - AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (Oak Leaf Cluster)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third U. S. Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a bronze oak leaf cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Rollie F. Gallagher, 01179858, Field Artillery, 867th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while

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participating in aerial flights from 4 April 1945 to 6 May 1945.
Entered military service from Oregon.

First Lieutenant Robert W. Hellriegel, 01170001, Field Artillery
720th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while
participating in aerial flights from 2 April 1945 to 6 May 1945.
Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Cameron E. Kepler, 01182882, Field Artillery,
869th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while
participating in aerial flights from 6 April 1945 to 7 May 1945.
Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant George W. Knoff, 01176695, Field Artillery,
868th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while
participating in aerial flights from 4 April 1945 to 26 April 1945.
Entered military service from Minnesota.

First Lieutenant Harry W. Larson, 0534940, Field Artillery,
868th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while
participating in aerial flights from 5 April 1945 to 6 May 1945.
Entered military service from Oregon.

First Lieutenant Jay C. Leatherman, 01177499, Field Artillery,
867th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while
participating in aerial flights from 5 April 1945 to 4 May 1945.
Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant Robert E. Moninger, 0522618, Field Artillery,
867th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while
participating in aerial flights from 17 April 1945 to 5 May 1945.
Entered military service from Colorado.

First Lieutenant George S. Wicker, 01182996, Field Artillery,
869th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while
participating in aerial flights from 5 April 1945 to 2 May 1945.
Entered military service from Georgia.

V - AWARD OF AIR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended
and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third U. S. Army, 26 April 1944,
as supplemented, the Air Medal is awarded to:

Captain Hollis E. Button, 0451527, Field Artillery, Headquarters
65th Division Artillery. For meritorious achievement while partici-
pating in aerial flights from 10 March 1945 to 27 April 1945. Entered
military service from South Dakota.

Major Paul A. Dewitt, (then Captain), 0407784, Field Artillery,
Headquarters 65th Division Artillery. For meritorious achievement
while participating in aerial flights from 10 March 1945 to 6 May
1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Alan Dugdale, 01182560, Field Artillery, 720th
Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while par-
ticipating in aerial flights from 6 April 1945 to 2 May 1945. Ent
military service from Maryland.

Second Lieutenant Carl H. Loveland, 0931280, Field Artillery,
869th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while
participating in aerial flights from 18 March 1945 to 3 May 1945.
Entered military service from California.

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First Lieutenant Merritt A. Plantz, O465110, Field Artillery, 720th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 6 April 1945 to 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

First Lieutenant John W. Stare, O1181468, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 17 April 1945 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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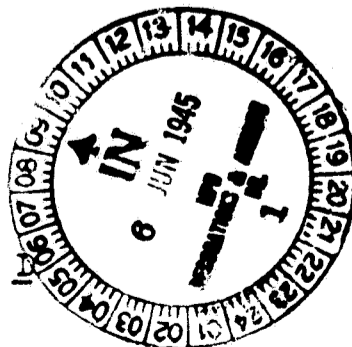
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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (Posthumous Award)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Staff Sergeant Michael F. Evans, 6979028, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For gallantry in action near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. While kneeling to observe terrain as his platoon leader issued orders for an attack, the fuse mechanism of a hand grenade, attached to Sergeant Evans' bandolier, was set off by a chance shot of an unseen sniper. Unable to unhook the grenade in time, Sergeant Evans, oblivious of his own impending disaster and mindful only of the peril of his comrades, shouted a warning, whirled around and bent over to cover the missile with his own body. He was killed instantly, but his heroic act had saved his comrades from harm. This inspiring example of self-sacrifice will live long in the hearts of those that witnessed the deed. Entered military service from New Jersey.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant John P. Byrnes, 01326354, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. Moving forward to join his company, Lieutenant Byrnes discovered it to be pinned down by a murderous artillery, mortar, and automatic weapons fire. Attempting to find the Company Commander, Lieutenant Byrnes repeatedly exposed himself, his cool daring drawing considerable enemy fire. Realizing that his company had suffered great losses, including the probable loss of the company commander, Lieutenant Byrnes notified his Battalion, and assumed command of the scattered remnants. Later, while attempting to reach a wounded man across a mine field, Lieutenant Byrnes was severely wounded by a "schu" mine, and evacuated. His inspiring leadership, determined perseverance and concern for his men reflect the greatest credit upon Lieutenant Byrnes and the

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Technician Fourth Grade Lionel C. Marcus, 39028554, Medical Department, 259th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Fraulautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. In the attack on Fraulautern, Technician Marcus, a Company "F" aid man, was struck in the back by enemy shrapnel. Despite his injury he continued to aid the wounded. After treating each wounded man, he carried him to a large ditch which afforded protection. Technician Marcus continued treating the wounded in this manner for four and one half hours until he was too weak to move. At this time other members of the company brought the wounded to Technician Marcus to be treated. Not until the following morning was he finally evacuated. Technician Marcus' courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with highest traditions of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from California.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Oak Leaf Cluster)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade Dudley M. Garvey, 39215508, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. During the assault crossing of the Danube River, Technician Garvey, radio operator with a forward observer section, constantly endangered his life to transmit artillery fire missions in support of the Infantry. Disregarding the fact that enemy sniper attempting to disrupt communications, were concentrating their fire upon him Technician Garvey repeatedly set up his radio and transmitted his messages, once using his finger for an antenna after his aerial was torn loose. Technician Garvey's bravery, ingenuity, and intense devotion to duty permitted fire missions to be speedily transmitted and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

Captain Arthur B. Majdoch, 01106921, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Kapfelberg, Germany, on 25 April 1945. Assigned the mission of supporting two Infantry Regiments in their attack across the Danube River, Captain Majdoch by his indefatigable zeal and careful planning and coordination in commanding two Engineer Combat Companies and one Engineer Platoon, was able to accomplish his mission in a most noteworthy manner. In spite of his being exposed to constant enemy fire, he stationed himself in a position overlooking the dangerous operation and spent an entire night directing the activities of his men. Through his

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heroic example and courageous leadership he was able to inspire his troops to superhuman efforts in transporting the infantry regiments across the river. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant Harry A. Bodsberg, 37236205, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Abbach, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When the Third Battalion, 261st Infantry attacked across the Danube River, the leader of the First Platoon, Company "L" was wounded. Sergeant Bodsberg, the platoon Sergeant, immediately took charge and, reorganizing his men, led the platoon across open areas, subjected to intense enemy fire, to the first and second phase lines. At this time the enemy simultaneously laid artillery fire on an engineer unit engaged in bridge-building and counter-attacked against Sergeant Bodsberg's platoon. Inspiring his men to greater effort by his leadership he fought off the counter-attack and, at the same time, directed artillery and mortar fire with telling effect thereby protecting the engineer unit. Entered military service from Indiana.

First Lieutenant George B. Brown, Jr., 026623, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When the 261st Infantry crossed the Danube River, Lieutenant Brown, an artillery liaison officer, proceeded with forward elements to observe and direct supporting artillery fire. Despite the intense enemy fire and the lack of cover, which forced him to operate from a prone position, Lieutenant Brown carried out his mission and coolly adjusted the artillery fire from a position 100 yards from the enemy. When his radio antenna was shot away he devised a method of carrying on his work without it. The courage and tenacity of purpose shown by Lieutenant Brown are in keeping with the high traditions of the Army. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class William F. Cloud, Jr., 39716321, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When the 261st Infantry crossed the Danube River, Private Cloud, an artillery radio operator carrying components of a 610 radio upon his back, proceeded with forward elements to transmit fire mission to the supporting artillery. The enemy, realizing the value of his mission made concerted efforts to eliminate Private Cloud. Despite this fact and despite the lack of cover, he continued to

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go forward and carry out the transmission of the important messages. He was continually forced to operate from a prone position and often times within a hundred yards of the enemy. Private Cloud's courage and determination are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant John G. Cokorogiannis, 31430114, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Salzbach, Germany, on 1 May 1945. When the reconnaissance patrol of which Sergeant Cokorogiannis was member, ran into an ambush of enemy machine-guns mounted on railroad cars, the patrol leader was wounded. Sergeant Cokorogiannis then took immediate command of the situation. By manning a machine-gun himself, hurling hand grenades when the Germans came close, and keeping up a continuous fire upon the railroad cars, he was able to knock out several of the enemy and their weapons and hold them in check until his jeeps withdrew with the casualties. Disregarding his own safety, and by his cool leadership and aggressiveness, Sergeant Cokorogiannis led his patrol out of its difficult predicament. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade Will E. Edmunds, 34796281, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Forced to repair his radio under heavy enemy fire, Technician Edmunds, a Battery "A" radio operator working with a Liaison Officer, completed the repairs. Then dodging automatic weapons fire, he rejoined his commander to assist in directing artillery fire upon the hostile elements which were pinning down a rifle company. Although subjected to intense enemy fire of every variety, Technician Edmunds never hesitated to set up his radio, frequently in positions only 100 to 150 yards from the enemy. His perseverance and his courage in the face of danger are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

Sergeant Aylmer H. Girdwood, 33399098, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When the Second Battalion of the 261st Infantry crossed the Danube River under heavy enemy mortar fire and moved to secure the city of Lengenfeld, Sergeant Girdwood, Liaison Sergeant with the 869th Field Artillery Battalion, extended his telephone line across the river. Although unsuccessful in maintaining communications, he made a heroic effort in the face of almost hopeless odds. He crossed the river no less than six times, each time striving to repair the break caused by the swift current of the river, and each time subjected to enemy sniper and mortar fire. His disregard of personal safety and his courageous devotion to duty reflect great credit upon

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Sergeant Girdwood and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain Edward B. Johnson, 01319284, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Abbach, Germany on 26 April 1945. When the Third Battalion 261st Infantry crossed the Danube River with the purpose of establishing a bridgehead and found that much more ammunition was necessary to batter down the heavy enemy resistance, Captain Johnson, Battalion S-3, personally directed ammunition bearers to the proper points despite harrassing enemy sniper fire. Later, near Lengfeld, Germany, he organized and led a patrol of riflemen to root out the snipers and was not content to rest until the last position had been liquidated or neutralized. His disregard for personal safety and his sterling leadership are in keeping with the high standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Finnis E. Jolly, Jr., 16120806, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 26 April 1945. When Company B encountered stiff resistance in its attack across the Danube River, Sergeant Jolly, a communications Sergeant, operating an SCR 300 radio, stuck to his position even though suffering from severe shrapnel wounds from friendly artillery fire. Disregarding his wounds, he continued to adjust artillery fire so that his company would not be hit again. Still suffering from his wounds, he later voluntarily delivered an important message to the rear across an open field, covered by enemy machine-gun fire. His determined perseverance in the face of great odds and his courageous action reflect great credit upon Sergeant Jolly and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Thaddeus H. King, 32146371, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. In the attack across the Danube River by the Third Battalion, 261st Infantry, Sergeant King of the 869th Field Artillery Liaison Section, proceeded with forward elements to establish communications with supporting artillery. When his communication lines had been established, the enemy with perfect observation on high ground, zeroed in on the river with artillery and mortar fire. Three times enemy fire disrupted communications. Each time, without thought of his own safety, Sergeant King crossed and recrossed the Danube amidst the barrage of artillery, mortar and sniper fire to reestablish the disrupted communications. His courage and perseverance under shellfire were a credit to the military service and are deserving of high commendations. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class George T. Kingman, 42129731, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in

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connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappenberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When the 261st Infantry crossed the Danube River, Private Kingman, an artillery communications wireman, proceeded with the forward observer. When the observer's transmitter failed to function, Private Kingman volunteered to cross an open field under constant sniper fire to secure a new transmitter. After returning with the transmitter, the infantry company with which he was working was pinned down by flanking machine-gun fire. At this time the radio batteries gave out. Private Kingman volunteered to return and secure new ones. In order to rejoin the observer's party, Private Kingman braved increasingly heavy automatic weapons fire. His devotion to duty, and spirit of determination in the face of enemy fire provided the infantry with much needed artillery support. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Samuel Kreinberg, 32865169, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 7 March 1945 to 10 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Robert H. Lorimer, 15401586, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappenberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. In order to transmit fire missions to supporting artillery, Private Lorimer carried component parts of an SCR 610 radio on his back and proceeded with forward elements of the 261st Infantry when they established a bridgehead across the Danube River. The enemy, aware of his presence and the importance of his mission, consistently tried to eliminate him each time he set up his radio. Private Lorimer was therefore forced to operate from a prone position and on several occasions had to cease transmitting to return fire, being within 150 yards of the enemy. His outstanding performance of duty and personal heroism are worthy of the high traditions of the Army. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Cecil Meadows, 38080010, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany, from 7 March 1945 to 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Herman Muller, 32462034, Medical Department, 365th Medical Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France and Germany from 6 March 1945 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class James Pillman, 36774095, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany, on 21 April 1945. When a shell-burst injured four men

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In his platoon, Private Pillman, a Company "K" rifleman, voluntarily ran through intense enemy artillery and rifle fire to the Company Command Post for litter bearers. Reaching the command post Private Pillman reported the situation, and in spite of continual fire still being directed upon him led the litter bearers to the wounded man. Arriving before the platoon aid man had finished dressing the wound, the litter squad was able to effect a rapid evacuation of the wounded man. Private Pillman's initiative and solicitude for our wounded reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Woodrow A. Rae, 20367723, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. During the assault crossing of the Danube River, Sergeant Rae, radio operator with a forward observer section, constantly endangered his life to transmit artillery fire missions in support of the Infantry. Disregarding the fact that enemy snipers, attempting to disrupt communications, were concentrating their fire upon him, Sergeant Rae repeatedly set up his radio and transmitted his messages. Sergeant Rae's bravery, ingenuity, and intense devotion to duty permitted fire missions to be speedily transmitted and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

First Sergeant Fred F. Reed, 6859657, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Langansalza, Germany, on 2 April 1945. During the attack on Langansalza, Sergeant Reed, First Sergeant of Company "H" took over a .50 caliber machine-gun when its gunner was killed, and, for two hours he exposed himself to enemy fire to protect his unit's flank. During this time he showed coolness and efficiency when he observed seven German soldiers getting into position to eliminate one of our Tank Destroyers by bazooka and small arms fire. Sergeant Reed directed his fire so that five of the Germans were killed and the other two were forced to withdraw. His action saved the lives of the Tank Destroyer crew and did much to protect the extreme right flank of the Second Battalion. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant James P. Sanders, (then Sergeant), 36073012, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany, on 21 April 1945. During the street fighting in Neumarkt, Sergeant Sanders' squad was fired upon by a sniper. Leaving his men under cover, and although subjected to enemy fire, Sergeant Sanders began a lone advance upon the enemy soldier. Throwing a white phosphorous grenade, he attracted the attention of tanks supporting his platoon and directed their telling fire upon the enemy soldier. Then Sergeant Sanders, personally leading his squad, advanced up the street, and, discovering an anti-tank gun, instantly relayed the information to the tanks, thus saving them from destruction. His quick thinking and disregard for personal safety aided materially in the advance of his unit. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Sergeant Elmer E. Sellers, 38015464, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neumarkt, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When the mortar platoon of Company "M" was in close support of other infantry elements attacking Neumarkt, its ammunition supply was running low. Although fully realizing that enemy artillery fire was zeroed in on the only available supply route and that his vehicle was sure to draw machine-gun fire, Sergeant Sellers, nevertheless, volunteered to drive his truck over this dangerous route to the ammunition dump. Sergeant Sellers' outstanding initiative, aggressiveness and courage in securing the much needed ammunition permitted his platoon to accomplish its mission successfully and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Captain Edward N. Snyder, Jr., 0465713, Medical Corps, 365th Medical Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. During the assault crossing of the Danube River, Captain Snyder, a Collecting Company Commander, without regard for his own safety, repeatedly directed the removal of casualties who were subjected to enemy fire. In several instances he, personally carried wounded men out of range of small arms and artillery fire. At one time, he was pinned down for forty minutes by an intense 88mm artillery barrage, but continued his work as soon as the fire lifted. Captain Snyder's personal reconnaissance of the best routes of withdrawal aided materially in the successful evacuation of the wounded, and undoubtedly saved the lives of many men. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Roland D. Stanlake, 39071156, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neumarkt, Germany, on 21 April 1945. While advancing in the attack, Private Stanlake, a rifleman of "I" Company, was struck in the back by shrapnel from a mortar burst, cutting a muscle, and making breathing extremely difficult. Despite the excruciating pain and his weakened condition, Private Stanlake rose from the ground where concussion had thrown him, and rejoined his unit, informing no one of his injury. He advanced 200 yards with his squad when his company commander, noticing his condition, ordered him back to the aid station. Private Stanlake's fortitude and determination to remain with his comrades is a great credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

First Sergeant Russell I. Stieff, 2203507, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neumarkt, Germany on 22 April 1945. In the attack on Neumarkt, several men in Company "L" were severely wounded by small arms and artillery fire from an enemy ambush. Realizing the immediate need for evacuating the wounded, Sergeant Stieff, although badly shaken by one of the artillery bursts, voluntarily braved intense enemy artillery and

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Automatic weapons fire to make his way to the forward aid station and arranged for a litter squad to advance to his unit. He then returned to where the wounded men were under fire and directed their evacuation. In placing the welfare of his men above his own needs, Sergeant Stieff exemplified the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technical Sergeant Ralph Teijido, (then Staff Sergeant), 4133235, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neumarkt, Germany. On 20 March 1945, when his platoon met its baptism of artillery fire, Sergeant Teijido, an acting platoon sergeant of Company K, inspired the confidence of veterans in his men, by leaving his covered position and going from man to man, giving advice and trying to help each man so that he would be less likely to become a casualty. The next day, while his platoon was seeking safety in a building, Sergeant Teijido stood in full view of enemy fire to point out cover to his men waiting their turn at a ladder entrance, and by his fire neutralized the harrasing fire of an enemy riflemen. Entered military service from Florida.

Corporal Albert Vandenberg, 31426650, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Kapfclberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. In the attack across the Danube River by the Third Battalion, 261st Infantry, Corporal Vandenberg of the 869th Field Artillery Liaison Section, proceeded with forward elements to establish communications with supporting artillery. When his communication lines had been established, the enemy, with perfect observation on-high ground, zeroed in on the river with artillery and mortar fire. Three times enemy fire disrupted communications. Each time, without thought of his own safety, Corporal Vandenberg crossed and recrossed the Danube amidst the barrage of artillery, mortar and sniper fire to reestablish the disrupted communications. His courage and perserverance under shellfire were a credit to the military service and deserving of high commendation. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

V - AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (Oak Leaf Cluster)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a bronze oak leaf cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Jerald E. Ingle, 01176382, Field Artillery, Headquarters 65th Division Artillery. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 2 April 1945 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant Roland F. Wendt, 01175612, Field Artillery, 720th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while

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participating in arial flights from 6 April 1945 to 8 May 1945.
entered military service from Missouri.

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25 May 1945

GENERAL ORDER

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (Posthumous Award)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Staff Sergeant Eldridge I. Hutto, 14085741, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. While reconnoitering a possible route of advance for his squad in Saarlautern, Sergeant Hutto was severely wounded by machine-gun fire. Despite his profusely bleeding wound, he completed his reconnaissance, returned to his squad, and, in his determination to direct the advance of his men, refused all medical aid. In the advance, Sergeant Hutto was killed by fragments from an 88mm artillery burst, but his men, inspired by the fortitude and outstanding valor of their leader, carried on in his name and gained their objective. Sergeant Hutto's determination in spite of his painful wounds and his devotion to duty reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fourth Grade Edward H. Benoit, 31415287, Field Artillery, 868th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Regensburg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When elements of Company "K", 260th Infantry, with which he was serving, ran into an enemy machine-gun ambush and scattered into the ditches, Technician Benoit, a radio operator, refused to seek cover until he had helped a medical aid man lying wounded out in the open road. Despite the continued fire from an enemy machine-gun position 400 yards away, Technician Benoit bravely faced this fire, and dragged the wounded man to a nearby ditch to administer first aid. He did not leave his wounded comrade until he was certain that other aid men knew of his location. His valor and selflessness in the face of great danger reflect great credit upon Technician Benoit and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Norman M. Blackwood, 31292684, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neumarkt, Germany,

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on 21 April 1945. On this date, Sergeant Blackwood, a Company "I" squad leader, twice endangered his life to provide covering fire for his company as it maneuvered. Once, he stood in full view of enemy fire in order to assist his men to a safe position within a building from where he directed a base of fire. Again while advancing through heavy woods, Sergeant Blackwood, although wounded by artillery shrapnel, led his squad through intense fire to its objective and immediately deployed his squad to provide maximum protection for other approaching units. His aggressive spirit, courage and exceptional leadership are a great credit to Sergeant Blackwood and the armed forces. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Private First Class Keith E. Dumph, 35244096, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Salzbach, Germany, on 1 May 1945. When the reconnaissance patrol of which he was a member was ambushed by intense enemy fire, Private Dumph, a Company "H" jeep driver, repeatedly endangered his life to save wounded men. Although every movement drew terrific hostile 20mm and rifle fire, he turned his vehicle around and loaded it with casualties. After his jeep was loaded to capacity with wounded, Private Dumph was thrown from his seat by the concussion of a bazooka burst. Ignoring the explosion he reentered the vehicle and proceeded to drive through heavy enemy anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire, transporting the wounded men to safety. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Gerardo Escontrais, 38558993, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Lahr, Germany, on 24 April 1945. When his platoon was fired upon by intense enemy mortar, machine-gun, and 20mm fire, Private Escontrais, an assistant automatic Rifleman, was wounded in the right shoulder. Disregarding his painful wound, Private Escontrais crawled over 100 yards to a fence, and, twisting the bottom wire, forced a hole through which his platoon could withdraw to cover. In spite of the handicap of his useless right arm, Private Escontrais remained at the fence, leaving it only after his comrades had reached safety. Private Escontrais' fortitude and deep concern for his comrades enabled his platoon to withdraw to safety with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant John T. A. Franklin, 33630942, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Neumarkt, Germany, on 21 April 1945. During the attack by his platoon on Neumarkt, Sergeant Franklin was knocked unconscious by an 88mm shell burst. Regaining consciousness he realized that his company had advanced without him and, gathering together other stragglers, he rejoined the attack leading forward his hastily organized squad. Sergeant Franklin, seeing a gap between two platoons engaged in the attack, formed his men as a connecting file, thus serving to keep the company line intact. His capable leadership and instant realization of the tactical situation aided materially in the success of his company's mission and reflect great credit upon Sergeant Franklin and the armed forces. Entered military service from Virginia.

First Lieutenant Frank F. Hamburger, Jr., (then Second Lieutenant, 0550880, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Treu, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When the Second Platoon

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of Company "C" was attacked by a large enemy force of Infantrymen, tanks, halftracks and 105mm guns, Lieutenant Hamburger, Third Platoon leader, led a patrol to harrass the left flank of the enemy and draw their fire. He successfully accomplished this mission under heavy mortar and machine-gun fire, and not only killed many of the enemy but completely disorganized the flank so that their whole front was forced to retreat. His brave action permitted the Second Platoon to withdraw safely. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Lieutenant Hamburger and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Sergeant Emeric F. Kordan, 3122086, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, at Treuf, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When the Second Platoon of "C" Company, 260th Infantry, was met by surprise enemy tank fire, Sergeant Kordan, a machine-gun squad leader, repeatedly exposed himself in order to assist the wounded to safety. He also maintained continuous fire power and thus was able to cover the withdrawal of the Second Platoon from its position. During this action, Sergeant Kordan was wounded by a steel fragment in the shoulder. His disregard for personal safety and his concern for others reflect great credit upon Sergeant Kordan and the military service.

Captain Elmo S. Koschel, 01172955, Field Artillery, Headquarters 65th Division Artillery. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 17 March 1945 to 10 May 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Paul H. Latimer, 15402843, Field Artillery, 868th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Regensburg, Germany on 26 April 1945. Technician Latimer a member of an artillery forward observation party attached to the 260th Infantry, was proceeding with leading elements of Company "K", when enemy machine gun fire suddenly opened up on the company. As radio operator, he found it necessary to assemble his radio quickly while in full view of the enemy. Nevertheless, he collected several elements of his radio together, erected the antenna and continued to remain in an exposed position while he transmitted fire commands to his artillery unit. His devotion to duty and utter disregard for his own safety in transmitting the vitally important fire commands to the artillery, resulted in the neutralizing of enemy fire. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Chief Warrant Officer Joe A. McBryde, W2126696, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operation against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 17 March 1945 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class John K. McCabe, Jr., 32954405, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarckt, Germany, on 21 April 1945. Private McCabe, while engaged in a fire fight with an enemy soldier, was wounded in the arm by a sniper, but unmindful of his wound, he continued seeking out the rifleman and killed him. He then continued searching a church, refusing medical aid until his mission was accomplished. Later, while in the leading elements of his company, with which he had elected to remain, he was again wounded severely in the leg, necessitating his dropping out of the attack. However, until evacuated, Private McCabe continued to fire at the enemy. His great personal fortitude, and intense devotion to duty are a great credit to Private McCabe and the mili-

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tary service. Entered military service from Delaware.

Second Lieutenant Jean W. McDonough, 0534108, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When the 261st Infantry attacked across the Danube, Lieutenant McDonough, an artillery observer, proceeded with forward elements. The enemy, realizing the importance of Lieutenant McDonough's mission, fired upon him constantly. In making sensings, he was forced to stand up in full view of the enemy, drawing their immediate fire; despite this he continued to transmit fire missions. On one occasion he dashed to the loft of a barn to locate a hostile force pinning down our men. An enemy artillery round damaged the barn, but Lieutenant McDonough located the enemy's position and directed telling fire. During this period, the control he exercised over his men and his own heroic action were outstanding. Entered military service from Utah.

Technician Fifth Grade Roger E. Morin, 31400168, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 3 to 4 May 1945. Accompanying his battalion commander on a reconnaissance patrol, Technician Morin drove his vehicle almost continuously for forty hours, sometimes under heavy artillery fire. When the battalion commander crossed the Danube River with foot troops, Technician Morin was assigned to the Battalion Executive Officer with instructions to cross at the earliest opportunity. By his alertness and faithful attention to duty he succeeded in being the first to cross the river on a newly opened ferry. Technician Morin then drove the battalion commander and other officers on vitally important missions and on two occasions under enemy artillery fire. By his outstanding devotion to duty, Technician Morin had his vehicle ready at all times for the battalion commander's use. Entered military service from Maine.

Technical Sergeant George Murphy, 16001336, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neumarkt, Germany, on 22 April 1945. Volunteering to pursue the enemy escaping through the woods near Neumarkt, Sergeant Murphy, with five other volunteers set out and in a sharp engagement against a superior number of the enemy, emerged victorious as a result of his brilliant plan of attack. Sergeant Murphy showed no hesitation in exposing himself to the enemy soldiers who were armed with machine-guns and bazookas. By his action, he greatly facilitated his platoon's objective of clearing the woods. Sergeant Murphy's willingness to face danger and his quick thinking reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private Elmer A. Nazworthy, 38696760, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When the First Battalion, 261st Infantry, attacked across the Danube River, Private Nazworthy, an artillery liaison telephone operator, extended the only successful wire across the river and kept up communications with the supporting artillery. On several occasions the swift current of the river broke the line, but, despite the heavy enemy artillery and sniper fire around him, Private Nazworthy crossed the river each time and repaired the wire, finally

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eliminating his difficulty by ingeniously using a commercial line. Although forced by the enemy fire to operate from a prone position and at one time to cease transmitting and fight off the enemy, Private Nazworthy continued his work and made possible the needed artillery support. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Captain William J. Oates, 0390607, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. Captain Oates, Company "G" Commander, was reconnoitering the positions of "L" Company under incessant and deadly enemy fire prior to attack through that company. When his battalion commander countermanded his orders and ordered him to relieve "F" Company which was disorganized as a result of the loss of its leaders, Captain Oates ably led his men into position through a protective smoke screen, and despite the increased fire of the enemy, maintained complete control at all times through his efficient leadership. His thorough tactical knowledge and courageous leadership reflect great credit upon Captain Oates and the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

First Lieutenant Jay J. Piccinati, 01116247, Corps of Engineer 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. During the assault crossing of the Danube River Lieutenant Piccinati supervised landing operations of twenty assault boats on a sector of the beachhead. Through his efficient handling, all boats were launched and the first crossing of infantry elements came as a complete surprise to the enemy. As the battle progressed and the firing mounted, Lieutenant Piccinati's sector was constantly shelled by the enemy, repeatedly pinning down the boat crews. However, with relentless effort and personal bravery, he inspired his men to carry on and the result was an **unfaltering** supply line of men and munitions. Lieutenant Piccinati's leadership, perseverance and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Colorado.

Staff Sergeant Abraham Spanover, 32494837, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Treuf, Germany, on 20 April 1945. After being surprised by three enemy tanks, which killed and wounded several of his squad, Sergeant Spanover, a Company "C" squad leader, though wounded himself, ordered his squad to withdraw, while he stayed behind to care for the wounded. For two hours he crawled over flat open terrain which was subject to heavy enemy fire, administering first aid to the wounded. Despite the painfulness of his wound, and the constant enemy fire, he carried on until aid men arrived to evacuate the wounded. His aggressiveness, courage under fire and concern for his fellow soldiers bring great credit upon Sergeant Spanover and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Frank Tarr, 42100454, Medical Department 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany, from 20 April 1945 to 22 April 1945. Throughout the

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attack on Neumarkt, Private Tarr, a Company "K" aid man endangered his life repeatedly to save that of his comrades. When his platoon was pinned down by artillery fire on 20 April 1945, Private Tarr, oblivious to his own danger, moved about the field alone to treat the wounded. On 21 April 1945 when men were trapped under debris caused by a German anti-tank gun, Private Tarr braved the shell fire to rescue and treat the wounded men. His actions saved the lives of many of his comrades, and his intense devotion to the high traditions of the Medical Corps reflect great credit upon Private Tarr and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles L. Tillie, 35519160, Field Artillery, 868th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, near Regensburg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. While attempting to relay fire commands, Technician Tillie, discovered that his radio was not powerful enough to contact his artillery battery. Despite a barrage of enemy 88mm artillery, Technician Tillie, disregarding his personal safety, and in order to obtain maximum transmission range for his radio, moved to the crest of a hill which was in full view of enemy observation and subjected to severe enemy fire. Despite artillery fire and rifle fire, which struck the dirt beside him, Technician Tillie remained at his post and transmitted vital messages, aiding materially in the neutralization of the enemy. His courageous devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Technician Tillie and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Samuel O. Van Wegan, 39471556, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operation against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany on 22 April 1945. When "time" artillery and mortar fire fell with such intensity upon his mortar position that his squad leader ordered all men to seek cover, Private Van Wegan, second gunner, voluntarily remained at his weapon. Despite the artillery fire bursting within twenty yards of him, before seeking safety for himself, Private Van Wegan deliberately adjusted his mortar upon a machine-gun nest and succeeded in wiping it out. Then he turned his fire on a house from which snipers were firing on forward elements and silenced that enemy threat. Private Van Wegan's courageous devotion to duty and his voluntary disregard of personal safety enabled the rifle platoon which his squad was supporting to continue its advance. Entered military service from Washington.

Major Stanley M. Walker, 0336913, Coast Artillery Corps-Anti-Aircraft, Headquarters, 546th Anti-Aircraft Artillery, Automatic Weapons Battalion Mobile. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Forced by a last minute order to move the gun positions of his Anti-aircraft Battalion, Major Walker, Battalion S-3, completed a very difficult reconnaissance in an exceedingly short time. Accomplishing this operation in masterly fashion, placed his guns in the most advantageous positions for both air and ground targets so as to provide maximum support to the 261st Infantry in its assault crossing of the Danube River. During the operation, Major Walker was subjected to fierce enemy artillery and mortar fire, but nevertheless moved courageously from gun to gun, directing their fire, and at all times providing encouragement to his men. As a result of his courageous leadership, Major Walker accomplished his mission in a highly

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successful manner. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Raymond A. Wank, 36981328, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany, on 22 April 1945. When "time" artillery and mortar fire fell with such intensity upon his mortar position that his squad leader ordered all men to seek cover, Private Wank, first gunner, voluntarily remained at his weapon. Despite the artillery fire bursting within twenty yards of him, Private Wank, before seeking safety for himself, deliberately adjusted his mortar upon a machine-gun nest and succeeded in wiping it out. Then he turned his attention to a house from which snipers were firing on forward elements and silenced that enemy threat. Private Wank's courageous devotion to duty and his voluntary disregard of personal safety enabled the rifle platoon which his squad was supporting to continue its advance. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Charles M. Warner, 13107434, Field Artillery, 868th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Lartenhofen, Germany, on 19 April 1945. When the forward observation section of his unit became lost and encountered an enemy machine-gun section of ten men, Corporal Warner, a driver for the observation section, displayed great presence of mind by turning his vehicle around (with trailer attached). Then driving slowly, he permitted each man in his section sufficient time to leave his meager cover and mount the vehicle. This action took place in full view of enemy soldiers and at a time when they were hastily assembling their two machine guns. Corporal Warner took this action in spite of the imminent danger of fire from the enemy. Through his decisive action and initiative, Corporal Warner was able to withdraw all men in his section to safety. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Hazen E. Wheelock, 31222279, Field Artillery, 720th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Samesleiten, Austria, on 2 May 1945. Private Wheelock, a Howitzer crewman, and a companion were making a rear check of the Battalion's flank when they discovered a barn which contained German vehicles. As they approached the building they were observed by a German soldier who quickly dashed back into the doorway. Rather than allow the enemy time to defend itself and figuring on the element of surprise, Private Wheelock and his comrade, dashed into the building and captured twenty-two German soldiers and their three officers, before they could fully arm themselves. The courage and aggressiveness shown by Private Wheelock reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maine.

III - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Oak Leaf Cluster)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Private First Class Alving De Rouen, (Army Serial No. 204600) Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in Austria on 3 May 1945.

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IV - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to:

First Lieutenant William A. O'Quinn, (Army Serial Number 01322167, Infantry, United States Army, for injuries received in Germany on 27 March 1945.

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So much of General Order No 13, this headquarters, 12 April 1945, as awards the Purple Heart to Staff Sergeant George W. Clark, 20212587, is revoked.

By command of Major General REINHART:

WILLIAM J. EPES
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Master Sergeant Harold W. Ashworth, 39027678, Signal Corps, 565th Signal Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria, from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Utah.

Private First Class Frank M. Bergin, (then Private), 6899951, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Linz, Austria, on 5 May 1945. When, in a search for a suitable Prisoner of War enclosure for the Division, a group of German troops was found surrounded in the Herman Goering Werke by a mob of armed displaced personnel, Private Bergin and a reconnaissance detail brought about the surrender of the Germans and held off the attacks of the mob until outside assistance was obtained. Throughout the night, Private Bergin manned a position of fire control and on several occasions engaged in fire fights with the mob, succeeding in repelling all the attacks and preserving the factory from vandalism. Private Bergin's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Leopold A. Bilancia, 12161818, Signal Corps, 565th Signal Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria, from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private John Bologh, 35931450, Signal Corps, 565th Signal Company. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Heining, Germany, 1 May 1945. When he and a companion, travelling over a dangerous road to the Division Command Post at Furstonzel, ran into some enemy soldiers, Private Bologh took many of them prisoner, but lost all but two when his submachine-gun jammed during a brief skirmish. Forced to seek cover when fired upon by enemy mortars, he joined a platoon of infantry which had found shelter in a barn. Private Bologh volunteered to attack the enemy CP three hundred yards distant, but was ordered to remain behind because he was a Signal Corps man. Private Bologh's courage and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Private Frederic B. Burger, 36821373, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Linz, Austria, on 5 May 1945. When, in a search for a suitable Prisoner of War enclosure for the Division, a group of German troops was found surrounded in the Herman Goering Werke by a mob of armed displaced personnel, Private Burger and a reconnaissance detail brought about the surrender of the Germans and held off the attacks of the mob until outside assistance was obtained. Throughout the night, Private Burger manned a position of fire control and on several occasions engaged in fire fights with the mob, succeeding in repelling all the attacks and preserving the factory from vandalism. Private Burger's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Captain Hallis E. Button, 0451527, Field Artillery, Headquarters 65th Division Artillery. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, not involving participation in aerial flight, in Germany and Austria, from 8 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Technical Sergeant Michael F. Clarkson, 20914470, Signal Corps, 565th Signal Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria, from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fourth Grade Shirley E. Conway, 35698020, Ordnance Department, 765th Ordnance (LM) Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert E. Courtado, 35271596, Ordnance Department, 765th Ordnance (LM) Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technical Sergeant William G. Flournoy, 33517896, Infantry, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France and Germany from 8 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade Dwight Hastings, 35736048, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. In the performance of his duty as driver for the Commanding General's pilot jeep, Technician Hastings displayed untiring devotion to duty and outstanding valor under combat conditions. Through his superior skill Technician Hastings always succeeded in driving the Commanding General to the critical points of combat in the Division zone of action. He accomplished this task in spite of traffic-choked roads, cross country travel, road blocks, and poor road beds. He also performed guard duty at night at the Commanding General's Battle Command Post. Technician Hastings' courage, initiative and willingness to cooperate regardless of the demands made upon him reflect great credit upon him-

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self and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade James C. Hill, Jr., 34842986, Signal Corps, 565th Signal Company. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Heining, Germany, on 1 May 1945. When he and a companion, travelling over a dangerous road to the Division CP at Furstonzel, ran into some enemy soldiers, Technician Hill took several prisoners, but lost them when he ran to the aid of his companion whose machine-gun had jammed. Forced to seek cover when fired upon by enemy mortars, he joined a platoon of infantry which had found shelter in a barn. Technician Hill volunteered to attack the enemy CP three hundred yards distant, but was ordered to stay behind because he was a Signal Corps man. Technician Hill's courage and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Grant E. Holmes, 15354176, Signal Corps, 565th Signal Company. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in Germany from 14 March 1945 to 28 March 1945. During the advance from Saarlautern to Muhlhausen, Sergeant Holmes, a Construction Wire Team Chief, met and overcame many obstacles in maintaining communication wire while under almost continual enemy shelling. Often working without sleep, he directed his crew in repairing lines and replacing blasted lines, while under counter-artillery barrages. He also ran new wires while being observed and fired at by the enemy. With practically no sleep for four days, he and four of his men laid lines from Neunkirchen to Saarlautern and from there to Muhlhausen. His outstanding performance in supervising wire communications and his devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Sergeant Holmes and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Francis J. Hunt, 36340234, Corps of Military Police, 65th Military Police Platoon. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria, from 10 March 1945 to 10 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Stanley C. Jennings, 36890963, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 5 May 1945. In the performance of his duty as driver for the Commanding General's pilot jeep, Private Jennings, displayed untiring devotion to duty and outstanding valor under combat conditions. Through his superior skill Private Jennings always succeeded in driving the Commanding General to the critical points of combat in the Division zone of attraction. He accomplished this task in spite of traffic-choked road nets, cross country travel, road blocks, and poor road beds. He also performed guard duty at night at the Commanding General's Battle Command Post. Private Jennings' courage, initiative and willingness to cooperate regardless of the demands made upon him reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Erick W. Johnson, 19025587, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 17 March 1945 to 3 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

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Private First Class Walter G. Lehr, 36636405, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Linz, Austria, on 5 May 1945. When, in a search for a suitable Prisoner of War enclosure for the Division, a group of German troops was found surrounded in the Herman Goering Werke by a mob of armed displaced personnel, Private Lehr and a reconnaissance detail brought about the surrender of the Germans and held off the attacks of the mob until outside assistance was obtained. Throughout the night, Private Lehr manned a position of fire control and on several occasions engaged in fire fights with the mob, succeeding in repelling all the attacks and preserving the factory from vandalism. Private Lehr's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Frank O. Lewis, 42014037, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Linz, Austria, on 5 May 1945. When, in a search for a suitable Prisoner of War enclosure for the Division, a group of German troops was found surrounded in the Herman Goering Werke by a mob of armed displaced personnel, Private Lewis and a reconnaissance detail brought about the surrender of the Germans and held off the attacks of the mob until outside assistance was obtained. Throughout the night, Private Lewis manned a position of fire control and on several occasions engaged in fire fights with the mob, succeeding in repelling all the attacks and preserving the factory from vandalism. Private Lewis' courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Joseph Maiorana, 35316069, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 5 May 1945. During this period Private Maiorana displayed unusual skill, bravery and initiative in the performance of his duty of protecting the Commanding General and his party from aerial attack. On one occasion when a regimental command post was being strafed by an enemy plane Private Maiorana, disregarding his own safety, and concerned only with the safety of his senior officers nearby, successfully tracked and shot down the plane. In addition to his regular duties he was frequently called upon to perform guard duty at the General's Command Post. Private Maiorana's initiative, courage and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Master Sergeant Norris V. Marsh, 37190559, Infantry, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria, from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technical Sergeant Leonard M. Martens, 37118840, Ordnance Department, 65th Ordnance Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France and Germany from 7 March 1945 to 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

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First Lieutenant Dorman B. McShan, 01638054, Signal Corps, 565th Signal Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New Mexico.

First Lieutenant Mañ D. Napper, 0315388, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Linz, Austria, on 5 May 1945. Upon entering the Herman Goering Werke and discovering it full of armed Germans, Lieutenant Napper, in command of a detail of ten men, demanded and received a surrender from the Commandant. Discovering that a huge mob of displaced personnel were besieging the factory, Lieutenant Napper went to work to defend it from vandalism and protect his prisoners. He and his squad held off the mob throughout the night until assistance could be obtained. Through his coolheadedness, the entire factory was saved for Allied use. The courage and quick thinking of Lieutenant Napper are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wyoming.

Corporal Herbert W. O'Donnell, 31422501, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Linz, Austria, on 5 May 1945. When in a search for a suitable Prisoner of War enclosure for the Division, a group of German troops was found surrounded in the Herman Goering Werke by a mob of armed displaced personnel. Corporal O'Donnell and a reconnaissance detail brought about the surrender of the Germans and held off the attacks of the mob until outside assistance was obtained. Throughout the night, Corporal O'Donnell manned a position of fire control and on several occasions engaged in fire fights with the mob, succeeding in repelling all the attacks and preserving the factory from vandalism. Corporal O'Donnell's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private Ralph M. Payton, 37437485, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Linz, Austria, on 5 May 1945. When, in a search for a suitable Prisoner of War enclosure for the Division, a group of German troops was found surrounded in the Herman Goering Werke by a mob of armed displaced personnel, Private Payton and a reconnaissance detail brought about the surrender of the Germans and held off the attacks of the mob until outside assistance was obtained. Throughout the night, Private Payton manned a position of fire control and on several occasions engaged in fire fights with the mob, succeeding in repelling all the attacks and preserving the factory from vandalism. Private Payton's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class Albert Puzzo, 31421053, Infantry, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria, from 27 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Master Sergeant Kenneth V. Rosen, 37021648, Medical Department, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private Raymond E. Scott, 35224583, Signal Corps, 565th Signal Company. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Furstonzell, Germany, on 3 May 1945. Taking it upon himself to examine a suspicious-looking German Red Cross Van, which was attempting to leave the town occupied by his unit, Private Scott refused to honor the certificate of disability shown him by an enemy non-commissioned officer. Insisting upon searching the vehicle, Private Scott found and captured nine fully armed German troopers, who were concealed in the truck. Then, while searching the hospital from whence the truck had come, Private Scott was instrumental in disclosing additional weapons, which undoubtedly would have been turned against his comrades at a later date. Private Scott's alertness and outstanding initiative reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class James M. Sheetz, Jr., 13157344, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 5 May 1945. During this period, Private Sheetz, in his duty of guarding the Commanding General at all times, displayed outstanding valor, untiring devotion to duty, and exceptional initiative. Private Sheetz was often required to remain alert and on duty for long periods of time, with little or no rest, and serve often under enemy fire. His willing disposition and initiative in anticipating the Commanding General's needs enabled him to complete in a superior manner the missions assigned him. Private Sheetz's devotion to duty, unwavering loyalty and unusual adaptability to new situations are a great credit to himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Benjamin B. Snow, Jr., 31390715, Infantry, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France and Germany from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private Robert N. Strauss, 12227500, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Linz, Austria, on 5 May 1945. When, a group of German troops was found surrounded in the Herman Goering Werke by a mob of armed displaced personnel, Private Strauss and a reconnaissance detail brought about the surrender of the Germans and held off the attacks of the mob until outside assistance was obtained. Throughout the night, Private Strauss manned a position of fire control and on several occasions engaged in fire fights with the mob, succeeding in repelling all the attacks and preserving the factory from vandalism. Private Strauss' courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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Staff Sergeant Arthur L. Strickland, 39215716, Signal Corps, 565th Signal Company. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Saarlautern, Germany, from 6 March 1945 to 9 March 1945. When the 65th Infantry Division took over positions occupied by the 26th Infantry Division, Sergeant Strickland was in charge of a nine-man wire crew working with the 260th Infantry. His mission was to adapt existing wire communications to the requirements of the 65th Infantry Division. For three days the team continually laid wire, spliced, repaired and tested lines which were broken hourly by enemy artillery fire. Disregarding his own safety while under constant enemy fire, Sergeant Strickland supervised the laying of thirty miles of wire. While engaged in this mission Sergeant Strickland was wounded by shellfire. His courageous leadership and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Sergeant Strickland and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

Staff Sergeant James M. Thames, Jr., 34625546, Infantry, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria, from 5 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private Clifton H. Wedel, 39469962, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Linz, Austria, on 5 May 1945. When, in a search for a suitable Prisoner of War enclosure for the Division, a group of German troops was found surrounded in the Herman Goering Werke by a mob of armed displaced personnel, Private Wedel and a reconnaissance detail brought about the surrender of the Germans and held off the attacks of the mob until outside assistance was obtained. Throughout the night, Private Wedel manned a position of fire control and on several occasions engaged in fire fights with the mob, succeeding in repelling all the attacks and preserving the factory from vandalism. Private Wedel's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

First Lieutenant Raymond M. Wheeler, 01287799, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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APO 800, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS

26 May 1945

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ORIGINAL ORDER # 217

General Orders No. ~~35~~ (Award of Bronze Star Medal) and General Orders No. ~~36~~ (Award of Legion of Merit - Degree of Legionnaire), this headquarters, cs, are revoked.

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HEADQUARTERS 65TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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27 May 1945

GENERAL ORDERS

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ORIGINAL ORDER 1 with

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Howard C. Anderson, O337165, Finance Department, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France and Germany from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Lieutenant Colonel John C. Boesch, O341206, Ordnance Department, 765th Ordnance (LA) Company, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Lieutenant Colonel Burnett J. Brown, O384169, Adjutant General's Department, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France and Germany from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Idaho.

Lieutenant Colonel Donald A. Carls, O20953, Medical Corps, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Lieutenant Colonel Paul G. Cramer, O254323, Quartermaster Corps, 65th Quartermaster Company, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

Captain Albert H. Fiedler, O363418, Infantry, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Major Charles H. Gardner, O27305, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Captain Bruce L. Garrett, O1296359, Infantry, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 18 April 1945. Entered military service from New Mexico.

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Captain Clifton M. Griffen, 01305046, Infantry, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Major Charles D. Monsson, 0242569, Field Artillery, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Lieutenant Colonel John Ritchie III, 0911465, Judge Advocate General's Department, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Captain Einar Watten, 01280502, Finance Department, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France and Germany from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Lieutenant Colonel Fred N. Whiting, 0233075, Inspector General's Department, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from North Dakota.

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GENERAL ORDER

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- SECTION VI - AWARD OF SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (Posthumous Award)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

First Lieutenant Walter H. Christensen, 0552405, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For gallantry in action near Treuf, Germany, on 20 April 1945. Lieutenant Christensen, while reorganizing his platoon in Treuf, saw three enemy tanks in a defiladed position suddenly commence firing on his platoon. In an effort to relieve the pressure on their platoon and despite intense 75mm, machine-gun and sniper fire, Lieutenant Christensen and his bazooka team attempted to work their way to the left of the tanks for an effective firing position. While endeavoring to reach his goal, Lieutenant Christensen was killed by a fragment from a 75mm shell. The courageous action and undaunted spirit of Lieutenant Christensen in the face of enemy fire reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant George B. Hughes, Jr., 0557042, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For gallantry in action near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 25 and 26 April 1945. Lieutenant Hughes, in his duties of supervising a sector of the Danube River assault crossing, effected the transportation of assault boats, and their subsequent launching, without detection by the enemy. This was accomplished despite hostile activity which could be plainly heard on the opposite bank. Then, throughout the day, Lieutenant Hughes braved incessant heavy enemy artillery and sniper fire, to expedite the transportation of ammunition and removal of casualties. Lieutenant Hughes' courage under fire and his inspiring leadership reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant Richard M. Morris, 35895959, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Fraulautern, Germany, on 8 March 1945. While repairing "C" Company's wire communications to forward CPs, Sergeant Morris was repeatedly forced to seek momentary shelter from deadly mortar fire which rained upon him. However, after particularly fierce bursts had pinned him down, Sergeant Morris, realizing that communications were vital, ordered a man with him to contact the CP in case Sergeant Morris became a casualty, and voluntarily left his covered position to move forward to the broken line. At this time, enemy fire fatally wounded Sergeant Morris. His outstanding valor in the face of known danger and calm acceptance of his mission reflect the greatest credit upon Sergeant Morris and the military service.

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II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade Charles F. Gross, 42050707, Medical Department, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For gallantry in action near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. During the 65th Infantry Division's assault crossing of the Danube River, Technician Gross constantly exceeded the requirements of his duty in endangering his life to save those of his comrades. Taking only momentary shelter against particularly withering blasts of fire, he repeatedly ran through shell fire, in order to answer the familiar cry of "medic". Time after time Technician Gross aided in the evacuation of wounded men, directing jeeps, leading other aid men to the casualties and assisting litter bearers. His inspiring devotion to the creed of the Medical Corps is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Grady T. Wigley, Jr., 34831190, Medical Department, 259th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Fraulautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. When elements of his platoon, moving forward into Fraulautern, investigated cries for aid, a trip flare was ignited and waiting enemy weapons began a terrific barrage of 88mm, mortar, machine-gun, and small arms fire. Disregarding the intense rain of shells, Technician Wigley, a Company "B" aid man, volunteered, despite the mine field confronting him, to go to the aid of the men who had been calling for assistance. Alternately crawling, and rushing from shellhole to shellhole, Technician Wigley reached the wounded men and administered first aid. Then, throughout the night, during which time the enemy laid down continuous barrages, Technician Wigley remained with the casualties, leaving them the next morning only to return with litter bearers and effect their evacuation. Entered military service from Georgia.

III - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Valdymir L. Slovak, 38095184, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy at Landivid, Austria, on 8 May 1945. Sergeant Slovak, hearing terrified screams from the basement of the house in which he was billeted, ran downstairs, and battered down the door of a room, from which the shouts were emanating. Discovering the room in flames, Sergeant Slovak, with complete disregard of the searing flames, groped around the floor, until he found a prostrate soldier, whom he dragged out of the room. Leaving others to administer first aid, Sergeant Slovak then returned to the burning room and extinguished the flames. By his quick thinking and heroic action Sergeant Slovak saved a fellow soldier from serious or fatal burns. Entered military service from Texas.

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AGRS-30-6 SER Gross, Charles F.
L2 GPO 707 (2 Sep 51)

10 October 1951

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. Charles F. Gross
8718 Edge Boulevard
Brooklyn 9, New York

Re issue of General Orders Number 37, Headquarters 69th
Infantry Division, dated 30 May 1945, as pertains to the award
of the Silver Star to Technician Fifth Grade Charles F. Gross,
L2 GPO 707, is amended to read: "Technician Fifth Grade Charles F.
Gross, L2 GPO 707."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

WAL
Adjutant General

(GO No. 37, Hq 65th Inf Div, APO 200, 30 May 1945 (at'd))

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Oak Leaf Cluster)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade Albert T. Hedrick, 39215926, Field Artillery, 868th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Regensburg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When his leader was evacuated because of wounds, Technician Hedrick, a radio operator with an Artillery Liaison Section operating with forward elements of the 260th Infantry, volunteered to attempt directing his artillery battery although he had never before adjusted fire. Braving continuous fire and dragging his radio, Technician Hedrick crawled to a forward observation point, and, by his capable fire control, silenced machine-guns pinning down two rifle companies and later neutralized six enemy mortars. His courage under fire, and calm undertaking of a highly technical duty aided materially in the Infantry Battalion's mission and are a great credit to Technician Hedrick and the armed forces. Entered military service from Washington.

Lieutenant Colonel Russell F. Paul, 0366721, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Neuhaus, Germany, on 2 May 1945. Assigned the mission of ascertaining damage to a partially destroyed bridge, Colonel Paul, with selected companies of the 265th Engineer (C) Battalion, made a reconnaissance of the Inn River area. Colonel Paul decided to employ the only available assault boats and attempt a crossing. Having emplaced machine-guns to provide fire cover, he notified the 261st Infantry that the Engineers were ready to assist the crossing. Undergoing intermittent machine-gun fire, Colonel Paul directed effective counter-fire, proceeded to locate a more favorable boat launching site, and continued to coordinate Infantry crossings throughout the night. Colonel Paul's daring and skillful leadership materially assisted in the successful movement of the Division, with only one soldier sustaining a wound. Entered military service from New York.

Captain Robert G. Schaefer, 0396341, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 7 March to 27 April 1945. When the Division attacked across the Saar River, the attack was an entire success primarily because of Captain Schaefer's thorough interrogation of prisoners beforehand which gained information on location, identification, strength, and armament of all units opposing the Division. During the Division's rapid advance from the Rhine to Mulhausen, Captain Schaefer, working under difficult conditions of rapid movements and inadequate communication facilities, procured valuable information of the enemy situation from prisoners. His identification of the enemy defense system south of the Danube was of inestimable value to the Division. His skill in interrogating prisoners and his tireless devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Captain Schaefer and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Captain Donald E. Simon, 024776, CAC, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States across the Saar and Danube Rivers during the period 7 March 1945 to 27 April 1945. In the Division's attack across the Saar River through the Siegfried Line, Captain Simon undertook the task of "pinpointing" all fortifications, mine fields, tactical road blocks and tank obstacles in the area. Disregarding his own safety he visited forward elements under heavy enemy fire in order to brief all personnel on this information. When the Division attacked south across the Danube

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River, Captain Simon, after completing his work of locating enemy installations on photographs of the area on the south bank, flew over the enemy lines and the area for the projected crossing to discover any enemy defenses which might hamper our attacking units. His perseverance and devotion to duty exemplify the Army's high standards. Entered military service from Nebraska.

V - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant Elmer A. Anderson, 37323673, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Treuf, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When his platoon leader was killed while leading the Second Platoon to the flank of enemy tanks, Sergeant Anderson, Platoon Sergeant, instantly assumed control of his men. Realizing that his position had become untenable, he ably led his men in a withdrawal through an intense bombardment from 75mm tank guns and mortar, machine-gun, and rifle fire. In controlling his unit during the withdrawal, Sergeant Anderson was forced to expose himself completely to the accurate enemy fire. Sergeant Anderson's calm appraisal of the situation and his decisive action undoubtedly resulted in saving the lives of many of his men. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Captain Everett M. Barlow, 01170638, Field Artillery, 867th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Helena, Germany, on 22 April 1945. When the First Battalion CP was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire, all personnel immediately took cover, with the exception of Captain Barlow, an Artillery Liaison Officer attached to the 259th Infantry. Realizing the dire need of transmitting fire control orders in order to silence the enemy battery, he remained in a completely open position, by his radio, to control the fire of his guns. Despite the fierce enemy barrage and flying fragments, which wounded five men, Captain Barlow remained at his post, until his battery's accurate fire had greatly reduced the enemy barrage upon friendly troops, and thus aided materially in the accomplishment of the Battalion's mission. Entered military service from New York.

Private William H. Birkholz, 42051995, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Wadgassen, Germany, on 9 March 1945. When infiltrating German patrols severed his company's communication wires, Sergeant Birkholz, Company "A" Communication Sergeant, fully realizing the dangers, immediately left the comparative safety of his position, and began to repair the lines. Following the wire and splicing breaks in complete blackout, he fixed the twenty-five lines in the company area of 3000 yards. Then, still under heavy mortar, machine-gun and rifle fire, he laid an alternate line to each telephone by a different route, in order to insure continuance of communications. Sergeant Birkholz's perseverance, courage and outstanding devotion to duty are a great credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Guy S. Calvin, 39842547, Infantry (Armored), 748th Tank Battalion. For heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Gross-Gerau, Germany, on 24 March 1945. The tank in which Technician Calvin served as driver was knocked out by enemy bazooka fire. After leaving the tank and seeking cover, he discovered that his wounded company commander and another crew member were lying in an exposed position. With utter disregard for his own safety and in the face of close range rifle and machine-gun fire, Technician Calvin rushed to the aid of the wounded men and assisted in moving them to cover where he administered first aid. Technician Calvin's

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conspicuous heroism and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Captain Curtis C. Crockett, 0307312, CE, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 6 March to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Romulus DeLuca, 31385769, Medical Department, 365th Medical Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 6 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Major Paul A. DeWitt, 0407784, Field Artillery, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division Artillery. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 8 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Major Thomas R. Flynn, 0452548, Field Artillery, 65th Division Artillery. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 8 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant John H. Gilmartin, 31126518, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant Kenneth H. Hanna, 01646057, Infantry, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Ererde, Germany, on 2 April 1945. While on a liaison mission Lieutenant Hanna and his driver, rounding a turn in the road, suddenly encountered about forty enemy soldiers crossing the road into the woods. Since it was impossible to turn around, Lieutenant Hanna instructed the driver to continue. Drawing his pistol, Lieutenant Hanna shot his way through the enemy, killing one at point-blank range and injuring another. The enemy returned the fire but failed to stop Lieutenant Hanna's vehicle. Through his prompt action, personal bravery and heroic devotion to duty, Lieutenant Hanna accomplished his mission. Entered military service from Iowa.

First Lieutenant William E. Hensley, 0519194, FA, 720th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria, from 6 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Harmon E. Holmes, 38020845, Infantry (armored), 748th Tank Battalion. For heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany, on 24 March 1945. During an attack on Wallerstadt, Germany, Sergeant Holmes, observing his Company Commander's tank knocked out by bazooka fire, moved his tank to a covered position, and dismounted in the face of heavy enemy small arms and machine-gun fire. Disregarding personal safety, Sergeant Holmes moved toward the disabled tank, and upon reaching it, found his Company Commander and a crew member seriously wounded. In spite of continuing intense enemy fire, he administered first aid to the wounded officer and enlisted man. His conspicuous heroism and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Sergeant Holmes and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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Private Lee A. Hornbeck, 6858468, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Grasofing, Germany, 26 April 1945. Realizing that the machine-gun section of which he was assistant gunner, was the only maneuvering element when the remainder of his company was pinned down by intense enemy machine-gun fire, Private Hornbeck moved his gun, over flat open terrain under a hail of machine-gun and small arms fire, to an effective position from which he returned fire upon the hostile automatic weapon. Forcing the enemy to retreat to another position 400 yards to the rear, Private Hornbeck then moved his gun into the enemy's old position and, by laying down a heavy base of fire, enabled his company to proceed forward. Entered military service from Colorado.

Sergeant Walter L. Hubbard, 34463379, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When the forward elements of the 261st Infantry, in their attack across the Danube, ran low on ammunition, Sergeant Hubbard, Service Company Ammunition Sergeant, repeatedly exposed himself to heavy enemy 88mm and small arms fire to insure the supply of vitally needed ammunition. Taking charge of an ammunition supply point, which was subjected constantly to enemy fire, Sergeant Hubbard devoted his whole-hearted attention to maintaining the flow of munitions across the river, and returning casualties and prisoners for evacuation. His disregard for personal safety and intense devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Sergeant Hubbard and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Major Clarence G. Hubbart, 0318374, Field Artillery, 65th Infantry Division Artillery. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 8 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Captain Robert M. Kennedy, 0406440, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 12 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Master Sergeant Joseph Kirschbaum, 33066919, Infantry, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 1 April 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Ralph L. Kreitzer, 31107057, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Fraulautern, Germany, on 12 March 1945. Upon hearing that a damaged jeep had been abandoned under enemy fire, Private Kreitzer, a driver working in the Regiment Motor Pool, volunteered to brave the fire and return the vehicle to service. Arriving on the scene he appraised the situation and, running toward the jeep, drew intense enemy mortar and small arms fire. Disregarding the veritable hail of fire, Private Kreitzer quickly repaired the jeep and drove it to safety, thus restoring a valuable vehicle desperately needed in the successful completion of military operations. Private Kreitzer's loyalty, courage, and ability are a great credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Captain James L. Lathan, 0363968, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April to 27 April 1945. During the 65th Infantry Division's Danube River crossing, Captain Lathan, Traffic Control

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Officer, was constantly on duty perfecting plans and directing movement of the Division from Kappelberg while the town was still under enemy fire of all types. Inasmuch as the poor roads in the area had been made even poorer by heavy rains, Captain Lathan was constantly forced to change routes to the bridge, but his thorough knowledge of the area road net enabled him to maintain a constant flow of traffic. Captain Lathan's courage, initiative and outstanding performance of duty are a great credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Ralph E. Leighton-Floyd, 17060198, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Grasofing, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Realizing that the machine-gun section of which he was the gunner, was the only maneuvering element when the remainder of the company was pinned down by intense enemy machine-gun fire, Private Leighton-Floyd moved his gun, over open flat terrain under a hail of machine-gun and small arms fire, to an effective position from which he returned fire upon the hostile automatic weapon. Forcing the enemy to retreat to another position 400 yards to the rear, Private Leighton-Floyd then moved his gun into the enemy's old position and, by laying down a heavy base of fire, enabled his company to proceed forward. Entered military service from Missouri.

Sergeant Millard F. Mattison, 32661756, Medical Department, 365th Medical Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria, from 6 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Gerald F. McCreary, 01111772, CE, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 6 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Captain Hector McLean, 0431365, Infantry, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Ittersdorf, Germany, from 5 March 1945 to 7 March 1945. During this period Captain McLean, a Division Liaison Officer, materially assisted in the successful relief of units of the 26th Infantry Division by units of the 65th Infantry Division in the Saarlautern Bridgehead. The relief was made on three consecutive nights in complete blackout and required careful coordination and utmost secrecy in moving troops and vehicles from the assembly point at Ittersdorf, Germany, down an open hillside well within range of enemy fire into Saarlautern. The skill and initiative displayed by Captain McLean in aiding the accomplishment of this mission reflect credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Sergeant William Mitrovich, 35026523, Medical Department, 365th Medical Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria, from 6 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Second Lieutenant Joe E. Morrow, 0557212, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Struth, Germany, on 7 April 1945. When Lieutenant Morrow's platoon was engaged in supporting "B" Company in an attack near Struth, two platoons of enemy soldiers were met on separate occasions. In the ensuing encounters both enemy groups were overcome without losses among our troops and with four Germans killed and thirty-five captured. During these conflicts Lieutenant Morrow demonstrated exceptional leadership and tactical knowledge by effecting surprise through the

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swiftness of his advance and by withholding fire until within twenty yards of the enemy. By bringing his platoon through unscathed, Lieutenant Morrow demonstrated qualities of leadership and ability which reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade William E. Mumford, Jr., 34854095, Signal Corps, 565th Signal Company. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Hattenbach, Germany. Technician Mumford, a Division motor messenger, distinguished himself during the three day period from 30 March to 1 April 1945 by diligent attendance to duty under hazardous conditions and with very little rest. On 30 March, moving across the Rhine River, he delivered messages night and day, in addition to standing guard. On 31 March and on 1 April, he ran messages between Laubach and Hattenbach, again on night and day duty. While delivering a message, his jeep crashed through a blown-out overpass, and he was injured, but the message was given a passing Engineer officer, who delivered it. His outstanding performance and his cheerful obedience to orders reflect great credit upon Technician Mumford and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Sergeant Richard M. Perin, 39344708, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Fraulautern, Germany, on 8 March 1945. Although his sergeant had just been killed while working on "C" Company's communication lines, Sergeant Perin volunteered to assume the duties of Communication Sergeant and carry on. Working throughout the remainder of the day, he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy artillery and mortar fire, his duties often forcing him to trace wires within twenty-five yards of the enemy. Through his efforts in laying a completely new net of communication wires, his unit was able to resume communications with their outlying elements. His valor, voluntary assumption of a most hazardous mission, and his disregard of personal danger are a great credit to Sergeant Perin and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

Master Sergeant Levi H. Poledna, 37071884, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant Joseph J. Rutkevicz, 31390192, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Neumarkt, Germany, on 21 April 1945. When his platoon suddenly came under heavy enemy artillery and automatic weapons fire, Sergeant Rutkevicz despite the lack of cover, stood upright in the face of the fire and directed the activity of his squads. By his courageous leadership in dashing forward into the hail of fire, he inspired his men to follow him, and, although receiving a shrapnel wound, he continued on, shouting orders and encouragement. When two men were wounded, Sergeant Rutkevicz went to their aid and, by heartening words, caused one to carry on and summoned aid for the other. Sergeant Rutkevicz' leadership bravery and fortitude exemplify the high traditions of the Army. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Private John W. Sanderson, 34854520, Signal Corps, 565th Signal Company. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Hattenbach, Germany. Private Sanderson, a Division motor messenger, distinguished himself during the three-day period from 30 March 1945 to 1 April 1945, by diligent attendance to duty under hazardous conditions and with very little rest. On 30 March, he delivered messages night and day, in addition to standing guard. On 31 March and on 1 April 1945, he ran messages between Laubach and Hattenbach, again on night and day duty. While delivering a message, his jeep crashed through a blown-out overpass, and he was injured--but the message was given a passing Engineer officer, who delivered it. His outstanding performance and his cheerful obedience to orders reflect great credit upon Private Sanderson and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Sergeant Leon J. Sidell, 36713911, Field Artillery, 868th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Regensburg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When his observation party with Company "E", 260th Infantry, was suddenly pounded by enemy mortar shells at the rate of ten rounds per minute, Sergeant Sidell continued to man his radio in an exposed position in order to maintain contact with the Fire Direction Center. In spite of the fact that the Infantry had sought cover in their foxholes and flying fragments of shells had dented his helmet, Sergeant Sidell continued unperturbed in his work, thereby greatly aiding in the neutralization of the enemy mortars. The courage and tenacity displayed by Sergeant Sidell in the face of considerable fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Coy M. Taylor, 38446406, CAC-AA, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion (Mbl). For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Saarlautern, Germany, from 7 March 1945 to 18 March 1945. During this time Private Taylor's unit had the mission of defending the bridge at Saarlautern. In the performance of his duty as field lineman, Private Taylor, disregarding his own safety, frequently exposed himself to the intense enemy fire. Twice his jeep was disabled by shrapnel from enemy artillery forcing him to proceed on foot, carrying repair equipment on his back. In order to maintain constant communications for his unit, Private Taylor often repaired broken lines within 500 yards of the enemy. His aggressive spirit and determined perseverance reflect great credit upon Private Taylor and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade William D. Taylor, 32647717, CAC-AA, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion (Mbl). For heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 7 March 1945 to 18 March 1945. During this period Technician Taylor, a field lineman with "B" Battery, repaired the wires between the anti-aircraft batteries, whenever they were cut by enemy mortar fire. This was important, as constant communication had to be maintained to warn of approaching hostile aircraft. In defending the Saarlautern Bridge, anti-aircraft positions were periodically undergoing enemy mortar barrages. Technician Taylor frequently exposed himself to this fire in order to repair wires, and twice, when his vehicle was disabled by shrapnel, he proceeded on foot to the broken lines. His disregard for personal safety and his devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Technician Taylor and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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Captain Archie S. Walker, 01048633, CAC-AA, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion (Mbl). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, and Germany from 14 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class James R. Watson, 31359341, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Abbach, Germany. When his platoon leader was cut down by enemy fire, Private Watson, a runner for the Second Platoon, Company "K", immediately dashed up the hill in search of the platoon sergeant to report the situation. He not only traversed the hill twice under a hail of enemy machine-gun and small arms fire, but later volunteered to restore radio contact with Company "I". To accomplish this he traveled the length of the hill twice again to deliver an important message and to bring back a radio man, thereby establishing radio contact with other units. The courage and devotion to duty of Private Watson are worthy of the high traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Lieutenant Colonel Walter E. Willard, 0955406, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 8 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant William B. Williams, 01059103, CAC-AA, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery AW Battalion (Mbl). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, and Germany from 14 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Paul E. Woodard, 13034775, Infantry (armored), 748th Tank Battalion. For heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Gross-Gerau, Germany, on 24 March 1945. The tank in which Private Woodard served as assistant driver was knocked out by enemy bazooka fire. After leaving the tank and seeking cover, he discovered that his wounded company commander and another crew member were lying in an exposed position. With utter disregard for his own safety and in the face of close range rifle and machine-gun fire, Private Woodard rushed to the aid of the wounded men and assisted in moving them to cover where he administered first aid. Private Woodard's conspicuous heroism and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

VI - AWARD OF SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 25 April 1944, as supplemented, in addition to the Air Medal and bronze oak leaf cluster previously awarded, a second bronze oak leaf cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant George S. Wicker, FA, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in Germany on 24 April 1945. While engaged in a routine reconnaissance mission, Lieutenant Wicker, an artillery liaison observer, having been requested to observe two bridges at Kellheim, well behind enemy lines, made two crossings over the town at low level despite the heavy small arms and anti-aircraft fire which had shot down a P-51 earlier in the day. The information gained by

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Lieutenant Wicker's daring reconnaissance was invaluable to higher headquarters in determining future actions. Lieutenant Wicker's determination to acquire needed information despite all hazards and his disregard for personal safety in going far behind enemy lines in his light airship are highly commendable and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Frank T. Bukowski, 36396752, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action at Struth, Germany, on 7 April 1945. When his Tank Destroyer Battalion was attacked by a large enemy force, Sergeant Bukowski, deploying his platoon, remained with five men to defend the platoon CP. Armed only with rifles and carbines the group, under Sergeant Bukowski's direction, inflicted many enemy casualties until ammunition was exhausted. When about to be attacked by a tank, Sergeant Bukowski ordered a withdrawal to a nearby Infantry Platoon CP. Posting his men at windows he descended to the basement to obtain ammunition from the infantrymen. Finding they were contemplating surrender to the outnumbering enemy, he dissuaded them from their plan. Sergeant Bukowski's resourcefulness permitted continued resistance until relief arrived, and resulted in the death of thirty-five Germans without loss to his men. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private William H. Winburn, 18165893, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Fraulautern, Germany, from 7 March 1945 to 17 March 1945. During this period, Private Winburn volunteered on seven separate nights to act as a member of a reconnaissance patrol infiltrating enemy positions. Each night, he knowingly faced heavy machine-gun and small arms fire, and engaged the enemy in hand-to-hand combat. As he worked his way behind hostile positions Private Winburn was also subject to friendly barrages laid upon the enemy fortifications. On 17 March 1945, Private Winburn was instrumental in discovering an unknown pillbox and securing information which was of vital importance to his Regimental Commander, who was planning an attack for the following day. Private Winburn's courageous action, aggressiveness and initiative reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas. (conf)

Private First Class Vernon Winton, 34524662, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action in Struth, Germany, on 7 April 1945. Private Winton, a cannoneer on an M-36 Tank Destroyer, was ordered, together with the rest of the crew, to abandon the vehicle after it had been pierced by two rocket grenades. Observing that the driver was in a dazed condition, Private Winton, disregarding his personal safety, returned to the vehicle in the face of heavy small arms fire. Partially reviving the driver, he hauled him through the narrow front hatch and assisted him to the shelter of a nearby house. Private Winton's action, under the observation of no less than twenty heavily armed enemy troops, compelled the deepest admiration of his officers and comrades. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Private First Class Frank N. Biscottii, 33608815, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When the Second Platoon of Company "I" encountered heavy hostile sniper, machine-gun and artillery fire in its mission of clearing houses on the left flank of Neumarkt, Private Biscottii, an Automatic Rifleman of the Third Squad, made a direct assault upon the enemy lines with his weapon, meeting fire with fire and causing the death of two German soldiers. Inspired by his courageous action, the whole platoon followed him and succeeded in completely routing the enemy in this sector. His outstanding courage and the initiative he displayed under savage enemy fire reflect great credit upon Private Biscottii and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant William T. Coates, Jr., 14080855, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Fraulautern, Germany, on 7 March 1945. When his platoon was caught in an intense artillery surprise barrage while crossing an open bridge, Sergeant Coates returned to his comrades from the head of the column to reorganize them and aid their movement to safety. By his courageous example of calmness in the face of extremely hazardous fire, Sergeant Coates reassured the unwounded and directed them to safety. Then, denying cover for himself, he ran the gauntlet of enemy fire several times to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. Sergeant Coates, by his devotion to his fellow soldiers and courageous determination under fire, prevented further casualties in his platoon and enabled the rapid evacuation of the wounded. Entered military service from Florida.

Major George W. Cox, 0328582, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelburg, Germany, on 25-26 April 1945. Major Cox was assigned the mission of coordinating the Engineer troops used in making the assault crossing of the Danube River. During the operation, the crossing site was subjected to heavy enemy fire of all types. Throughout the entire operation Major Cox constantly disregarded his own safety and effectively directed the efforts of the Engineer troops from an exposed position. On two occasions rafts were blown completely out of the water. Each time Major Cox personally reorganized the raft building parties and by his heroic example under enemy shell fire kept the men at their task until the rafts were completed and put into operation. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Leon Dutil, 31219903, CAC-AA, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery AW Battalion (Mbl). For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Passau, Germany, on 2 May 1945. When the lead vehicle of an ammunition convoy in which Technician Dutil was driving was set afire by enemy bazooka and incendiary fire, the resulting congested traffic forced all trucks to halt and the exploding ammunition forced the drivers to cover. Realizing the essential nature of the equipment in his truck, Technician Dutil braved the inferno and hail of fire to return to his truck, turn it around and drive it to safety, thus preserving the equipment and

enabling his unit to provide proper anti-aircraft protection for the infantry elements. His courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the high standards of the military service. Entered military service from Maine.

Captain Sydney Feldman, 01312297, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 6 March 1945 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Private First Class Francis J. Finnegan, 32905392, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Neumarkt, Germany, on 22 April 1945. When the mortar squad, of which he was a member, entered an abandoned house to seek shelter from an enemy machine-gun, Private Finnegan, locating the machine-gun nest, ran to the second floor and, standing upright in an open window, opened fire with his trigger mortar. Immediately the enemy returned fire knocking off Private Finnegan's helmet. Undaunted, he fired again, this time routing the enemy gun crew and clearing the way for other mortar sections who had been pinned down. Private Finnegan, by his display of courage and initiative, assisted materially in the advance of his company. His courage and aggressiveness are in keeping with the high standards of the Army. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Leslie H. French, 39139441, CAC-AA, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery AW Battalion (Mbl). For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Passau, Germany, on 2 May 1945. When the lead vehicle of the convoy in which Private French was driving was set afire by enemy bazooka and incendiary fire, the resulting congested traffic forced all trucks to halt and the exploding ammunition forced the drivers to cover. Realizing the essential nature of the equipment in his truck, Private French braved the inferno and the hail of fire to return to his truck, turn it around and drive it to safety, thus preserving the equipment and enabling his unit to provide proper anti-aircraft protection for the infantry elements. His courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the high standards of the military service. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Robert F. Holmes, 37412151, CAC, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery AW Battalion (Mbl). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, and Germany, from 14 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Sergeant Robert P. Hughes, 39716478, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of Kappelburg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. While participating in the Danube River crossing, Sergeant Hughes, an assault boat commander, and his unloading party, were subjected to heavy enemy shell and sniper fire. With the outburst of the shelling, the working party broke and ran for cover. Sergeant Hughes, seeing the need for additional troops across the river, remained at his post at the risk of his life and urged the men to return to their job so that the direly needed troops could be landed on the enemy shore. Sergeant Hughes' heroic action forestalled an impending delay and materially aided four boatloads of Infantrymen to secure and expand their bridgehead. Entered military service from Arizona.

Corporal Clarence W. Hunt, 34501432, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Struth, Germany, on 7 April 1945. When the M-36 Tank Destroyer on which he was a gunner was attacked by German Infantry, Corporal Hunt's alertness and courage helped materially in the successful defense of his vehicle against several attempted rocket grenade attacks. While the Tank Destroyer was outmaneuvering enemy self-propelled gun fire, a second gun suddenly bore down upon it. With the lives of the entire crew in his hands, Corporal Hunt quickly traversed, fired and blew the second gun apart. Due in great measure to his bravery and skill, the Tank Destroyer was able to continue its successful harassing of the enemy and, by its invaluable radio communication between elements of our forces, reduced casualties to a minimum. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Sergeant Louis A. Jones, 37658543, CAC, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery AW Battalion (Mbl). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium and Germany from 14 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Richard L. Lehman, 35548394, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Koppelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. During the process of ferrying supplies across the Danube River, when his boats were subjected to a terrific barrage of 88mm shells, Sergeant Lehman, directing the ferrying, ordered his boats to retire until the barrage lifted. However, he remained behind with the volunteer crew of two boats to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. While still subjected to the heavy barrage, he worked faithfully to get the wounded across the river to safety, and continued until the last soldier had been evacuated. His conspicuous courage and solicitude for his fellow soldiers reflect great credit upon Sergeant Lehman and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Fidel B. Maestas, 39715169, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Struth, Germany, on 7 April 1945. Two Infantry companies and the Tank Destroyer platoon, of which Private Maestas was a member, were surrounded and attacked by an estimated one thousand heavily armed German troops, supported by sixteen tanks and self-propelled guns. Fighting from windows of two different houses, and armed only with his rifle, Private Maestas killed seven enemy soldiers during the bitter fighting. He fought continuously with the beleaguered American forces until they were relieved more than twelve hours later. During this time his calm demeanor, accurate marksmanship, skill and courage contributed greatly to the successful stand made by our troops. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Lawrence J. Marsili, 39130144, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Struth, Germany, on 7 April 1945. Two Infantry companies and the Tank Destroyer platoon, of which Private Marsili was a member, were surrounded and attacked by an estimated one thousand heavily armed German troops, supported by sixteen tanks and self-propelled guns. Fighting from windows of two different houses, and armed only with his rifle, Private Marsili killed nine enemy soldiers during the bitter fighting. He fought continuously with the beleaguered American forces until they were relieved more than twelve hours later. During this time his calm demeanor, accurate marksmanship, skill and courage contributed greatly to the successful stand made by our troops. Entered military service from

First Lieutenant William H. Morschauer, O-220, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria, from 6 March 1945 to 12 May 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Robert F. Patton, 14116643, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France and Germany from 10 March 1945 to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade Neyron R. Pomeroy, 37658507, CAC, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion (Mbl). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium and Germany, from 14 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Johnny R. Richardson, 38105616, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 7 March 1945. When intense artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire fell upon the Saar River bridge which his platoon was crossing, Sergeant Richardson, the Platoon Guide, voluntarily returned to the bridge in spite of the hail of fire, in order to aid his wounded comrades. Fearlessly disregarding the danger to himself, he moved from man to man on the open bridge, administering first aid, and assisting in evacuation. Sergeant Richardson did not leave the exposed position until all wounded had been removed to safety. His heroism in endangering his own life to save that of his fellow soldiers reflects the greatest credit upon Sergeant Richardson and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Duane E. Roberts, 39281334, CAC-AA, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery AW Battalion (Mbl). For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelfung, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Assigned the mission of delivering supporting fire during the 261st Infantry's attack across the Danube River, Sergeant Roberts, commanding a 40mm gun crew, found his position subjected to intense enemy machine-gun, mortar, artillery and sniper fire. Disregarding his personal safety, Sergeant Roberts, in order to eliminate the counter-fire and to increase the effectiveness of his gun, took up a position outside his gun pit and directed fire upon the enemy positions harassing our forces. With exceptional courage and self-possession he remained at his post until his mission was successfully accomplished. Sergeant Robert's initiative, ability and bravery reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Milton B. Rosenblume, 42054497, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 10 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Mark A. Sink, 01894733, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 7 March 1945. When his platoon was caught in an intense artillery surprise barrage while crossing an open bridge, Lieutenant Sink returned to his men from the head of the column to reorganize and move them to safety. By his courageous example of calmness in the face of extremely hazardous fire, Lieutenant Sink reassured the unwounded men and directed them to safety. Then, denying cover for himself, he again returned to the bridge through the flying

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fragments from shell bursts and began evacuating the wounded. Through his devoted leadership and coolness under fire, Lieutenant Zink prevented further casualties in his platoon and enabled the rapid evacuation of the wounded. Entered military service from Indiana.

Sergeant Arthur D. Street, 39076127, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

Major Jack H. Tribble, 0329715, CAC-AA, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery AW Battalion (Mbl). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 1 March 1945 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Chan Worley, 34594910, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Struth, Germany, on 7 April 1945. Two Infantry companies and the Tank Destroyer platoon, of which Private Worley was a member, were surrounded and attacked by an estimated one thousand heavily armed German troops, supported by sixteen tanks and self-propelled guns. Fighting from windows of two different houses, and armed only with his carbine, Private Worley killed eighteen enemy soldiers during the bitter fighting. He fought continuously with the beleaguered American forces until they were relieved more than twelve hours later. During this time his calm demeanor, accurate marksmanship, skill and courage contributed greatly to the successful stand made by our troops. Entered military service from North Carolina.

III - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named Enlisted Men for wounds received in Germany on dates indicated:

<u>RANK, NAME, ASN AND ORGN</u>	<u>DATE WOUNDED</u>
T/5 Ernest Aries, 39716974, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945
Pfc James J. Barnes, 36687243, 260th Infantry	13 April 1945
Pfc John J. Bloch, 42067300, 261st Infantry	7 April 1945
Pfc Norman E. Bolinger, 38665661, 260th Infantry	12 March 1945
1st Sgt Joseph Cohen, 42052287, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945
Pfc Edwin R. Evans, 39922434, 260th Infantry	12 March 1945
Pfc Alfred P. Holscher, 35879911, 868th FA Bn.	14 April 1945
S/Sgt Earl E. Holtz, 37697002, 260th Infantry	11 March 1945
S/Sgt Henry G. Leerkamp, 6937627, 260th Infantry	20 March 1945
Pfc Robert J. Madden, 39341607, 868th FA Bn.	12 March 1945
Pfc Ramiro Martinez, 39691739, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945
S/Sgt Donald P. Muse, 18114270, 260th Infantry	20 March 1945
Pfc Joe Ruiz, 39586077, 261st Infantry	26 April 1945
S/Sgt James E. Smith, 34100598, 261st Infantry	7 April 1945
Sgt Charles H. Sutton, Jr., 42080976, 261st Infantry	26 April 1945
SSgt Clarence R. Walters, 38030004, 260th Infantry	26 April 1945
T/4 Milton E. Walters, 34524418, 808th TD Bn.	26 April 1945
T/3 Joseph N. Weinmann, 37324285, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945
Pfc Ulys D. Williams, 37060720, 260th Infantry	10 March 1945
Pvt David L. Wise, 6901936, 260th Infantry	2 May 1945

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Private First Class Alfred H. O. Mattner, 42085511, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Fraulautern, Germany, from 7 March 1945 to 17 March 1945. During this period, Private Mattner volunteered on seven separate nights to act as a member of a reconnaissance patrol infiltrating enemy positions. Each night, he knowingly faced heavy machine-gun and small arms fire, and engaged the enemy in hand-to-hand combat. On 17 March 1945, Private Mattner was wounded by a machine-gun bullet which passed completely through his abdomen. Refusing to summon aid for fear of exposing the patrol to the enemy's close-range fire, Private Mattner administered first aid to himself and then laboriously crawled 900 yards through several uncharted mined areas to the Second Battalion Command Post. Here he refused medical attention until he had given details of minefields and hitherto unobserved machine-guns he had passed. As a result of Private Mattner's outstanding heroism and fortitude, crucially important information became available in time for a scheduled regimental attack. Entered military service from New Jersey.

II - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Private First Class Paul F. Vinson, 34918643, Infantry, 250th Infantry. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy of the United States on the Inns River near Inzing, Germany on 4 May 1945. When a boatload of men overturned in the Inns River, Private Vinson, standing at the river bank, heard the cries for help and without a moment's hesitation went to the rescue. Assisted by another soldier, he manned a small fishing boat and rowed across the swift flowing river to the scene of the accident. There were only two men remaining but after a considerable struggle, Private Vinson was able to effect their rescue. By his resourcefulness and quick action under extremely dangerous circumstances, Private Vinson saved the lives of two comrades. His outstanding courage and disregard for his own safety reflect great credit upon Private Vinson and the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technical Sergeant Frank C. O'Day, 12100371, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy of the United States on the Inns River near Inzing, Germany, on 4 May 1945. When a boatload of men overturned in the Inns River, Sergeant O'Day, standing at the river bank, heard the cries for help and without a moment's hesitation went to the rescue. Assisted by another soldier he manned a small fishing boat and rowed across the swift flowing river to the scene of the accident.

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III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR (Posthumous Award)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star is awarded Posthumously to:

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Private First Class Charles W. Weill, 39043942, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 26 March 1945. Engaged in clearing out enemy pillboxes, Private Weill heard a man moaning and feebly calling for help. Investigating, he discovered a wounded soldier who had been lying in an open area for two days, suffering from exposure, hunger and thirst. Private Weill sent back a messenger for aid and continued with his mission. Upon returning he learned that the aid men were unable to locate the victim and without thought of rest, volunteered to guide them to the spot. Engaged in this merciful errand, Private Weill set off a mine and was instantly killed. Private Weill's solicitude and self-sacrifice made a profound impression upon his comrades. Entered military service from California.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Harry M. Argus, 01321731, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany, and Austria from 10 March 1945 to 10 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Robert R. Avery, 19163011, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neuhaus, Germany, on 2 May 1945. While in process of deploying his platoon and setting up machine-gun installations to protect engineers who were repairing a bridge, Sergeant Avery was suddenly fired upon by enemy automatic weapons. Disregarding his personal safety he ran to an effective firing location and standing in an exposed position fired his BAR and silenced the menacing enemy gun. Returning to his platoon he so effectively directed the fire of his men that the fire from many other enemy installations was neutralized. By his heroic action and intelligent direction he enabled the engineers to proceed with their work and brought great distinction upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Ronald C. Bowshier, 20510633, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Abbach, Germany, on 26 April 1945. After two aid men were hit and forced to withdraw, while trying to rescue three wounded men lying in the direct field of machine-gun fire, Sergeant Bowshier, a Company "I" squad leader, voluntarily endangered his life to go to the aid of his comrades. Through the deadly machine-gun and rifle fire, Sergeant Bowshier made his way to the wounded men and directed their evacuation to safety. He then further assisted them to a Battalion Aid

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Station for immediate first aid. Sergeant Bowshier's outstanding valor and deep concern for the welfare of fellow soldiers are a great credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Captain Edward H. Ellis, Jr., 0340200, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Lohbach, Germany, on 25 April 1945. During a reconnaissance of locations for the crossing of the Danube River by the 260th Infantry Regiment, Captain Ellis, despite previous warning of strong enemy positions in the vicinity of Lohbach, participated in an infiltration of enemy lines, dispersed two enemy patrols and personally accounted for the capture of ten enemy soldiers. While reconnoitering the river bank for a suitable crossing site, Captain Ellis exposed himself to the enemy, purposely drawing their fire in order to determine their positions and strength. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Captain Ellis and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant Cloid Gatton, Jr., 37445103, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 25 April 1945. During a reconnaissance of sites for the crossing of the Danube River by the 260th Infantry, Sergeant Gatton, aware that the area was still in enemy possession nevertheless assisted in the routing of two enemy patrols and the capture of 45 enemy soldiers as his party infiltrated through enemy lines. Rejoining the party after disposing of the prisoners Sergeant Gatton walked along the shore not only to locate the best possible site, but also to draw enemy fire in order to determine its strength and location. As a result of his daring reconnaissance the entire 260th Infantry later crossed the river without casualty. Entered military service from Iowa.

Captain Lyle E. Howell, 01047599, CAC-AA, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion (Mbl). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, and Germany from 14 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Joseph R. Hudy, 36968158, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 6 March 1945 to 20 March 1945. In his capacity as assistant communications sergeant of Company "G", Sergeant Hudy maintained telephone communications between the company command post and the front line platoons. Each night during this period, and frequently during daylight hours, Sergeant Hudy laid wire and repaired continual breaks in telephone wires along open streets for a distance of 900 yards. By so doing he exposed himself continually to heavy artillery, mortar, machine-gun, automatic weapon and rifle fire, and yet miraculously escaped becoming a casualty himself. As a result of Sergeant Hudy's outstanding services, the vital communications of the company were maintained at all times. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Benjamin Lillich, Jr., 37736322, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When intense enemy fire from an unknown position forced his platoon to take immediate cover, Private Lillich ran in full view of the enemy across an open field toward a house, to ferret out the enemy's guns. Discovering the enemy to be located in the house, he rose from his meager cover and, despite enemy rounds striking his clothing, fearlessly returned fire with

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fire, employing tracers to designate the hostile weapons to his platoon, and thus enabling his comrades to open fire. Private Lillich's courage in the face of overwhelming danger and his quick initiative in searching out the enemy are a great credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Warren Lorie, 12229723, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 19 March 1945. Private Lorie volunteered as a member of a five-man patrol to examine and clear out houses in Saarlautern. Subjected to a heavy barrage from all sides, they were forced to withdraw to a building. Increased fire, which killed one man, forced them to withdraw still further. Private Lorie, wounded in both legs, insisted on remaining to cover the withdrawal with fire from his rifle. As a result of Private Lorie's fortitude and valor, the patrol's mission was successfully accomplished and information concerning previously unknown enemy positions was made available. Private Lorie's heroic devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Captain Charles M. McCrillis, 01165910, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 7 March 1945 to 10 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Alfred McKinney, 37471129, CAC, 546th AAA AW Battalion (Mbl). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Germany and Austria from 14 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Captain Burton E. McNeil, 01171674, Field Artillery, 868th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria, 7 March to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Nicholas Mercandante, 42131621, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When an enemy barrage of 88mm artillery shells became so intense that the Infantry and Engineers had to pull back for cover while in the act of crossing the Danube River, Private Mercandante, with no regard for personal safety, dashed across open ground to assist the medical aid man of his company. In providing assistance in the administration of first aid to a wounded man, Private Mercandante disregarded personal safety and the danger of sniper fire. He did not retire to safety until the wounded man had been removed from the area. His solicitude for his fellow soldier and high courage under fire reflect great credit upon Private Mercandante and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Major Van S. Merle-Smith, Jr., 0388017, Field Artillery, 867th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 9 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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Captain John E. Moore, 0361801, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 8 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

Sergeant Tom D. Pierce, Jr., 38138512, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 6 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Howard E. Raymond, 11079633, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. While Sergeant Raymond and his boat crew were engaged in the evacuation of wounded from the far side of the Danube River the enemy laid down such an intense barrage that all evacuation crews were ordered from the immediate area. Despite the extreme danger involved Sergeant Raymond volunteered to remain and proceed with his work. While the enemy barrage continued Sergeant Raymond, disregarding his own safety, made three trips across the river bringing back the wounded and carrying them to ambulances for evacuation from the fire zone. His courage and perseverance in his unselfish task reflect great credit upon Sergeant Raymond and the military service. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Second Lieutenant Edmund Rogers, Jr., 0557183, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria, from 24 March to 10 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant Frederick P. Ross, 01054382, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Abbach, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When his company met heavy opposition on the Danube River bridgehead, Lieutenant Ross, Company "K" Executive Officer, exposed himself continually to enemy fire, so that he could more ably direct the attack. His actions through the fierce fire fight inspired his men repeatedly, encouraging them onward. When his unit was pinned down and communications were cut off from adjoining units, Lieutenant Ross voluntarily raced through intense enemy fire to ascertain their exact location, and to inform supporting Artillery units of his company's position. That afternoon, he assumed command of the company and led it in searching out nearby woods. His outstanding leadership enabled his company to capture many prisoners without suffering any casualties. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Earl W. Schultz, 37566156, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 6 March 1945 to 20 March 1945. In his capacity as communications sergeant of Company "G", Sergeant Schultz maintained telephone communications between the company command post and the front line platoons. Each night during this period, and frequently during daylight hours, Sergeant Schultz laid wire and repaired continual breaks in telephone wires along open streets for a distance of 900 yards. By so doing he exposed himself continually to heavy artillery, mortar, machine-gun, automatic weapon and rifle fire, and yet miraculously escaped becoming a casualty himself. As a result of Sergeant Schultz's outstanding services, the vital communications of the company were maintained at all times. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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Captain James E. Silvey, 0318752, Field Artillery, 868th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria, from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Andrew Socha, 31382610, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. During the early phases of the Danube River bridgehead operations, Private Socha, a Company "C" driver, repeatedly braved intense enemy 88mm fire to deliver supplies to his unit. When a hostile barrage forced him to take cover, both he and an accompanying officer were seriously wounded. Disregarding his own painful wounds in the face and shoulder, Private Socha applied expert first aid to the officer, staunching the profuse flow of blood. Private Socha's bravery under fire and disregard of his own wounds are a great credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Sergeant Joseph J. Solito, 18226802, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 10 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Major Fred E. Szorady, 01100791, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Lehbach, Germany, on 25 April 1945. Assigned the mission of assisting the 260th Infantry in making an assault crossing of the Danube River, a party, headed by Major Szorady, was organized to reconnoiter a suitable crossing site. Aware that the area was still in enemy possession the party nevertheless infiltrated enemy lines after routing two hostile patrols and taking twenty prisoners. Leaving the prisoners in charge of the noncommissioned officers, Major Szorady then proceeded to reconnoiter the river bank, deliberately exposing himself to enemy fire in order to locate enemy installations. As a result of his daring reconnaissance, the entire 260th Infantry later crossed the river without casualty. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Paul E. Thibault, 31206231, Medical Department, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Langensalza, Germany, on 6 April 1945. During a strafing and small arms attack on Company "G" which resulted in a number of casualties, Technician Thibault, a medical aid man, disregarding the warnings of other men to take cover, administered first aid to the wounded in full view of the enemy. Though elements of the company remained pinned down, Technician Thibault, intent on saving the lives of the wounded and disregarding his own safety, continued his work under the heavy fire, giving first aid to two men and assisting one back to safety. The courage and selflessness displayed by Technician Thibault are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Second Lieutenant Charles W. Upchurch, 0554170, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Abbach, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When his platoon was "zeroed in" by enemy artillery and mortars, Lieutenant Upchurch, a Company "K" Platoon Leader, realizing the danger of remaining in position, sprang forward in the face of fire, ordering his men to follow him.

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Inspired by his courageous example, the men, most of them under enemy fire for the first time, jumped to their feet and charged the enemy, with their guns blazing. Lieutenant Upchurch was wounded and evacuated to the rear, but his courageous action led to the accomplishment of the platoon's mission with a minimum of casualties. His selfless courage and initiative reflect great credit upon Lieutenant Upchurch and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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Private First Class John E. Reitsma, 36891049, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Fraulautern, Germany, from 7 March 1945 to 17 March 1945. During this period Private Reitsma volunteered on seven separate nights to act as a member of a reconnaissance patrol infiltrating enemy positions. Each night, he knowingly faced heavy machine-gun and small arms fire and engaged the enemy in hand-to-hand combat. On 17 March Private Reitsma, observing that a pillbox beneath which he was crouched, could annihilate his patrol with automatic weapons, courageously raised up on one knee and, throwing a white phosphorus grenade through the aperture, destroying the fortification. Then, before continuing, he informed his patrol of a previously undiscovered pillbox which he had located. As a result of Private Reitsma's courageous action, the patrol was able to continue its mission and gain vital information, invaluable in planning the next day's attack. Entered military service from Michigan.

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extreme danger of hitting a mine in the dark. His dauntless courage and tenacity of purpose are in keeping with the high traditions of the Army. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Henry K. Barrett, 31391857, Cavalry, 65th Reconnaissance Troop. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neiderleithen, Austria, on 4 May 1945. Assigned to investigate a report that Allied Prisoners of War were still under German guard in Neiderleithen, Technician Barrett and four other men under command of a First Lieutenant proceeded there with a jeep and an armored car. Upon arrival they observed a large number of Allied prisoners in and around barns and outbuildings. Surprised by the appearance of the Americans, the German guards, although greatly outnumbering the small American group, surrendered or started to run until fired upon. Five German officers and eighty-three soldiers were captured. Technician Barrett and others of the detail successfully dispersed the crowd of former prisoners, prevented violence, arranged for food distribution and brought the difficult situation under prompt, efficient military control. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant James T. Blandford, Jr., 026598, Field Artillery, 867th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Wadgassen, Germany, on 10 March 1945. When he received information that a German convoy of vehicles had moved into Boris, Germany, Lieutenant Blandford, serving as Forward Observer with the 259th Infantry at Wadgassen, advanced beyond friendly Infantry outposts through an area subject to constant machine-gun fire so as to be able to adjust artillery fire on the convoy. Although carrying heavy equipment, Lieutenant Blandford succeeded in maintaining communications, rapidly adjusting fire, and bringing accurately placed heavy artillery fire upon the enemy vehicles. As a result of Lieutenant Blandford's devotion to duty and effectual fire control, numerous casualties were inflicted on enemy personnel and many vehicles and other equipment were destroyed. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Robert C. Dart, 026552, Field Artillery, 867th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neumarkt, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When intense artillery and mortar fire separated Lieutenant Dart, a Forward Observer, from his section, he continued forward with infantry elements advancing toward Neumarkt through heavy fire. Upon receiving fire from a self-propelled enemy gun impeding the attack, Lieutenant Dart taking advantage of available infantry communications, relayed fire control orders to his battery, neutralized the enemy fire, and inflicted casualties upon enemy troops entrenched in the area. Lieutenant Dart's initiative and ingenuity in making optimum use of limited communication facilities are a great credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Dominic V. DeMarco, 31281192, CAC-AA, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Saarlautern, Germany, from 7 March 1945 to 18 March 1945. In the performance of his duties as a field lineman with Battery "B", Technician DeMarco very frequently exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in order to repair communication lines. Periodically the enemy would deliver a heavy concentration of fire in certain areas and the nature of Technician DeMarco's work would keep him exposed for the duration of the enemy fire. Twice during these barrages when the vehicle, in which he was riding was disabled by

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shrapnel, Technician DeMarco proceeded on foot to repair the broken lines. Technician DeMarco's perseverance under enemy fire and his untiring devotion to duty are in keeping with the high standards of the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Malyn W. De Turk, 37471348, CAC-AA, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. During a heavy concentration of enemy mortar and artillery time fire upon Private De Turk's gun position, a range-setter was seriously wounded and all other personnel took cover. Disregarding his personal safety, Private De Turk, although a member of the gun crew and not an assigned driver, braved the intense fire and ran 200 yards across an exposed field to a parked jeep. Although the movement of the vehicle only served to intensify the enemy fire, Private De Turk drove the jeep to the location and evacuated the man to safety. Private De Turk's courage and solicitude for others reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

First Lieutenant Harry J. Dickman, 01182501, Field Artillery, 867th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Lengfeld, Germany, on 27 April 1945. When Infantry elements took cover from enemy artillery fire to the rear of Lieutenant Dickman's OP, he courageously remained in his unprotected position, despite enemy troops 300 yards to his front, and continued his mission of firing upon an enemy column. Upon destroying this column through accurate fire direction, he disdained any opportunities to seek safety for himself, and instead shifted his battery's fire upon the enemy troops dug in to his front. Completing this fire mission he then adjusted 4.2 chemical mortars upon a hostile Observation Post in a nearby village. Lieutenant Dickman's bravery in disregarding increasingly intense artillery fire upon his position and his technical proficiency are a great credit to himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Walter J. Doore, 31426980, Field Artillery, 867th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Pelchenhofen, Germany, on 22 April 1945. Corporal Doore, a member of the Liaison Section operating with the 259th Infantry, was laying wire in Pelchenhofen when he heard artillery rounds landing about 300 yards south of the town. Proceeding there, he occupied an OP which was under enemy observation and was receiving mortar fire and artillery fire from a self-propelled gun. Although all other personnel in the area except a radio operator had sought protection in the town, Corporal Doore, without cover or concealment, directed fire against the gun, causing its withdrawal. Despite artillery "time fire" exploding within 75 yards of his position, Corporal Doore, without regard for his safety, dauntlessly and courageously maintained communications. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Major Joseph A. Gautsch, 026411, Medical Corps, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 8 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Joseph P. Gavaghan, Jr., 13096315, Headquarters, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Neiderleithen, Austria, on 4 May 1945. Assigned to investigate a report that Allied Prisoners of War were still under German guard

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in Neiderleithen, Austria, Sergeant Gavaghan and four other men under command of a First Lieutenant proceeded there with a jeep and an armored car. Upon arrival they observed a large number of Allied prisoners in and around barns and outbuildings. Surprised by the appearance of the Americans, the German guards, although greatly outnumbering the small American group, surrendered or started to run until fired upon. Five German officers and eighty-three soldiers were captured. Sergeant Gavaghan and others of the detail successfully dispersed the crowd of former prisoners, prevented violence, arranged for food distribution and brought the difficult situation under prompt, efficient military control. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Ira M. Goldreyer, 12228762, Field Artillery, 867th Field Artillery. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Regensburg, Germany, on 25 April 1945. Upon crossing the Danube River as a member of the Forward Observer Section with the 259th Infantry, Private Goldreyer assisted in establishing radio communications between the OP and the battery. When it was discovered that there was a shortage of radio batteries necessary for continued communications, Private Goldreyer, with full knowledge of the heavy fire to be encountered, volunteered to cross the Danube and return with the batteries. At the time there was a particularly intense artillery concentration being laid on the crossing. Despite this, Private Goldreyer secured the batteries and braved the barrage to return them to the OP which was also under heavy fire. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Willie B. Graybeal, 35880752, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Fraulautern, Germany, on 17 March 1945. Voluntarily leading a special patrol to infiltrate enemy-held positions at Fraulautern, Sergeant Graybeal and his comrades were fired upon by an enemy machine-gun. Although the other members secured cover, Sergeant Graybeal was compelled to remain exposed. As a result of the patrol's employment of diverting fire, he succeeded in crawling into a shell hole. Remaining in the hole for three hours, Sergeant Graybeal was able to observe the location of enemy guns and Command Posts. Later, after escaping from his position, he reported this vital tactical information to the Battalion S-2. As a result of Sergeant Graybeal's valiant efforts, crucially important information became available in time for a scheduled regimental attack. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Sergeant Gerald W. Grindeland, 37658491, CAC-AA, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion (Mbl). For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Saarlautern, Germany, from 7 March 1945 to 18 March 1945. In the performance of his duties as a field lineman with Battery "B", Sergeant Grindeland very frequently exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in order to repair communication lines. Periodically the enemy would deliver a heavy concentration of fire in certain areas and the nature of Sergeant Grindeland's work would keep him exposed for the duration of the enemy fire. Twice during these barrages when the vehicle in which he was riding was disabled by shrapnel, Sergeant Grindeland proceeded on foot to repair the broken lines. Sergeant Grindeland's perseverance under enemy fire and his untiring devotion to duty are in keeping with the high standards of the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Captain Harvey H. Hartwig, 0431351, CAC-AA, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion (Mbl). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium and Germany, from 14 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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Technician Fifth Grade Leonard E. R. Hickie, 35175555, Field Artillery, 867th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Pelchenhofen, Germany, on 22 April 1945. Technician Hickie, a Liaison Section radio operator, was at his Battalion CP when it was suddenly fired upon by German artillery and mortars. Although the other personnel dispersed and took cover, Corporal Hickie disregarding his own safety, remained behind to lay a wire from his vehicle's radio to an OP fifty yards away. Exposing himself to the enemy fire which injured one soldier 100 yards away, Corporal Hickie operated his radio by remote control and, by transmitting fire directions, assisted in knocking out the enemy artillery piece. His courageous devotion to duty reflects great credit upon Corporal Hickie and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant Robert F. Houston, Jr., 32758814, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 8 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Virgil B. Jipson, 31352173, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. While Technician Jipson, a motorboat operator, was evacuating wounded from the far bank of the Danube River, his sector became subjected to a terrific barrage of 88mm shells. Despite the intense fire, he volunteered to remain with his boat, so that the evacuation and consequent treatment of casualties could be expedited. Though constantly subjected to the enemy fire, he worked faithfully and fearlessly to get the wounded across the river to safety. Technician Jipson's bravery under fire and selfless concern for the welfare of his fellow soldiers are a great credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maine.

Corporal Warren G. Joyner, 34328858, Field Artillery, 867th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Saarlautern, Germany, on 17-18 March 1945. While advancing into the outskirts of Saarlautern, to establish communications across the Saar River, Corporal Joyner, a wire Corporal, was met by withering fire from enemy heavy mortars. Realizing the danger to men of his section, Corporal Joyner left them in a position of safety, and advanced through the heavy fire, his path necessarily leading him into a minefield, where anti-personnel mines were thickly laid. Reaching the river, he deliberately shot a line across, and then returned through the intense fire to his battery, his mission completed. Throughout that night and the next day he remained on duty, servicing lines covered by enemy fire, and contributing materially to the success of his unit. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant Henry A. Kicinski, 6902104, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Abbach, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Following an assault crossing of the Danube River, "L" Company's Commander deemed it necessary to lay wire from the CP to the forward platoons 200 yards to the front. Despite a menacing hail of small arms, sniper and artillery fire, Sergeant Kicinski volunteered to lay the wire. With a telephone in one hand and a spool of wire in the other, he dashed at top speed across the open terrain through the heavy shell fire, and reached the front lines unscathed. Through his daring and unselfish act, communications were established, permitting observers to direct effective mortar fire upon enemy positions. Sergeant Kicinski's action is in keeping with the high standards of the Army. Entered military service from New York.

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Sergeant Anton L. Kiobassa, 38557805, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Langensalza, Germany, on 5 April 1945. In the battle of Langensalza, when forced to take cover in enemy foxholes, Sergeant Kiobassa and two companions found themselves exposed to hostile small arms fire. Running out of ammunition they were forced to use abandoned German weapons which they secured from nearby foxholes. His two companions were wounded, but Sergeant Kiobassa, after attending to the casualties, fought on. When twenty-five German soldiers surrendered to him, he covered them with an empty weapon as the last of his ammunition was spent, and then turned them over to a platoon of riflemen. His courageous action, aggressiveness and outstanding initiative reflect great credit upon Sergeant Kiobassa and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant George F. Lastrapes, II, 01032159, Cavalry, 65th Reconnaissance Troop. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Neiderleithen, Austria, on 4 May 1945. Investigating a report that a group of Allied Prisoners of War were still under German guard in Neiderleithen, Lieutenant Lastrapes proceeded there with five men in a jeep and an armored car. Arriving at the town, they observed a large number of Allied prisoners in and around barns and outbuildings. Surprised by the appearance of the Americans, the German guards, although greatly outnumbering the small American group, surrendered or started to run until fired upon. Five German officers and eighty-three soldiers were captured. The men under Lieutenant Lastrapes successfully dispersed the crowd of former prisoners, prevented violence, arranged for food distribution and brought the difficult situation under prompt, efficient control. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Sergeant Richard L. Law, 37658388, CAC, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery AW Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg and Germany from 14 July 1944 to 12 May 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Alphonse Mancini, 31245104, Field Artillery, 748th Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Bad Schwalbach, Germany, on 24 March 1945. While accompanying his Company Commander to locate an OP, Private Mancini, Company "C" driver, was subjected to intense enemy small arms fire which wounded the officer. Private Mancini, exposing himself completely to the increasing enemy fire, withdrew across open terrain to a friendly mortar position and adjusted counter-fire on the area in which the enemy was concealed. He then returned to his Company Commander, still under enemy fire and observation and evacuated the officer to safety. Private Mancini's cool courage and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the high traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Master Sergeant James R. McGrew, 6575834, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France and Germany from 6 March 1945 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert C. Mielke, 36733610, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 8 March 1945 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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First Lieutenant Eules B. Moore, Jr., 01319635, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 8 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

Captain William E. O'Neill, 01296413, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 3 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Terence T. O'Shea, 36774118, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France and Germany from 18 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Oscar J. Ouellette, Jr., 31303629, Cavalry, 65th Reconnaissance Troop. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neiderleithen, Austria, on 4 May 1945. Assigned to investigate a report that Allied Prisoners of War were still under German guard in Neiderleithen, Technician Ouellette and four other men under command of a First Lieutenant proceeded there with a jeep and an armored car. Upon arrival they observed a large number of Allied prisoners in and around barns and outbuildings. Surprised by the appearance of the Americans, the German guards, although greatly outnumbering the small American group, surrendered or started to run until fired upon. Five German officers and eighty-three soldiers were captured. Technician Ouellette and others of the detail successfully dispersed the crowd of former prisoners, prevented violence, arranged for food distribution and brought the difficult situation under prompt, efficient military control. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant Nick G. Padakis, 36477702, Field Artillery, 867th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Regensburg, Germany, on 27 April 1945. When a no-fire order prevented Sergeant Padakis, on duty at an unprotected OP with one other soldier, from directing fire missions, he sought out and recorded targets so that his battery would be assured of missions when fire was resumed. During the time he was at the OP, Sergeant Padakis was subjected to sporadic mortar fire, and was forced to repel enemy patrols which approached to within forty yards, as Infantry elements had not advanced to cover his operations. Upon receiving an open-fire order, he effectively directed his battery upon the recorded targets. Sergeant Padakis' bravery and outstanding initiative are a great credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Elmer L. Page, 31340758, Field Artillery, 867th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Wadgassen, Germany. On 7 March 1945, Sergeant Page was serving as a liaison sergeant with the First Battalion, 259th Infantry. When communications between the liaison section switchboard and the forward OPs were disrupted, Sergeant Page, disregarding his own safety, proceeded forward to repair wire lines. Tracing the wire, he worked his way over open terrain, constantly subjected to hostile observation and fire, and by his calm efficient performance of duty, restored the necessary contact with forward elements. His outstanding devotion to duty and complete disregard of enemy fire are a great credit to Sergeant Page and are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Vermont.

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✓ Captain Sheldon S. Pond, 0351032, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 8 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

✓ Corporal Max G. Rein, 33585357, Headquarters, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neiderleithen, Austria, on 4 May 1945. Assigned to investigate a report that Allied Prisoners of War were still under German guard in Neiderleithen, Corporal Rein and four other men under command of a First Lieutenant proceeded there with a jeep and an armored car. Upon arrival they observed a large number of Allied prisoners in and around barns and outbuildings. Surprised by the appearance of the Americans, the German guards, although greatly outnumbering the small American group, surrendered or started to run until fired upon. Five German officers and eighty-three soldiers were captured. Corporal Rein and others of the detail successfully dispersed the crowd of former prisoners, prevented violence, arranged for food distribution and brought the difficult situation under prompt, efficient military control. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Corporal John A. Rice, 32238481, Field Artillery, 67th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Langensalza, Germany, on 4 April 1945. When advancing elements of the 259th Infantry entering Langensalza were pinned down by heavy enemy machine-gun and mortar fire, there were no communication lines between the Infantry and supporting Artillery units. Corporal Rice, a member of a Forward Observer Section, realizing the need for such communications, proceeded to lay a wire to an OP, in spite of the intense barrage and a strafing attack from hostile aircraft. Then, disregarding the unabated fire, he returned to his vehicle so as to be alert for further duty. His devotion to duty and outstanding bravery are a great credit to Corporal Rice and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

✓ Major Harry W. Schaefer, 0405647, FA, 868th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 8 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

✓ Captain Eugene C. Sipe, (then First Lieutenant), 01321209, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France and Germany from 3 March 1945 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

✓ Corporal Harold A. Smith, 32946597, Field Artillery, 867th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Saarlautern, Germany, on 17-18 March 1945. While advancing into the outskirts of Saarlautern, to establish communications across the Saar River, Corporal Smith, a wire Corporal, was met by withering fire from enemy heavy mortars. Realizing the danger to men of his section, Corporal Smith left them in a position of safety, and advanced through the heavy fire, his path necessarily leading him into a minefield, where anti-personnel mines were thickly laid. Reaching the river, he deliberately shot a line across, and then returned through the intense fire to his battery, his mission completed. Throughout that night and the next day he remained on duty, servicing lines severed by enemy fire, and contributing materially to the success of his unit. Entered military service from New York.

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Lieutenant Colonel Daniel N. Sundt, 017604, Field Artillery, 867th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 8 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Sergeant Ray S. Williams, 33232307, Cavalry, 65th Reconnaissance Troop. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neiderleithen, Austria, on 4 May 1945. Assigned to investigate a report that Allied Prisoners of War were still under German guard in Neiderleithen, Sergeant Williams and four other men under command of a First Lieutenant proceeded there with a jeep and an armored car. Upon arrival they observed a large number of Allied prisoners in and around barns and outbuildings. Surprised by the appearance of the Americans, the German guards, although outnumbering the small American group surrendered or started to run until fired upon. Five German officers and eighty-three soldiers were captured. Sergeant Williams and others of the detail successfully dispersed the crowd of former prisoners, prevented violence, arranged for food distribution and brought the difficult situation under prompt, efficient military control. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named Enlisted Men for wounds received in Germany on dates indicated:

<u>RANK, NAME, ASN AND ORGN</u>	<u>DATE WOUNDED</u>
Pvt Wilson N. Brown, 6578189, 868th FA Bn	14 April 1945
Pfc Joseph R. Coletta, 33472841, 260th Infantry	18 March 1945
Pfc Clifford M. Evelhock, 36951643, 260th Infantry	18 March 1945
Pfc Robert M. Goodfellow, 36913396, 260th Infantry	15 March 1945
Pfc William C. Muller, 39468731, 260th Infantry	17 March 1945
Pfc Raymond P. Nelson, 35898882, 260th Infantry	18 March 1945
Pfc Francis M. Palmieri, 35879661, 260th Infantry	18 March 1945
Pfc William G. Pearson, Sr., 35810631, 260th Infantry	2 April 1945
Pfc Andrew S. Rampey, 34896016, 260th Infantry	18 March 1945
Pfc James E. Riley, 20720460, 260th Infantry	18 March 1945
Pfc Edward S. Rompola, 13004176, 260th Infantry	18 March 1945
Pfc Mike Santo, 35777815, 260th Infantry	23 April 1945
Pvt John D. Toomey, 31375370, 260th Infantry	2 April 1945

By command of Major General REINHART:

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9 June 1945

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented; the Silver Star is awarded to:

Private First Class Floyd E. Smith, 37225951, Medical Department, 355th Medical Battalion. For gallantry in action near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When the 65th Infantry Division effected its bridgehead crossing of the Danube River, Private Smith, a Company "C" jeep driver, was assigned the mission of evacuating casualties in his vehicle. From 0230, when he effected his first evacuation, to 2000, Private Smith exposed himself repeatedly to intense and deadly mortar, machine-gun, "burp" gun and small arms fire. While others on the beachhead were pinned down, his valorous determination to aid his wounded comrades took him again and again into the fiercest fire on the open level shore. Private Smith's dauntlessness and alert determined continuance of his mission resulted in the saving of countless lives and are worthy of the high traditions of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from Kansas.

II - AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to:

65th Quartermaster Company, 65th Infantry Division. For superior performance of duty in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Throughout this period, the 65th Quartermaster Company exerted its efforts to the utmost in keeping the Division supplied with food and gasoline, despite the continual problems of transportation, presented because of the rapid movements of our forces over Germany and into Austria. The personnel of the 65th Quartermaster Company, without exception, performed their duty with a commendable spirit of enthusiasm despite lack of sleep, rest and personal comfort, due to continual movement of vehicles and supplies. Some of the round trips to Army supply points covered distances of 226 miles, all of which were subject to the hazards of ruined roads and ambush by the enemy. In spite of all long hauls and rapid advances, the necessary supplies of food and gasoline were always on hand, and a splendid spirit of cooperation prevailed in their delivery. In discipline, maintenance of equipment, and military courtesy, the 65th Quartermaster Company attained a superior level which contributed markedly to the success of their mission. The high morale and strict devotion to duty reflect great credit upon the Quartermaster Corps and the military service.

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III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Robert C. McDonald, Jr., 019799, PA, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 4 April 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain Albert J. Addesa, 0438120, Medical Corps, 365th Medical Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 8 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Vernon A. Barnes, Jr., 33560894, (then Private) Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Langensalza, Germany, on 5 April 1945. When the Second Battalion was stopped by a road block while entering Langensalza, the enemy opened up on them with automatic weapons and sniper fire. Private Barnes, a truck driver, noticing a sniper harassing the unit which was attempting to remove the obstruction, unhesitatingly left his place of safety and, with full knowledge of the hazard involved, ran toward a barn to obtain a better firing position. As he neared the barn he turned and deliberately fired upon the sniper, killing him. Then assuring himself that no more snipers remained in this area, he ran back to his former position to await further duty. His bravery and initiative reflect great credit upon Private Barnes and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Donald W. Behnke, 36482870, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 11 March 1945. While laying a vital communication line along a particularly dangerous street, Private Behnke learned that his platoon leader had been shot down in front of the CP. While another man administered first aid Private Behnke braved deadly mortar fragments to obtain evacuation facilities. Then, his officer removed to safety, Private Behnke, undaunted by heavy artillery fire, resumed his mission of laying the needed communication lines. Private Behnke's prompt, courageous action saved the life of his officer and his courageous devotion to duty resulted in the rapid completion of the important communication system. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Warren W. Blakley, 33439237, Field Artillery, 720th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Samesleiten, Austria, on 2 May 1945. Corporal Blakley, a Howitzer crewman, and a companion were making a routine check of the Battalion's flank when they discovered a barn which contained German vehicles. As they approached the building they were observed by a German soldier who quickly dashed back into the doorway. Rather than allow the enemy time to defend himself and figuring on

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the element of surprise, Corporal Blakley and his comrade, dashed into the building and captured twenty-two German soldiers and their three officers before they could fully arm themselves. The courage and aggressiveness shown by Corporal Blakley reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Arthur J. Boss, 32584615, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 11 March 1945. While laying a vital communication line along a particularly dangerous street, Sergeant Boss, Company "L" Communication Sergeant, learned that his platoon leader had been injured in front of the CP. Sending a man for a jeep, Sergeant Boss administered first aid to the wounded officer while awaiting the vehicle. Charging his assistant with the continuance of the wire-laying, Sergeant Boss drove the officer to an aid station and returned, disregarding the shrapnel riddling his vehicle and puncturing every tire. Sergeant Boss' disregard for personal danger and his timely action aided materially in his officer's early recovery and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Joseph Bromberg, 36546554, FA, 720th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Sintra, Germany, on 4 April 1945. Corporal Bromberg was part of a small convoy in advance of the 720th Field Artillery Battalion which was attacked and strafed by two German planes. When his comrades dove for cover, Corporal Bromberg quickly and calmly manned his machine-gun. Firing conservatively at first he finally fired a long burst when the plane turned to make a good target for him. His fire was accurate and one of the planes fell, leaving a trail of smoke. His courage, skill and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Corporal Bromberg and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Donald R. Brown, 33360299, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Linz, Austria, on 5 May 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by enemy machine-gun fire, Private Brown, an Automatic Rifleman, volunteered to proceed alone to an advanced position to wipe out the nest. Loading himself with his assistant's ammunition, he crawled as close as possible, and as the previously arranged covering fire commenced, he rose in full view of the enemy, dashed to his position and opened fire, killing one German and causing the remainder to cease firing. The enemy attempted to eliminate him with grenades, but he repulsed their attacks, killing one, wounding another and forcing others to cover. Private Brown's courageous action enabled his platoon to secure their position with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant Henry R. Buckwalter, 01063171, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria, from 6 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Harold J. DeRoche, 31422790, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany on 26 April 1945. While establishing a beachhead across the Danube River, several men in the attacking force were wounded seriously. Sergeant DeRoche, without regard for his own safety, rushed through a curtain of artillery, machine-gun and sniper fire

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to reach the men and administer first aid. Although injured himself by the flying shrapnel, he refused medical treatment and persisted in treating the other casualties. Despite his painful wound he assisted the other wounded men back to the aid station, one mile from the shelled area. Sergeant DeRoche's selflessness and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant Sprague J. Dupuis, 38264189, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Inzing, Austria, on 3 May 1945. When military assault boats were unobtainable for the crossing of the Inns River by the Second Battalion, Sergeant Dupuis volunteered to man and direct one of four small civilian rowboats. For six hours he traversed the treacherous river currents and open water to cross the Inns nine times, delivering ninety men safely to the far bank. Despite the drowning of nine men when another boat capsized and the loss of two other boats, Sergeant Dupuis remained at his task until the plan was abandoned. Sergeant Dupuis' voluntary assumption of a hazardous mission and his capable execution of his duty aided materially in his unit's successful crossing of the Inns. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant Donald R. Fredricks, 39312374, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Neumarkt, Germany. Sergeant Fredricks, Third Battalion Intelligence Sergeant, distinguished himself repeatedly by his initiative, courage and aggressiveness during the attack phase on Neumarkt on 22 April 1945. Entering the city prior to Infantry elements, despite artillery and sniper fire, he established an OP, and by his determination to remain at his post, he relayed vital communications to his unit. When he received notification of an impending shelling of the city by friendly artillery, he exposed himself in crossing open areas to notify adjoining troops to withdraw. Sergeant Fredricks' courageous action and devotion to duty aided materially in his Battalion's success and are in keeping with the Army's high traditions. Entered military service from Oregon.

Second Lieutenant William E. Gahagan, 01824298, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 5 April 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Walter A. Golz, 36758885, Medical Department, 365th Medical Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria, from 6 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant George W. Grant, Jr., 0102591, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Lieutenant Grant, charged with the mission of spotting into position and launching twenty assault boats during the Danube River attack, gained complete surprise upon the enemy by his able leadership and his efficient control of his sector. Later in the day, as firing intensified from enemy positions, he and his men were repeatedly pinned down, but by his example of bravery and perseverance Lieutenant Grant succeeded in maintaining the flow of troops and ammunition to the far shore and the evacuation of the wounded. His courageous leadership under fire was a source of inspiration to his men and reflects great credit upon Lieutenant Grant and the Army. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Private First Class J. D. Harrison, 6264207, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany, on 21 April 1945. When intense enemy machine-gun and rifle fire forced his squad to halt its advance during house-to-house fighting in Neumarkt, Private Harrison, the squad Automatic Rifleman, located the enemy position. Disregarding his personal safety, he advanced forward, running and dodging the enemy fire finally taking a position in the attic of a building, from which he opened fire upon the hostile troops. His accurate aim and telling shots, despite the enemy fire directed against him, killed four of the enemy and forced the remainder to flee. Private Harrison's alertness and willingness to close with the enemy enabled his comrades to advance without receiving casualties. Entered military service from California.

Technical Sergeant Israel Jacobson, 12017570, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany, on 20 April 1945. During the attack on Neumarkt, Sergeant Jacobson, a Company "I" Platoon Sergeant, continually inspired his men to greater efforts by his sterling example of calmness and courage under fire and deliberate forceful decisions. He led his men through mortar, rifle and artillery "time" fire, but by his exceptional tactical knowledge and outstanding deployment of his men, he kept casualties at a minimum. Continually, throughout the fierce firefight, Sergeant Jacobson exposed himself fearlessly to enemy fire to reassure and more readily control his men. His calm demeanor and sound judgement under exacting conditions were a great credit to Sergeant Jacobson and the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade John H. King, 42114022, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 18 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Donald W. McArthur, 39922456, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When the intensity of an enemy artillery barrage laid upon the Danube River bridgehead forced all crew members of American assault boats to take cover, Sergeant McArthur voluntarily braved the intense fire to continue the evacuation of casualties in his boat. As a result of Sergeant McArthur's outstanding courage and exemplary devotion to duty, the wounded were quickly transported to waiting ambulances and carried to safety. Sergeant McArthur's bravery in the face of intense fire and his solicitude for his fellow soldiers undoubtedly saved many lives and brought great credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

First Lieutenant Herman E. Meadows, 01547068, MAC, 365th Medical Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany on 26 April 1945. During the crossing of the Danube River, Lieutenant Meadows, an ambulance platoon leader, supervised and assisted with the unloading and evacuating of the wounded, under heavy enemy fire, constantly exposing himself to the enemy to speed the removal of the injured. Disregarding his own safety, he repeatedly drew fire from sniper and small arms as he removed wounded personnel from the river bank back to a safer area. On one occasion while assisting in the evacuation of casualties under direct shell fire he was grazed by shrapnel. His courage, leadership and selfless devotion to duty reflect great credit on Lieutenant Meadows and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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Technician Fourth Grade Herman R. Parent, 35540386, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neuhaus, Germany, on 3 May 1945. When enemy artillery scored a number of direct hits on the building in which they were working, Technician Parent and another radio operator, manning the sole communications between battalion and regimental CP, refused to quit their post when others retreated to cover. By jeopardizing their own personal safety, the two men kept this important communication channel open to a flow of information vital to the conduct of a bridgehead operation by the battalion and regiment. Technician Parent's courage and loyal devotion to duty, despite great danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Sergeant Bernard E. Pool, 38103576, Field Artillery, 65th Division Artillery. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 8 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Major Bill N. Rector, 0365362, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria, from 8 March 1945 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Edward H. Smith, 35879753, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Private Smith, Second Gunner in a Company "C" mortar squad, was running for cover with his Company when he noticed the fallen first gunner of the 60mm mortar squad. Running back to him under a hail of fire, Private Smith found the gunner to be beyond aid. Realizing his company's need for every available weapon he picked up the heavy mortar and, despite its great weight and the enemy's concerted efforts to bring him down, he ran with the weapon over 200 yards of open ground to safety. His quick thinking and courageous action reflect great credit upon Private Smith and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles L. Stone, 36366738, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neuhaus, Germany, on 3 May 1945. When enemy artillery scored a number of direct hits on the building in which they were working, Technician Stone and another radio operator, manning the sole communications between battalion and regimental CP, refused to quit their post when others retreated to cover. By jeopardizing their own personal safety, the two men kept this important communication channel open to a flow of information vital to the conduct of a bridgehead operation by the battalion and regiment. Technician Stone's courage and loyal devotion to duty, despite great danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Captain Robert D. Upp, 0355427, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Wadgassen, Germany, on 15 March 1945. When intense enemy machine-gun fire pinned down elements of his company attacking Bous, Captain Upp, commanding "K" Company, quickly estimated the situation, and ordered a smoke screen laid to cover a withdrawal. Realizing that his men, under fire for the first time, hesitated to withdraw through the searching machine-gun fire, Captain Upp left his comparatively safe position, advanced over the open ground to the forward elements,

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and led the men back to safety. He then returned and, assisted by an aid man, rescued a man lying wounded under fire. Captain Upp's heroism and solicitude for his men reflect great credit upon himself and the Army. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Willie Willingham, 34478588, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When deadly artillery fire rained upon the assault boats which were operating on the Danube River, Sergeant Willingham, a "C" Company Construction Foreman, ordered all crews to take cover from the flying fragments. Voluntarily remaining himself in the holocaust, Sergeant Willingham, oblivious to the danger, repeatedly crossed to the far bank to evacuate casualties in his boat. Not until the last man had been removed to safety did Sergeant Willingham think of himself and retire to safety. As he withdrew, he assisted in carrying wounded to waiting ambulances. His bravery and solicitude for others are a great credit to himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Major Lafayette H. Wright, 0404508, (then Captain) FA, 867th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 6 March 1945 to 10 May 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Donald C. Zager, 36837786, Medical Department, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. Private Zager, Company "G" aid man, performed his duties in an outstanding and courageous manner during his unit's attack upon enemy positions. Disregarding his own safety, he administered first aid to wounded while under heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. While administering to the wounded, Private Zager was seriously wounded in the leg by enemy shrapnel. Regardless of the intense pain, he continued his duty, directing wounded men to the Battalion Aid Station, and locating casualties, for litter bearers, until he himself was evacuated. Private Zager's valor and solicitude for his fellow soldiers are a great credit to himself and in keeping with the creed of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Citation amended by WD-ABO-FORM NO. 801 - dated June 15, 1945

Private First Class Carl C. Talada, 36982014, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Saarlautern, Germany, on ~~25~~ 18 March 1945. By his fearlessness and exemplary initiative, Private Talada was the "spark plug" for a successful patrol action which at first seemed to have set out on a hopeless mission. Despite the knowledge that he faced mines, booby-traps and possible enemy fire, Private Talada set the pace for the patrol with a vigor that gained an advance of two buildings. Meeting grenade fire from the retreating enemy occupants, Private Talada ordered the patrol to withdraw, and remaining alone he returned the enemy's fire until a shell, exploding behind him, killed him. His sacrifice aided the patrol's safe return with valuable information on hitherto unobserved enemy installations. Entered military service from Michigan.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Colonel Julian H. George, 08421, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For gallantry in action near Kapfelfberg, Germany, on 25 April 1945. When the 259th Infantry was preparing their assault crossing of the Danube River, Colonel George, Regimental Commander, oblivious to the danger involved, advanced to the foremost elements, to acquaint himself with the tactical situation by personal reconnaissance. To control his Regiment's attack more closely, Colonel George remained in an exposed position and fearlessly faced withering machine-gun and artillery fire even when others had sought cover. After establishing the bridgehead, Colonel George, having crossed with the Assault Battalion, immediately continued his relentless pursuit of the enemy. He continually inspired his men to greater efforts by his exemplary conduct under fire, and his tactical knowledge, together with his outstanding leadership, resulted in the accomplishment of his mission with the minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Virginia.

III - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Private First Class Michael J. Laban, 31459364, (then Private) Infantry, 259th Infantry. For gallantry in action near Langensalza, Germany, on 5 April 1945. When the convoy of the First Battalion was halted by enemy small arms and machine-gun fire, Private Laban,

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an anti-tank company gunner, borrowed a rifle and voluntarily went forward to see if he could stop the firing. Disregarding the hail of machine-gun fire, he attacked one machine-gun nest and standing up in full view of the enemy, fired one shot disabling their weapon. Then, throwing grenades at the nest, he forced the enemy gunners to surrender. Seeing this the crews of two other enemy guns also surrendered. In all Private Laban captured 20 Germans and stopped the fire from three machine-gun nests. His courageous and aggressive action reflect the greatest credit upon Private Laban and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Sergeant Rex R. Roggasch, 37117822, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Struth, Germany, on 7 April 1945. When his Tank Destroyer Platoon was attacked by a large enemy force Sergeant Roggasch remained with five men to defend the platoon CP. He assisted the platoon sergeant in directing the fire of the group until ammunition was exhausted. When about to be attacked by a Mark IV Tank Sergeant Roggasch aided the groups withdrawal to a nearby Infantry platoon CP. Organizing this new position, he proceeded to obtain ammunition from the infantrymen. Finding them contemplating surrender to the outnumbering enemy he dissuaded them from their plan. Sergeant Roggasch's leadership and resourcefulness resulted in the death of 35 Germans without loss to his own men and permitted continued resistance until relief arrived. Entered military service from Iowa.

V - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Private First Class Allan G. Benson, 20230784, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Linz, Austria, on 5 May 1945. When his company detrucked on the outskirts of Linz, and sought shelter behind the crest of a hill from hostile artillery and mortar fire, Private Benson, a Company "K" gunner, saw a troop-carrier truck left in the field of enemy fire. Realizing the importance of the vehicle, he voluntarily left his position of cover, ran to the truck, and, climbing into the seat, drove it from the enemy fire-bursts to cover. Private Benson's courage, initiative and disregard of personal danger are a great credit to himself and the military service, and in keeping with military traditions. Entered military service from New York.

Second Lieutenant Dan Bravos, 01118170, CE, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Neuhaus, Germany on 3 May 1945. In order to determine the extent of damage to a partially destroyed bridge over the Inns River, a reconnaissance group under Lieutenant Bravos was deployed above and below the bridge. Aware that the bridge was under direct enemy observation and fire and that enemy OP's were located in church steeples 100 yards from the far shore, Lieutenant Bravos crawled through the debris of the span, measured its gap and determined the extent

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of the damage. Under enemy machine-gun fire, he dauntlessly proceeded to make a personal reconnaissance upstream and selected the most feasible assault crossing site. Lieutenant Bravos' coolness under fire, fearlessness and good judgment greatly facilitated the subsequent infantry attack. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Frank Charne, Jr., 35035036, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Bad Abbach, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Flushing out enemy foxholes along a railroad track, the First Platoon of Company "K" bypassed one foxhole that was not plainly visible. Observing this, Private Charne and another enlisted man boldly advanced toward the hole. Seeing the enemy within about to fire on the backs of the men who had passed, Private Charne and his comrade immediately opened fire. Continuing to fire as they moved forward, the two men reached the edge of the hole and found one of the enemy dead and forced the other two to surrender. Private Charne's alert and courageous action definitely saved his platoon from many casualties. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Marvin C. Denham, 35831137, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany on 18 March 1945. Pinned down in communications trenches by small arms and machine-gun fire from a pillbox, Company "E" Headquarters group were subjected to artillery and mortar fire. Realizing that their only chance for escape lay in the destruction of the pillbox, the company commander called for bazooka fire. Private Denham, leaving his covered position, crawled 50 yards to the body of his assistant who had been killed, obtained ammunition for his rocket launcher, and returning, succeeded in knocking out the enemy strong point. By his unselfish and courageous action in the face of heavy enemy fire, Private Denham averted many casualties within his group. Entered military service from Indiana.

Sergeant Lverett L. Dewey, 37443747, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany on 22 April 1945. In order to establish communications between Companies I and K and the Battalion Command Post during the assault on Neumarkt, Sergeant Dewey and two others had to lay wire from the north edge of town through an arch on the main street which was raked by German machine-gun fire. Preceding his men, Sergeant Dewey, braving bursts of machine-gun fire, laid his wire through the arch, and travelled over 600 yards through unknown streets and alleys which were also under fire. As a result of Sergeant Dewey's aggressiveness and devotion to duty, the essentially needed line was successfully installed and communications established. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class James E. Duffey, 36745196, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Langensalza, Germany on 5 April 1945. While in convoy waiting to proceed into Langensalza upon completion of an artillery barrage, the anti-tank platoon, of which Private Duffey was a member, was attacked by two German Fighter planes. Manning the convoy's only mounted .50 caliber machine-gun, Private Duffey fired on the attackers unaided until a sergeant rushed to his assistance. Bullets from the planes' machine-guns hit a supply truck, wounded a squad leader, and were striking within five feet of their vehicle. On the third strafing run, tracers were seen to enter both planes, bringing them down. Private Duffey's exemplary courage, skill and devotion to duty prevented the disabling of the entire convoy. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Private First Class Robert J. Finn, 31416694, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neumarkt, Germany, on 20 April 1945. In his capacity of platoon runner, Private Finn crawled 75 yards in the face of enemy machine-gun and artillery fire to ascertain whether two members of a squad were injured. Finding that one had escaped and the other had been killed, Private Finn crawled back to the platoon under heavy fire. During the next two days Private Finn acted as the only means of communication with the Company CP, traversing city streets almost constantly under heavy rifle and artillery fire. Braving the enemy sniper fire, he kept the platoon supplied with water and rations thereby aiding in the successful completion of its mission. His courage and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Private Finn and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Captain Herman E. Gardner, 0307792, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 10 March 1945 to 10 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Francis W. Gorman, 32599443, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Lengfeld, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When Sergeant Gorman's squad reached the opposite bank of the Danube River after making an assault crossing it was subjected to heavy and continuous sniper and automatic weapons fire. Demonstrating exemplary leadership, Sergeant Gorman persistently led his squad forward in the face of the intense fire until the enemy positions were overrun. Sergeant Gorman's action resulted in the death of three enemy riflemen and the capture of two others. Immediately after this action Sergeant Gorman reorganized his squad and pushed on toward Lengfeld. The aggressive leadership and indomitable courage of Sergeant Gorman were instrumental in his unit's successful accomplishment of its mission. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Verlen H. Guyer, 36384233, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Linz, Austria, on 5 May 1945. When his company detrucked on the outskirts of Linz, and sought shelter behind the crest of a hill from hostile artillery and mortar fire, Private Guyer, seeing his ammunition truck left in the open area of fire, and realizing the importance of his load, voluntarily left his position of cover, ran to the truck, and, climbing into the seat, drove it from the enemy fire-bursts to cover. Private Guyer's courage, initiative and disregard of personal danger saved the truck and its valuable load, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Walter J. Hart, 31391951, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 12 March 1945. Engaged in the hazardous task of repairing wire between a bridge across the Saar River and a smaller wooden bridge 500 yards to the north, both of which were under artillery and mortar fire from enemy pillboxes, Sergeant Hart was laying the wire from a jeep at night under blackout conditions. Colliding with a 1/4 ton truck, the jeep was disabled, but Sergeant Hart dismounted, removed the heavy reel of wire and in the face of the enemy barrage completed the wire-laying on foot. Sergeant Hart's exemplary courage in the prosecution of his mission reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Sergeant James M. Knight, 36890974, **OE**, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Fraulautern, Germany, on 25 March 1945. Sergeant Knight and several of his squad were sent to Fraulautern to assist in removing booby-trapped American dead. At the battle site, Sergeant Knight, discovering Schu-mines placed near the bodies, halted the operations. After he had cleared a path to the dead soldiers a medic stepped off the path onto a Schu-mine, blowing off his foot. Sergeant Knight quickly administered aid to the casualty and re-marked the safety lane. When two more medics stepped off the path and were wounded he went to their aid and cleared a path so other medics could remove them. Sergeant Knight's skill, prompt action, and disregard for personal danger undoubtedly saved the lives of three men. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Earl W. Koukal, 36052718, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Langensalza, Germany, on 5 April 1945. With his platoon spearheading the attack upon the city of Langensalza, Germany, Sergeant Koukal, platoon leader in Company "E", distinguished himself in several separate actions. By alert maneuvering of his Rocket Launcher teams, he caused the withdrawal of an enemy half-track before it could fire on our tanks. On another occasion, Sergeant Koukal crept up to a house resisting his platoon's advance and persuaded the 20 occupants to surrender. Leading his platoon forward to the center of Langensalza, he made a junction with the 6th Armored Division resulting in the surrender of the city. His courageous actions and aggressive leadership under all conditions reflect great credit upon Sergeant Koukal and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Richard F. Lutke, 36957291, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Thalheim, Germany on 22 April 1945. While driving a load of prisoners back to the Battalion enclosure, Private Lutke noticed two armed Germans emerging from the woods in front of him. Backing his truck to the edge of town, he told the prisoners to dismount, took the jeep that had been following with armed guards and opened fire with the vehicle's .50 caliber machine-gun. Receiving fire from the flanks, Private Lutke suspected an attempted enemy encirclement. Seizing a rifle, he took up an exposed position and succeeded in killing the most troublesome assailant. Disrupting the enemy's maneuver by his aggressive action and presence of mind, Private Lutke returned to his truck, re-loaded the prisoners and drove the convoy to safety. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Umberto Mattera, 42077380, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Fraulautern, Germany, on 19 March 1945. Hearing cries for help coming from a shell-hole near a group of houses, a medical officer asked for a patrol to evacuate the man. Private Mattera, knowing the fields were mined and that enemy riflemen were in the houses, nevertheless immediately volunteered. Upon arrival the patrol found an officer and an aid man lying wounded in shell-holes about 100 yards apart. Although American artillery fire began to blast the area, Private Mattera, disregarding the danger, carried the aid man to safety and returned to assist in evacuating the officer and forced to cover the other patrol members who had frozen when the barrage commenced. Entered military service from New York.

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Corporal Michael E. McGuire, 39040519, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Fraulautern, Germany from 6 March 1945 to 19 March 1945. During this period, Corporal McGuire, Transportation Corporal of Company "D", covered a route between the forward CP of the 1st Battalion, and Regimental Headquarters, a route that for 3000 yards was subject to direct fire from enemy 80mm mortar, howitzer, automatic and small arms fire. Making three or four trips daily, he accomplished his hazardous missions with outstanding efficiency and coolheadedness. He not only made these dangerous trips as a matter of duty, but on one occasion escorted five jeeps across a bridge that was under constant machine-gun and mortar fire, and brought them through safely. His courage and fearlessness in the face of heavy enemy fire reflect great credit upon Corporal McGuire and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Second Lieutenant Richard E. McKinstry, 0551151, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Lisdorf, Germany on 9 March 1945. Ordered to make a reconnaissance across the Saar River to determine whether enemy troops were still on the opposite shore, Lieutenant McKinstry took a night patrol to the river bank. The only bridge in the vicinity was a mass of twisted girders. Alone, Lieutenant McKinstry tried to cross the debris, knowing that he faced possible enemy machine-gun fire. Finding that route impassible, he tried crossing on the girders. This proved feasible and the patrol followed. Once across the river, Lieutenant McKinstry personally scouted every place that might conceal an enemy gun before ordering the patrol ahead. Despite intermittent enemy fire, Lieutenant McKinstry successfully completed his mission, displaying outstanding leadership and solicitude for his men. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Cecil E. McNinch, 31318003, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany on 18 March 1945. Approaching within 100 yards of a Siegfried Line bunker, Sergeant McNinch and his squad dispersed when heavy artillery fire was brought down on them. Unable to regroup the squad, Sergeant McNinch joined another party attempting to attack from the rear. When a machine-gun fired on them, Sergeant McNinch obtained a bazooka, and dashed through machine-gun fire to a better firing position. His first round was a direct hit and five German soldiers surrendered. To avoid a trap, Sergeant McNinch fired another shell in the same place. Upon entering the Bunker, important German documents were discovered which materially assisted in the defeat of enemy troops in that area. Entered military service from Maine.

Captain Herbert D. Neff, 01296409, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria, from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class James H. Newby, 19066025, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Langensalza on 5 April 1945. During the infantry attack on Langensalza, the vehicles of the Second Battalion, which had halted outside of town, were attacked by bombers and a strafing fighter plane. Having lashed a machine-gun and ground mount to his trailer at the beginning of the attack, Private Newby was able to bring effective fire on the strafing plane as it was coming in for its third run. Sticking to his self-appointed post, Private Newby succeeded, despite the enemy fire, in placing a long burst directly on the plane. Tracers could be seen bouncing from the plane's cowling. Private Newby's effective fire drove the plane away and relieved the column from further attack. Entered military service from California.

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Technician Fifth Grade Roland V. Noble, 32025095, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Linz, Austria, on 5 May 1945. When his company detrucked on the outskirts of Linz, and sought shelter behind the crest of a hill from hostile artillery and mortar fire, Technician Noble, Company "K" Armorer-Artificer, saw an ammunition trailer and truck left in the direct area of enemy fire. Realizing the importance of the vehicle, as well as its cargo, he voluntarily left his position of cover, ran to the truck, and, climbing into the seat, drove it out of range of enemy fire. Technician Noble's courage, initiative and disregard of personal danger saved the vehicle and its load from harm and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant William J. Paine, 31269798, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 17 March 1945. Working to repair vitally needed communication lines between his Company's CP and the First Platoon CP, in a sector which was being subjected to all types of enemy fire, Sergeant Paine, a Company "I" lineman, was wounded in the leg by mortar shrapnel. Since his communication sergeant had also been wounded and evacuated, Sergeant Paine refused medical aid and evacuation despite his painful wound and insisted on completing his urgent task. Through his fortitude, courage under fire, and devotion to duty he was able to repair the lines thereby materially assisting his company in the accomplishment of its mission. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Private First Class Jose C. Perea, 18067627, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Inzing, Austria, on 2 May 1945. Preparatory to crossing the Enns River, the A and P Platoon undertook to tow a guide line across the river, and secure it on the opposite bank. Commanding a civilian boat, Private Perea and three others began to row across the river, towing the rope behind them. When they were ten yards from the opposite side, the drag of the swift current on the rope made closer approach impossible. A second trip with a longer line brought them within six yards of the bank. Private Perea, with courage and quick thinking, jumped into the unknown waters and tugged the boat to shore, thereby enabling the tying in of the line and expediting his Battalion's crossing. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Second Lieutenant Elmer E. Prince, 01825707, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Struth, Germany on 7 April 1945. Posting his three tank destroyers to guard the main avenues of approach to Struth after the town was surrounded by a large enemy force, Lieutenant Prince commanded his men from one of the destroyers until a sniper put a bullet through his shoulder. He was forced, through loss of blood, to go to a nearby aid station, but repeatedly throughout the day he made his way through enemy filled streets to contact his men and give them the benefit of his leadership. Although wounded were being evacuated, Lieutenant Prince refused to leave the town until it was definitely cleared by rescue troops and he could be assured of the safety of his men. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant James P. Rooney, 20640279, (then Private), Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Langensalza, Germany, on 5 April 1945. While in convoy

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waiting to proceed into Langensalza, the Anti-Tank platoon, of which Sergeant Rooney was a member, was attacked by two German fighter planes. Seeing that a fellow soldier firing a .50 caliber machine-gun at the planes was unassisted, Sergeant Rooney arose from his covered position, and amid the hail of bullets from the strafing planes, ran to help him. Alternately feeding the machine-gun and firing at the planes, Sergeant Rooney and his comrade were able to bring both of them down. The exemplary courage, skill and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Rooney, prevented the disabling of the entire convoy. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant Richard J. Smith, 01324854, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade Richard E. Squires, 31415315, Corps of Engineers, 205th Engineer (C) Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Kapfenberg, Germany, on 25-26 April 1945. During an assault crossing of the Danube River, Technician Squires operated an outboard motor on an assault boat engaged in evacuating wounded from the far shore. Those working on the river were subjected to intense artillery fire and were ordered to withdraw to a covered area until the barrage lifted. Technician Squires volunteered to keep his boat in operation during the barrage so that the wounded could be promptly evacuated from the dangerous area. Under constant fire, he made repeated trips across the river, until all wounded were evacuated. Technician Squires, by his sustained efforts and disregard for his personal safety, brought great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Captain Robert J. Stirnkorb, 01283161, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 6 April 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert E. Thompson, 6398081, Infantry (armored), 748th Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Schalding, Germany, on 1-2 May 1945. When Panzerfaust fire disabled his tank, wounding both himself and the bog gunner, Technician Thompson, disregarding his wounds and the intense hostile fire, removed his comrade to safety. Later, during a lull in the battle, he went forward with an officer and two men to inspect a road block impeding his unit's advance. A sudden burst of fire by the enemy wounded the other three members of the party, but Technician Thompson despite his earlier wound and the continuing enemy fire, withdrew the wounded men to cover and obtained medical aid for them. His courage, initiative and selflessness reflect great credit upon Technician Thompson and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Sergeant Frank J. Vera, 36634092, (then Private First Class), Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Holzmuhle, Germany, on 13 and 14 March 1945. On 13 March, Sergeant Vera and a companion volunteered to make the Battalion's first night reconnaissance patrol across the Saar River in order to learn enemy plans. Landing on the enemy-held bank, they were temporarily pinned down by machine-gun fire. Later, upon investigating a noise in the bushes, they found and captured a German

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soldier. With their prisoner, who required constant watching, they continued on until locating a suitable concealed position. Remaining there until 2400 the following night, they observed the enemy's actions and then returned with their prisoner and much valuable information. Sergeant Vera's initiative and courage in successfully completing his mission reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant Benjamin M. Weir, 0553281, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Emmsdorf, Austria, on 6 May 1945. After crossing a bridge over the Inns River to seek out possible demolition charges, Lieutenant Weir and two enlisted men were ambushed by enemy machine-gun fire. Sending his men back for help, Lieutenant Weir courageously withheld the enemy for three hours. He captured one German prisoner and after interrogation, located and captured nine more. Then, as SB Troops attempted to surround him, Lieutenant Weir was forced to abandon his captives and withdraw to his unit; however, his information as to the location and strength of the enemy was an invaluable aid to higher headquarters. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Burl F. Woods, 20528089, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Holzmuhle, Germany, on 13 and 14 March 1945. On 13 March, Private Woods and a companion volunteered to make the Battalion's first night reconnaissance patrol across the Saar River in order to learn enemy plans. Landing on the enemy-held bank, they were temporarily pinned down by machine-gun fire. Later, upon investigating a noise in the bushes, they found and captured a German soldier. With their prisoner, who required constant watching, they continued on until locating a suitable concealed position. Remaining there until 2400 the following night, they observed the enemy's actions and then returned with their prisoner and much valuable information. Private Woods' initiative and courage in successfully completing his mission reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Robert J. Zuckerman, 36866611, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany on 21 April 1945. Receiving a radio message requesting support from his mortars to repel a counter-attack, Sergeant Zuckerman, within twenty minutes, had located the attacked company, proceeded 1200 yards to set up his OP and commenced firing. Situated in a roofless building fifty yards from enemy troops, he directed fire on targets so close to himself that he received fragments in his OP from his own mortar shells. With enemy rifle and machine-gun fire passing over his head, Sergeant Zuckerman continued directing fire for two hours from a prone position. By his perseverance, aggressiveness and disregard for his own safety he enabled his company to repel the counter-attack. Entered military service from Michigan.

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (Posthumous Award)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded Posthumously to:

Second Lieutenant Robert G. Dyke, 0558140, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. Leading his platoon in an attack on the Seigfried Line, Lieutenant Dyke scaled a heavily fortified hill in an attempt to destroy enemy bunkers and pillboxes. Surprising the enemy, the platoon was able to destroy the bunkers, but their position was then discovered. Intense artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire began bursting around them. Realizing the hazard of remaining in position, Lieutenant Dyke started forward in the face of the fire and the platoon followed. After advancing fifty yards he was hit and instantly killed, but his courage and leadership inspired his men to the completion of their mission with a minimum of casualties. Lieutenant Dyke's bravery and determined leadership reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Paul G. Bucher, 35340017, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For gallantry in action near Fraulautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. Leading his squad through an intense rain of hand grenades and small arms fire in their mission to take an enemy pillbox, Sergeant Bucher and his squad were able to kill or wound all of the enemy riflemen protecting the approaches. Ordering his men to take cover, he, and his demolition man, planted an explosive charge in the opening of the pillbox. Later, while aiding in the evacuation of casualties, he was wounded in the leg by rifle fire. Disdaining medical attention he continued to lead his squad and that afternoon was again hit by shrapnel. Not until later that night when his company was relieved did he consent to medical treatment. The valor, intrepidity, and disdain for personal welfare in the accomplishment of his duty reflect great credit upon Sergeant Bucher and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Captain Alvin E. Harris, 01296029, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Neumarkt, Germany, from 20 April to 23 April 1945. Continually at the head of his company in its attack on Neumarkt, Captain Harris, by his courageous leadership inspired his men to advance in the face of intense artillery fire. On one occasion, although heavy artillery and mortar fire coming from the woods east of town killed two men on either side of him and wounded four others, Captain Harris courageously led two platoons to the edge of the woods and succeeded in eliminating the enemy emplacement

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Once in the town he organized and actively led patrols in eradicating snipers. This action expedited the occupation of the town by advancing troops. His outstanding heroism and leadership reflect great credit upon Captain Harris and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class George R. Hoover, 35244092, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For gallantry in action near Bad Abbach, Germany, on 26 April 1945. While engaged in clearing snipers from positions along a railroad track Private Hoover advanced on one fox-hole and, spraying it with his BAR; forced three enemy soldiers to surrender. When an SS trooper thrust his rifle between the legs of one captured enemy soldier and opened fire Private Hoover, with one burst from his BAR, sent the rifle spinning from the SS soldier's hands. Seeing another enemy soldier jump from a hole and run for cover, he shot and killed him. Despite continuous fire Private Hoover continued his work and succeeded in killing one German and capturing 14 others. His courage, alertness and determination reflect the greatest credit upon Private Hoover and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Israel E. Simkin, 39568305, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For gallantry in action in Stappach, Germany, on 20 April 1945. Repelling a surprise attack by Panzers and enemy foot troops, Private Simkin was the first to bring rifle fire on the tanks. Three of the ponderous vehicles began firing point-blank at his house, demolishing it. Firing from the smoking ruins, Private Simkin forced the tanks to button up and the infantry men to scatter. Then, disregarding personal danger, Private Simkin, seeing two tankmen hastily repairing their vehicle, chased them into an open field where he overtook and killed them. When a sniper put a bullet through Private Simkin's cheeks, tearing away part of his nose and mouth, he returned fire on the sniper before crawling back for first aid, despite agonizing pain. His fortitude, bravery and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon Private Simkin and the military service. Entered military service from California.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous Award)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded Posthumously to:

First Lieutenant Raymond E. Hoobing, 0539807, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Passau, Germany, on 1 May 1945. Although a motorized patrol which he was leading was ambushed by enemy forces, Lieutenant Hoobing, managed to escape and return to friendly lines with important information. Later he returned with an armored force officer to locate and retrieve a tank which had been disabled at a road block by enemy bazooka fire. Arriving at the road block the two officers were met with enemy machine-gun fire. Lieutenant Hoobing, while in the act of throwing a grenade was mortally wounded by a burst of machine-gun fire. However, as a result of Lieutenant Hoobing's efforts, the tank was subsequently recovered. Lieutenant Hoobing's aggressive and courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Idaho.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

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Private First Class Homer L. Appleby, 37658320, CAC-AA, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neunkirchen, Germany, on 2 April 1945. When a rain of enemy bullets slashed into his jeep from all sides and seriously wounded his commanding officer, Private Appleby returned the fire until forced to surrender by the superior forces that assailed him. Daringly defying his captors, Private Appleby insisted on caring for his wounded officer, dressed his wound, and sent the enemy for water. Arguing resolutely with the Germans, his pluck and power of words won release for them both. Gaining freedom, he was able to provide information that led to the capture of 125 Germans. His opportunism and conspicuous courage reflect great credit upon Private Appleby and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Chief Warrant Officer Fred A. Bentley, W2126697, USA, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 5 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

Second Lieutenant Louis E. Bremer, O2028868, (then First Sergeant), Infantry (armored), 748th Tank Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 23 March 1945 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Corporal Feliciano Bueno, 37657967, CAC, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion (Mbl). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany and Austria, from 14 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant George L. Bush, 34830281, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Saurlautern, Germany, on 17-18 March 1945. During the night and day of 17-18 March, constant artillery fire placed upon Company "G's" positions, repeatedly cut communication lines between the platoon CP and an outlying machine-gun post. Each time, Sergeant Bush, the platoon guide, oblivious to the whining fragments and staccato machine-gun fire which harassed each movement, traced the wire over 200 yards of open terrain until he had discovered and repaired the several breaks. Sergeant Bush's dauntless tracing of communication lines resulted in maintaining the only contact with the group protecting his platoon's left flank and his invincible bravery under enemy fire, as well as his insurmountable devotion to duty are a great credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Sergeant Fred W. Cordle, 35212635, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Holzmule, Germany, on 16 March 1945. Having crossed the Saar River in two rubber boats, the combat patrol of which Sergeant Cordle was a member met and silenced enemy machine-gun fire. When flares were sent up, the platoon was ordered to withdraw. Finding one of their boats was completely destroyed and the other damaged by enemy fire, Sergeant Cordle, knowing that two of the men could not swim, hastily repaired the least damaged boat. Managing to get it inflated sufficiently to handle their weight, he helped them paddle back across the river. Sergeant Cordle's initiative and skill averted the possible capture of the two men. His courage and selflessness reflect great credit upon Sergeant Cordle and the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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Second Lieutenant William V. Cross, 0551081, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Thalheim, Germany, on 22 April 1945. While transporting a truckload of Prisoners of War guarded by three men following in a jeep, Lieutenant Cross saw two Germans coming out of a woods. Stopping the vehicles, he demanded the Germans' surrender, but at that moment four others opened fire from the rear. Organizing the guards, Lieutenant Cross returned fire. When three enemy burp-guns opened up on them, Lieutenant Cross, realizing that his party might easily be surrounded, signalled the truck to advance and, continuing his fire, told the guards to jump into the jeep. Before the Germans could interfere, both vehicles sped away. Lieutenant Cross' expert handling of a difficult situation had accounted for three enemy dead while our men sustained no casualties. His aggressiveness, and leadership reflect great credit upon Lieutenant Cross and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Second Lieutenant Santino G. Fiumera, 0550749, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. When a continued and terrific artillery bombardment killed the platoon leader of the First Platoon of Company "H", and caused other elements of the Company to become disorganized and to retreat from their weapons, Lieutenant Fiumera, a Forward Observer, ran 200 yards over open terrain to them through intense artillery, mortar and heavy machine-gun fire. Reorganizing the men and calming them by his exemplary conduct and coolness under fire, Lieutenant Fiumera led them back to their weapons and directed effective fire upon the enemy positions. His calm courageous leadership and effective control of the men reflect great credit upon Lieutenant Fiumera and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Cyril B. Fox, 0550211, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 19 March 1945. When Company "F" came under an intense artillery concentration while moving to a forward assembly area, Lieutenant Fox, the Company Executive Officer, discovered all but the leading platoon had become disorganized and lost because of the hostile barrage. After a messenger was unable to locate them, Lieutenant Fox left his covered position and, bravely exposing himself to intense small arms and mortar fire, crossed a 300 yard open area to find his men. He then recrossed the hazardous area three times while leading the men into their forward position. Lieutenant Fox's courageous and determined leadership enabled his company to advance on schedule and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

First Sergeant Robert P. Hasen, 39532718, CAC, 546th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 14 July 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany and Austria. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant George M. Heinzmann, 02049268, MAC, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Lahr, Germany, on 22 April 1945. While attacking over high open ridge Company "C" encountered heavy enemy fire of all types. Six of the Company's men were wounded, and three of the six were very seriously wounded. Lieutenant Heinzmann and several litter bearers were called for to evacuate the wounded men. As all previous attempts to cross the battlefield had drawn heavy fire, Lieutenant Heinzmann hesitated to expose his men to the danger. To determine whether his Geneva Cross would be respected he exposed himself to the enemy. When no fire was forthcoming he and two of his men proceeded to

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evacuate the seriously wounded immediately. By his prompt, courageous action he undoubtedly saved the lives of the three men. His bravery and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Lieutenant Heinzmann and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fourth Grade James J. Hill, 31363703, Medical Department, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Treuf, Germany on 20 April 1945. When a platoon of company "C" was suddenly pinned down by shell fire from three enemy tanks firing at point blank range and intense fire from flanking machine-guns, Technician Hill, a medical aid man, aware that his insignia could not be recognized, exposed himself to the intense fire to administer aid to the wounded and dying. Courageously he applied tourniquets, dressed and bandaged wounds and gave morphine to three men despite the withering fire around him. When the remnants of the platoon withdrew, Technician Hill remained with the wounded and dead until all were evacuated two hours later. His courageous and loyal devotion to duty reflects great credit upon Technician Hill and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Ernest H. Hofmann, 38020843, Infantry (armored), 748th Tank Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 21 March 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant Lawrence A. Hooten, 15104141, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany on 21 April 1945. Sergeant Hooten, in charge of an anti-tank platoon attached to Company "I", was engaged in scouting gun positions and potential tank approaches in the van of the Company when he spied enemy troops and self-propelled guns approaching. In full view of the enemy he dashed across the street to dispatch a runner to warn Company I. Acting as observer for one of the Company's mortar platoons, he was forced to shout his fire direction thereby disclosing his position to the enemy. Despite machine-gun fire directed at him, he continued at his post until the opposing troops had withdrawn. His outstanding courage and initiative reflect great credit upon Sergeant Hooten and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant Earvin E. Ivy, 20806071, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. While taking cover behind an embankment after assault-crossing the Danube River, Company "C" was taking terrific punishment from intense enemy sniper and automatic fire. When friendly 40mm fire began blasting enemy positions, Sergeant Ivy, a Company Squad Leader, realizing that the fire could not last long, arose from his position and disregarding the enemy fire, charged the positions. Men in his platoon, needing only an example, took heart from his exemplary courage and assaulted the enemy forces. Then, later in the day, Sergeant Ivy again stood upright offering himself as a target so that his men could locate the enemy guns. His disregard for personal safety in the face of fire reflects great credit upon Staff Sergeant Ivy and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade William H. Jordy, 32968185, Infantry, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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Private First Class Edwin Kaaland, 39476199, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neumarkt, Germany, on 23 April 1945. Pinned down by enemy fire, Company "L" lost contact with its adjacent unit. Realizing the seriousness of this situation, Private Kaaland volunteered to contact the unit himself. Although constantly drawing enemy fire he contacted the adjacent troops and returned to his company with information that enabled effective fire to be placed on an enemy machine-gun. When communications were broken with Battalion, he again fearlessly contacted the group on the left to report his unit's situation. When he returned the second time, the company had withdrawn. Unable to follow Private Kaaland spent the night in a box car under constant fire, rejoining his company in the morning. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Private Kaaland and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

First Lieutenant Frederick J. Keifer, Jr., 026927, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Lisdorf, Germany, on 13-14 March 1945. Assigned the mission of leading a 17 man patrol across the Saar River, Lieutenant Keifer demonstrated exemplary leadership in the accomplishment of his task. Shuttling his men across the river, although hampered by one partially inflated boat, Lieutenant Keifer was further handicapped by a bright moon and intermittent enemy flares. About a thousand yards in from the opposite bank they were challenged by an enemy sentry and met with grenade and small arms fire. Despite the fact that he was wounded in the hand, Lieutenant Keifer used a sub-machine gun and hand grenades to cover the withdrawal of the entire patrol. Because of his countless courage, a grave situation was averted. His outstanding courage and fortitude reflect great credit upon Lieutenant Keifer and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class James M. Kuwahara, 39154333, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Leonding, Austria, on 5 May 1945. When the motor column in which Private Kuwahara was riding was suddenly shelled by artillery fire, all troops dismounted and sought shelter from the merciless and intense rain of fragments. Private Kuwahara, a bazooka man of Company "K", seeing a two and a half-ton truck left in the center of the intense artillery barrage, determined to remove it from the danger. Dashing from his position of cover directly into the heavy curtain of fire, he ran to the truck, clambered into the seat and coolly drove it through the artillery bursts to safety, thus restoring a valuable piece of equipment to use. Private Kuwahara's daring bravery and deliberate actions are a great credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant William G. Lake, 01031101, Cavalry, 65th Reconnaissance Troop. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 6 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant James E. Leker, 0551266, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. When the rifle company to which his platoon was attached faltered in the face of ferocious artillery fire, Lieutenant Leker, urging his men on by action and voice, advanced 300 yards across an open field which was subjected to artillery and machine-gun fire, to an abandoned tank ditch. Instantly realizing

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that the depth of the ditch was unsuitable for tripods, he ingeniously ordered his men to use pack boards as an alternative, and from this field expedient, directed his guns' fire upon a vicious enemy counter-attack with telling effect, his fire dropping men constantly and so disrupting the enemy's attack that the hill was taken. His outstanding leadership and initiative reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technical Sergeant Victor W. Masters, 37038527, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. Leading the Weapons Platoon of Company "A" into the attack during the absence of his platoon leader, Sergeant Masters by his capable leadership and exemplary conduct under the intense enemy artillery and small arms fire, advanced his men to within 200 yards of the hostile fortifications. Then, upon receiving orders to withdraw, he braved the enemy's fire to lead each squad back to safety with a minimum of casualties. After accomplishing the withdrawal, Sergeant Masters returned into the holocaust of enemy fire to assist in evacuating the wounded, from the battlefield, returning each time until assured that all men had been cared for. His devotion to duty and his deep concern for his men reflect great credit upon Sergeant Masters and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Shulman A. Medley, 35840220, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Obendorf, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Acting as lead scouts for their platoon, Private Medley, and a companion observed an enemy force occupying a town and its forest approaches. Deciding on a plan of capture, Private Medley crept to within a few yards of the group of four or five and, while his comrade, from the other flank, demanded their surrender, he fired to reinforce the order, when necessary. In this manner, they cleared the woods, netting 20 prisoners. Working their way to the rear of the town, they surprised a final group of seven armed with automatic weapons. By this unique and courageous approach, Private Medley, with his companion, single-handedly disposed of a threat to his Battalion's advance. His ingenuity and courage reflect great credit upon Private Medley and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Sergeant Orville L. Mestad, 37658414, CAC, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany, from 14 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Sergeant Jasper D. Mitchell, 37658494, CAC, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany and Austria, from 14 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fourth Grade Arthur A. Noyes, 36774204, Infantry, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany and Austria, from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Arnold G. Olson, 39215472, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Heining, Austria, on 1 May 1945. When his motorized patrol was ambushed by fierce enemy anti-aircraft

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machine-gun, bazooka and mortar fire, Sergeant Olson, undaunted by the deadly rain of fragments and bullets, left his comparatively safe position behind his jeep which was set afire by an enemy hand grenade, and rushed into full view of the enemy to assist a companion who had been wounded. Then, again exposing himself, he stood behind the .30 caliber machine-gun mounted on the burning jeep and returned vicious fire, pinning down the enemy at point blank range. He remained at his weapon, fiercely sending burst after burst of fire into enemy ranks, until wounded from hostile fire which forced him to withdraw. His initiative and disregard of personal safety in the face of great danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Leroy D. O'Neal, 37420402, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Obendorf, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Acting as lead scouts for their platoon, Private O'Neal and a companion observed an enemy force occupying a town and its forest approaches. Deciding on a plan of capture, Private O'Neal crept to within a few yards of a group of four or five and demanded their surrender, while from the other flank, his comrade fired to reinforce the order, when necessary. In this manner, they cleared the woods, netting 20 prisoners. Working their way to the rear of the town, they surprised a final group of seven armed with automatic weapons. By this unique and courageous approach, Private O'Neal, with his companion, single-handedly disposed of a threat to his Battalion's advance. His ingenuity and courage reflect great credit upon Private O'Neal and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Frank N. Ozrelie, 6912519, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Neumarkt, Germany, on 20 April 1945. While neutralizing enemy rifle fire emanating from the left flank of Neumarkt, Sergeant Ozrelie and his squad were pinned down in an exposed area by intense mortar fire. Realizing that to remain in position would prove disastrous, Sergeant Ozrelie, acting with dispatch and thinking only of the safety of his men, initiated an advance in the face of this barrage, although additionally harrassed by heavy machine-gun fire. His quick thinking and positive action under fire were responsible for averting many casualties and resulted in keeping the squad intact to further pursue their mission. His outstanding leadership and courage reflect great credit upon Sergeant Ozrelie and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Walter R. Ratel, Jr., 34778167, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Throughout the day, Private Ratel, Weapons Platoon messenger of Company "C", braved enemy sniper and automatic weapons fire to carry messages across 150 yards of open terrain. On one of these missions he discovered a wounded man from another platoon lying in front of a building in the direct path of enemy fire. Determined to rescue his comrade, Private Ratel called to the injured man to stretch out his arm. Then, dashing around the corner of the building into full view of the enemy, he grasped the man's arm, and dragged him to safety. Private Ratel's ingenuity and his courageous determination to aid a fellow soldier reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

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Technician Fifth Grade Everett M. Rupp, 37658271, CAC, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery AW Battalion (Mbl). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Iowa.

Corporal Lawrence N. Sather, 37658851, CAC, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion (Mbl). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany and Austria, from 14 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Sergeant Theodore H. Schultz, 37471300, CAC, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion (Mbl). For heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When our crossing of the Danube River was threatened by strong enemy positions, Sergeant Schultz, chief of section of a 40mm automatic weapons and machine-gun crew, took upon himself the responsibility of neutralizing the positions and succeeded in spite of heavy concentrations of counter-fire. Placing his guns on an exposed slope, Sergeant Schultz personally directed their fire from a position which was under heavy enemy fire. Sweeping the German installations with devastating and accurate fire, he materially assisted the Division's successful crossing. When enemy fire wounded one of his men, he directed and assisted in the evacuation of the casualty across the 300 yards of exposed field. His courage, leadership, and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon Sergeant Schultz and the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

First Lieutenant Edmund F. Smith, 0554580, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Lohbach, Germany, on 25 April 1945. During a reconnaissance of sites for the crossing of the Danube River by the 260th Infantry, Lieutenant Smith, despite previous warnings of strong enemy positions in the vicinity of Lohbach, participated in an infiltration of enemy lines, dispersed two enemy patrols and personally accounted for the capture of fifteen enemy soldiers. While reconnoitering the river bank for a suitable crossing site, Lieutenant Smith exposed himself to the enemy, purposely drawing their fire, in order to determine their positions and strength. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Lieutenant Smith and the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Technician Fifth Grade James J. Tedder, 38395962, CAC, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion (Mbl). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany and Austria, from 14 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Corporal Roy E. Wagner, Jr., 37471052, CAC, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion (Mbl). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany and Austria, from 14 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

First Lieutenant Gale A. Washburn, 0117221, (then Second Lieutenant), Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Lohbach, Germany, on 25 April 1945. During a reconnaissance of sites for the crossing of the Danube River, by the 260th Infantry, Lieutenant Washburn, despite previous warnings of strong enemy positions in the vicinity of Lohbach, participated in an infiltration of enemy lines, dispersed two enemy

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patrols and personally accounted for the capture of nine enemy soldiers. Rejoining the rest of the party on the river bank, Lieutenant Washburn made a thorough reconnaissance of his sector. Shortly thereafter, the 260th Infantry Regiment was able to cross the river without a casualty. Lieutenant Washburn's determination and courageous action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Colon A. Wicker, 38446904, CAC, 54th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion (Mbl). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, from 14 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in Germany and Austria. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Sergeant Derward R. Youngblood, 39180879, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Lisdorf and Wadgasen, Germany, from 7 March to 14 March 1945. During this period Sergeant Youngblood was charged with the mission of leading a nightly patrol of six men to the Battalion OP. On one such mission, observing an enemy patrol advancing toward him, he displayed extremely keen perception and judgement by effectively deploying his men until the enemy had passed. On another occasion his OP was shelled by an enemy pill box. Swiftly changing his vantage point, he observed the direction of fire and accurately supplied all necessary data to the artillery enabling them to demolish the enemy strong point. His outstanding courage and initiative reflect great credit upon Sergeant Youngblood and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

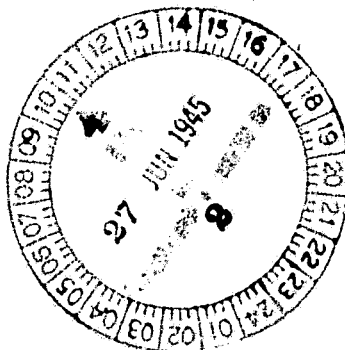
Captain Jerome I. Ziegler, 01173137, (then First Lieutenant), Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 10 March 1945 to 10 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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- I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Lewis B. Arnold, Jr., 01945851, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For gallantry in action near Enns, Austria on 7 May 1945. Arriving at a highway bridge across the Inns River, Lieutenant Arnold found it intact, but prepared for immediate demolition. Under cover of darkness, he and two men boldly crossed the bridge to remove the explosives. Despite the danger of exposing himself to enemy observation and fire, or accidentally setting off the charges by becoming entangled in thick barbed wire, Lieutenant Arnold climbed below the road bed to assist in removing the explosives. Suddenly a machine-gun opened up across the bridge, obviously aiming at two 500 pound bombs upon which Lieutenant Arnold was working. Ignoring the hazard, he continued deactivating the explosives and withdrew only after the vital span was safe from destruction. Lieutenant Arnold's cool, courageous action in preventing the loss of an important link between American and Russian forces reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Oak Leaf Cluster)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Sergeant Chief T. Saul, 20829462, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Saarlautern, Germany on 12 March 1945. Notified that a soldier was badly wounded during a skirmish and could not be evacuated because of heavy fire, Sergeant Saul asked aid men to take him to the scene. Hesitating at first, the aid men were so impressed by the calm determination of the Sergeant, who said he would go alone if necessary that they risked accompanying him. When their jeep appeared on the street, flying a Red Cross flag, the firing dwindled and shortly ceased. When they had evacuated the wounded man and disappeared from sight, the barrage resumed with intensified fire. Sergeant Saul's disregard for his own safety and his determination to rescue his wounded comrade reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

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First Lieutenant Dalton C. Bartlett, 01017923, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 21 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Charles N. Bassham, Jr., 31382802, Medical Department, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in

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connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. While rushing to the aid of a soldier who had been practically cut in two by machine-gun fire during an attack, Technician Bassham, company aid man, was knocked unconscious by an exploding artillery shell. Although stunned and groggy when he regained consciousness, he made his way to the soldier and upon examination found him dead. Technician Bassham, despite his own stunned condition, proceeded to administer first aid to other men who were wounded by the intense enemy fire. Unassisted, he made his way back to the aid station, where he was evacuated. His display of courage and outstanding devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Major Theodore H. Black, 0414282, Infantry, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria from 25 September 1944 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Technical Sergeant Daniel J. Boudreaux, 38266652, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Luxembourg, Germany and Austria from 27 December 1944 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Technical Sergeant Thomas G. Brown, 13134874, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Peisinghofen and Teugn, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Leading a rifle platoon of Company "A" toward Peisinghofen with the mission of capturing the town, Sergeant Brown kept his men moving forward, despite heavy enemy mortar fire. They took four prisoners and forced the enemy to withdraw. Continuing toward Teugn, the platoon again came under machine-gun and mortar fire. Ordering the others to seek cover, Sergeant Brown crawled forward under fire, found a suitable route into the town and returned for his men. Moving ahead, they cleared the town without loss and took one German officer and eleven enlisted men prisoner. Sergeant Brown's aggressiveness and courage were primarily responsible for the successful completion of his mission and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant Samuel A. Buffington, 01050199, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Roy L. Conrad, 36891051, FA, 720th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France and Germany from 6 March 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Sergeant Vernon Cooper, 38089682, Field Artillery, 720th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Dan DeGiulio, 39681566, FA, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Langensalza, Germany, on 7 April 1945. When his unit, in support of the Second Battalion, 259th Infantry, was fulfilling its mission of advancing into the enemy-held town of Langensalza, Sergeant DeGiulio, a tank destroyer gun commander, manned his .50 caliber machine-gun and helped silence

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enemy fire that was harrassing our forces from a nearby factory. Sergeant DeGiulio, in spite of the hazards of raking, hostile machine-gun bullets, covered his men as they hurled grenades into the building and later voluntarily led his men in a smashing assault upon the enemy position which resulted in its flaming destruction and the surrender of 31 Germans. His dauntless courage and unswerving devotion to duty despite dangerous circumstances reflect great credit upon Sergeant DeGiulio and the military service. Entered military service from Idaho.

Staff Sergeant Eugene J. DeMaertelaere, 37134219, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 4 February 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Sergeant Woodrow D. DiMonda, 32353580, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Enns, Austria on 7 May 1945. Arriving, with a Lieutenant and another soldier, at a highway bridge across the Inns River, Sergeant DiMonda found it intact, but prepared for immediate demolition. Volunteering to cross the bridge under cover of darkness and remove the explosives, Sergeant DiMonda, boldly exposing himself to possible enemy observation and fire, followed the firing wires while the Lieutenant climbed below the road bed to begin removing the explosives. Suddenly a machine-gun, across the bridge, opened fire, spraving streams of tracers upon two 500 pound bombs. Ignoring the hazard, Sergeant DiMonda, continued deactivating the explosives and withdrew only after the vital span was safe from destruction. Sergeant DiMonda's cool, courageous action in preventing the loss of an important link between American and Russian forces reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Albert H. Estrada, 39564863, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. Taking command of his platoon when the platoon leader was injured by a Schu-mine, Sergeant Estrada spurred their advance for 600 yards through heavy mortar and artillery fire. Heavy fire from an entrenched enemy caused his platoon to become pinned down and separated from the rest of the company. Ordering his men to dig in Sergeant Estrada then reconnoitered back through 200 yards of contested terrain in an effort to locate his unit. Once having established contact he regrouped his platoon under fire and pressed on to the completion of his mission. The bravery, initiative, resourcefulness and celerity with which Sergeant Estrada overcame a grave situation reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Technical Sergeant Neal M. Fenati, 33406604, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic action in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Regensburg, Germany, on 19 April 1945. While acting as platoon leader in a drive towards Regensburg, Sergeant Fenati and his platoon were pinned down by machine-gun fire which wounded three of his men. Two of these men were able to crawl to cover, but the third, lying in full view of the enemy, was too painfully injured to move. Sergeant Fenati, first directed fire to the enemy positions, then, disregarding the intense enemy fire, he crawled to the wounded man, administered first aid and assisted him to cover. His bravery, decisive action and selflessness saved the wounded man's life and reflect great credit upon Sergeant Fenati and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Second Lieutenant James H. Rinke, (then Sergeant), 02026154, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. Relieving Company "F" from its position in a tank trap, Company "G" found several wounded men of Company "F" left behind. Included was an aid man, who was wounded and unable to render assistance to the others. Lieutenant Rinke, although untrained in all the duties of an aid man and hampered by artillery shells pounding the area, received directions for administering morphine from the wounded medic, and proceeded, without regard for his own safety, to render assistance to the wounded. Improvising litters from rifles and field jackets, under cover of darkness, Lieutenant Rinke aided in evacuating the wounded. His initiative and courage under enemy fire in rendering aid to the wounded, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Kenneth E. Goodwin, 37696932, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Treuf, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When his squad was being swept by direct fire from three enemy tanks, Private Goodwin killed two members of a tank crew. Although in an exposed position and faced with a storm of enemy fire, Private Goodwin coolly gauged the situation when he saw the German tank disabled by our Bazooka fire; and, when they ran out to repair their tank, he was able to inflict these casualties upon the enemy. His dauntless courage in the face of these hazardous circumstances and his inspired act under enemy fire reflect great credit upon Private Goodwin and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

First Lieutenant Elmer C. Goss, 01314003, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany, on 20-22 April 1945. During this period, in an attack on Neumarkt, Lieutenant Goss, Company "K" Commander, repeatedly exposed himself to continuous intense enemy fire from all types of weapons. In leading and controlling his company, Lieutenant Goss gave no heed to small arms fire directed at him, and upon several occasions, oblivious to whining shrapnel, remained in artillery impact areas to insure the safety of his men. While attacking through the streets of Neumarkt, he braved grazing machine-gun fire in order to maintain contact with his men. Lieutenant Goss' outstanding bravery and determined leadership, not only inspired his men to greater effort but reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Lawrence W. Hildreth, 35618791, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Bad Abbach, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Through his excellent leadership and superior standards of conduct under fire Sergeant Hildreth inspired his squad to eliminate the danger of enemy snipers and entrenched riflemen in the accomplishment of their mission. Advancing to observe the effects of his fire on a forward enemy fox-hole, he unhesitatingly seized three prisoners as they attempted an escape to a nearby hedgerow. Continuing to flush the remainder of the enemy positions, Sergeant Hildreth was met by close range machine pistol fire. Killing the enemy rifleman, who fired upon him, he pressed on in his mission which resulted in 14 enemy captured and one killed. His exemplary leadership and valor reflect great credit upon Sergeant Hildreth and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Earl J. Knotts, 01824636, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Stoppach and Treuf, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When his Tank Destroyer Platoon was attacked at Stoppach by a German force,

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Lieutenant Knotts made a personal reconnaissance to gain information about them. Approaching within seventy-five yards of their position in the face of tank gun and small arms fire, he discovered about 300 Infantrymen, eight tanks, and two anti-tank guns. One section of his Destroyers then encircled the town, knocking out two tanks, while two other Destroyers wrecked three enemy guns, killed twenty-four foot troops and routed the rest. Attacked again at Treuf, they once more put up furious resistance. Twenty-five more Germans were killed, two half-tracks demolished and the remaining enemy soldiers captured. Lieutenant Knotts' vigorous leadership and valiant resistance in the face of formidable enemy opposition reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Jesus M. Leiva, 38454583, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Langensalza, Germany, on 7 April 1945. As a member of a Tank Destroyer platoon assigned to spearhead a drive into the town of Langensalza, Corporal Leiva, through his devotion to duty and superior gunnery, was able to materially assist in the accomplishment of the mission. As the armored column pulled into town the troops following were met by a furious concentration of machine-gun fire from strong enemy installations located in a factory building. When the Tank Destroyer, on which Corporal Leiva was gunner, pulled back to counter the threat he fired a round into the building. Since the enemy refused to surrender, he placed seven well aimed shots into the building, reducing it to a mass of ruins and forcing the survivors to surrender. The courage and cool efficiency he displayed under enemy fire reflect great credit upon Corporal Leiva and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward Maklakiewicz, Medical Department, 365th Medical Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. At the Danube River beachhead when our forces were under direct observation from the enemy both up and down the river, Technician Maklakiewicz, a Company jeep driver, drove untiringly for thirteen hours, evacuating casualties without rest or regard for his own personal safety. In spite of small arms, surp gun and machine-gun fire that constantly harrassed his route, Technician Maklakiewicz loaded patients upon his jeep and drove them to sheltered collecting points. His courage, perseverance and devotion to the welfare of his comrades in the face of hazardous circumstances reflect great credit upon Technician Maklakiewicz and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Walter C. McConnell, 20834012, Field Artillery, 720th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria, from 6 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Joseph P. McGarry, 35831637, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Treuf, Germany, on 10 April 1945. When his platoon was swept by direct fire from three enemy tanks, resulting in the killing or wounding of several men, Private McGarry, member of an automatic rifle team, heroically stayed in position to continue fire with his Browning Automatic Rifle; his concerted fire succeeded in helping his platoon to withdraw. Private McGarry did this under the rake of heavy enemy fire and at great risk of his own life, thereby earning the admiration of his comrades. His dauntless spirit, fearlessness, and his devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Private McGarry and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Master Sergeant Kenneth C. Moore, 38110284, Field Artillery, 720th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria, from 6 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Colorado.

Private First Class Cecil F. Morris, 14192883, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Holzmuhl, Germany, on 18 March 1945. When it was imperative that a guide be driven to an outpost platoon of "L" Company, Private Morris, a Company Driver, fully realizing the dangers, unhesitatingly volunteered. He rapidly drove his truck with the guide over four miles of road, silhouetted against the light of burning boxcars, searching the most covered route as he drove. The enemy, perceiving him, laid down an increasingly intense mortar and artillery barrage, plus machine-gun fire; yet Private Morris skillfully reached his objective. Then, to be available for further duty, he returned over the same route, again subjected to the enemy fire. Private Morris's courageous and voluntary assumption of a hazardous mission is a great credit to himself and the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Corporal William J. Murphy, Jr., 19084220, Field Artillery, 720th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 8 March 1945 to 19 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Nial W. Ogle, 35627629, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Weisenhasie and Sontra, Germany, on 4 April 1945. While driving a light truck on a reconnaissance mission, Private Ogle and his unit liaison officer were fired upon by 30 enemy riflemen supported by two machine-guns. Displaying extreme calmness and presence of mind Private Ogle quickly backed into a narrow cut along the roadside where maximum protection was afforded. For more than an hour he persistently fought off the enemy attack while attempting to contact his company by radio and succeeded in killing two of the enemy and wounding an undetermined number. His courage and aggressiveness enabled him to hold out until he was joined by the relief party sent from his unit. The bravery, resourcefulness and versatility demonstrated by Private Ogle reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Carmine Petrillo, 31416387, Medical Department, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany on 20 April 1945. When an enemy artillery time-fire barrage began to burst directly over the heads of the First Platoon of Company "M", the platoon sought cover. Private Petrillo, Company Aid Man, observed three men who had been seriously wounded by flying fragments lying in an exposed position. With utter disregard for his own safety he left his covered position, and despite the terrific enemy fire, remained with the wounded men administering aid, and then carried them to the shelter of a building. His outstanding courage in risking his own life and his tenacious devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Private Petrillo and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Robert F. Schumann, 18073690, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Neumarkt, Germany on 21 April 1945. Entering Neumarkt prior to an attack by our forces, Private Schumann reconnoitered routes of advance and sought out enemy strong points. With one other man Private Schumann proceeded across the town, crossing an open area that had been receiving heavy enemy artillery bombardment. Climbing fences and

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entering windows, Private Schumann was frequently exposed to enemy fire. As he clambered into a factory window, he drew one shot from a sniper and directed his companion along a safer route. Near the center of the city Private Schumann observed enemy infantry and was fired on by its machine-gun. Retracing his route, he returned to his Battalion and relayed his vital information one hour before the attack. His initiative and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Reginald H. Scott, 31000023, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Neumarkt, Germany, on 21 April 1945. When the First Platoon of Company "I" made an attack on Neumarkt, and was pinned down by enemy fire, Private Scott, a platoon runner, seeing a comrade struck by automatic weapons fire, instantly realized that evacuation to an aid station was impossible, due to the continual hail of fire which centered about the wounded man. Rising to his feet in full view of the enemy, Private Scott ran seventy-five yards over open ground to his comrade, and disregarding the incessant bursts of fire deliberately broke down a fence and carried the wounded man to cover, where he administered first aid. His courage and solicitude for his comrade reflect great credit upon Private Scott and the armed forces. Entered military service from Maine.

Private First Class Eric C. Sutherland, 39215848, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Enns, Austria on 7 May 1945. Arriving, with a Lieutenant and a sergeant, at a highway bridge across the Inns River, Private Sutherland found it intact, but prepared for immediate demolition. Volunteering to cross the bridge under cover of darkness and remove the explosives, Private Sutherland, boldly exposing himself to possible enemy observation and fire, followed the firing wires while the Lieutenant climbed below the road bed to begin removing the explosives. Suddenly a machine-gun across the river opened fire, spraying streams of tracers upon two 500 pound bombs. Ignoring the hazard, Private Sutherland continued deactivating the explosives and withdrew only after the vital span was safe from destruction. Private Sutherland's cool, courageous action in preventing the loss of an important link between American and Russian forces reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

Major Edward A. Thaver, 01283696, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant Henry M. Wingert, 01821949, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Luxembourg, Germany and Austria from 1 January 1945 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IV - CORRECTION IN GENERAL ORDERS

Amended by WD-AG-O-Form No. 861- June 15, 1945
So much of Section I, General Orders No. 43, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division, dated 12 June 1945 pertaining to the award of Silver Star (Posthumously) to Private First Class Carl C. Talada, 36982014, Infantry, 260th Infantry, as reads, "on 19 March 1945", is amended to read, "on 18 March 1945".

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Raymond T. McHugh, 01326442, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Efferding, Germany, on 3 May 1945. After entering the town of Efferding, Lieutenant McHugh, I and R Platoon Leader, advanced down the main street when suddenly he was confronted by a German 88mm gun only forty yards away and a considerable number of hostile troops deployed throughout buildings in the immediate vicinity. Lieutenant McHugh maneuvered himself to within hailing distance of the enemy and demanded its surrender. Receiving no response, he led his platoon into the attack for an hour and a half in house-to-house fighting. When enemy reinforcements arrived in overwhelming numbers, Lieutenant McHugh withdrew his platoon. Then, under constant enemy observation and fire, he made numerous excursions to the zone of action to deploy friendly reinforcing elements. He accounted largely for forty killed, fifty wounded, and sixty prisoners without casualty to his forces and enabled one platoon to resist an estimated hostile force of from 500 to 700 men. His heroism, bravery under fire, and exemplary leadership reflect the highest credit upon Lieutenant McHugh and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

I - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Oak Leaf Cluster)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Sergeant Joseph S. Lang, 33177803, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Langensalza, Germany, on 7 April 1945. Approaching, in a Tank Destroyer, to within 125 yards of a building on the outskirts of Langensalza, from which heavy hostile small arms fire was delaying the advance, Sergeant Lang dismounted and, proceeding on foot to within hailing distance of the enemy, demanded their surrender. When the enemy refused to surrender, he signaled his crew to fire a round into the building. This brought a concerted rain of small arms fire upon Sergeant Lang, who, stepping around the corner of the structure, called for additional fire. After a few well-placed rounds, the enemy installation was demolished and thirty-one enlisted men and two officers were taken prisoners. His dauntless courage and fearless approach under fire contributed to the swift completion of a mission of great moment and reflect great credit upon Sergeant Lang and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Emerson Liles, 34467683, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Passau, Germany, on 3 May 1945. While awaiting further battle developments, Sergeant Liles, commander of an M-36 Tank Destroyer, received word of a disastrous attack upon a friendly convoy by enemy riflemen employing incendiary bullets. Sergeant Liles immediately committed

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his vehicle and crew to aid in the withdrawal of severely-punished Infantry elements. He quickly eliminated German panzerfaust threats, and then began a two-hour battle with a Mark IV tank which had joined the fight. By using another tank destroyer as a decoy to draw the Mark IV into range, Sergeant Liles enabled his gunner to demolish the enemy tank. His boldness and shrewd tactical ability are a great credit to Sergeant Liles and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain Harold D. Aaron, 086207, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Fraulautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. When his company was pinned down by a cross-fire of machine guns and enemy artillery while trying to relieve another unit, Captain Aaron, Commanding Officer of Company "A", pushed forward with a small patrol to determine the route to the objective. During his absence, his Company, disorganized and suffering casualties, had returned 700 yards to the original line of departure. Captain Aaron returned, reorganized his Company, and personally led it back through the artillery barrage, and, rendering individual encouragement to his men, completed his mission. In addition, he sent back vital information that helped bring another company up on the line safely. His courage, excellent judgement, and superior leadership reflect great credit upon Captain Aaron and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade **Preston R. Acree**, 35704439, Medical Department, 365th Medical Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. While our forces were under direct observation and fire from enemy positions up and down the Danube River, Technician Acree, a Surgical Technician, assisted during the entire day in evacuating the wounded, without regard for his own personal safety. Despite the heavy small arms and machine-gun fire Technician Acree continuously crossed exposed areas, administering first aid and assisting in the evacuation of the wounded men to collecting points on the river. He not only crossed the river under enemy fire to evacuate patients, but helped carry a litter patient one mile over rough terrain. His courageous devotion to duty and his bravery in the face of danger reflect great credit upon Technician Acree and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade **Robert S. Alexander**, 20836779, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 12 March 1945. Throughout the Saarlautern operation, Corporal Alexander, a Third Battalion lineman, unstintingly concentrated his efforts to assure the efficient operation of communications. When hostile mortar fire severed vital communication lines, Corporal Alexander determined the break was in the center of an open field upon which an accurate sniper, machine gun, and mortar fire was being laid. Refusing assistance, he crawled sixty yards to the broken line and repaired it. Before returning to safety, he carefully checked the contact. Corporal Alexander's coolness and courage under hostile fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant **James D. Amos**, 19050038, Medical Department, 365th Medical Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. While our forces were under

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Staff Sergeant John L. Argabright, 38098633, Field Artillery, 720th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Roy M. Baker, 17008607, Field Artillery, 720th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 6 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Clarence K. Brant, 39404835, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Lahr, Germany, on 22 April 1945. When a mortar platoon, located behind a ridge, lost communication with an OP on the far side of the ridge through failure of the OP radio, Private Brant, a Company "D" driver, volunteered to deliver a new radio, although it meant crossing the ridge which was swept by enemy machine gun fire and under artillery and small arms fire. Re-crossing this hazardous area he returned to the platoon and led the platoon sergeant over 1800 yards of fire-covered territory to another OP. After returning, he proceeded to lay a communication wire to the first OP. Private Brant's courage and initiative under fire aided his platoon greatly in accomplishing its mission and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Major Fred L. Brundage, 0414195, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Gondelshausen, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Commanding an assault battalion with the mission of crossing the Danube River and establishing a bridgehead, Major Brundage so distinguished the undertaking with a sound display of tactical knowledge, aggressive leadership, tenacity, and unswerving devotion to duty that its success was assured. Upon gaining the opposite bank he quickly consolidated his unit and led the attack over 1000 yards of open terrain, achieving complete tactical surprise and catching many of the enemy asleep at their posts. Pressing on toward Matting, he personally led his command group in clearing the town and capturing 50 prisoners. His fearless leadership and profound grasp of the many factors vital to a military operation of such scope reflect great credit upon Major Brundage and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Desmond Call, 39922668, Field Artillery, 720th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Bergmatting, Germany, on 28 April 1945. Firing in support of an armored force attacking across the Danube River, Private Call, a cannoneer of a howitzer battery under enemy observation and fire, through unflinching devotion to duty, kept his gun firing when it would ordinarily have been declared out of action. When the lanyard

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roke he continued to operate the firing mechanism manually. Because the elapsed time between firing of the piece and its recoil could not permit the safe withdrawal of his hand from the path of the gun, Private suffered several broken bones in his left hand. Despite his handicap he continued to operate the gun until the mission was completed. His unswerving courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Private Call and the military service. Entered military service from Idaho.

Private First Class Demo C. Christopoulos, 36890707, Infantry, 161st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Bad Abbach, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Three times Private Christopoulos volunteered for vital, but hazardous missions instrumental in facilitating a Danube River crossing for his battalion. Twice, when his battalion was isolated on the river beachhead and low on ammunition he carried messages to headquarters revealing the plight of his unit. To reach the river necessitated crossing flat open terrain systematically blasted by 88mm, machine gun, and sniper fire. Once there he was ferried across in an assault boat over a route zeroed in by enemy artillery. Both times he completed the mission and returned via the same hazardous route. When a call for volunteers came to evacuate wounded through the same area he again responded. By his heroic action and selfless devotion to duty Private Christopoulos reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant William H. Clark, 01821680, Field Artillery, 308th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Passau, Germany, on 3 May 1945. When forward anti-tank elements of a task force assigned to take Passau were attacked by a fanatical company of SS troops within the city, Lieutenant Clark's courage and keen judgment were instrumental in rescuing them. Deploying two of his Tank Destroyers between the building housing the enemy and the elements of the task force, he directed 90mm and machine gun fire upon the hostile installations, enabling the trapped unit to escape. For almost five hours, affoot and in his Tank Destroyer, braving sniper, machine gun, and panzerfaust fire, he spurred the attack which routed the enemy and destroyed a Mark IV tank. The bravery, resourcefulness, and positive action displayed by Lieutenant Clark under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant William G. Cooper, 35429868, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Langensalza, Germany, on 5 April 1945. When the platoon sergeant of Company "G" was wounded by enemy automatic weapons fire during its mission to take a hill near Langensalza, Sergeant Cooper, a squad leader, immediately took charge of the platoon. Ordering the men to crawl to a nearby orchard, he then arose in the face of the enemy fire and intermittently ran away from the platoon, drawing the enemy fire to himself and permitting the men to escape to the orchard. He then returned to the platoon and directed its fire into the enemy positions, as a result of which a German officer and twenty enemy soldiers surrendered. Sergeant Cooper's bravery and utter disregard of personal danger resulted in the complete clearing of enemy troops from that area and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Glen H. Ellis, 39294483, Infantry (armored), 748th Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Schalding, Germany, on 2 May 1945. When volunteers were sought to relieve an infantry company that was pinned down by enemy fire, Private Ellis, a bow-gunner, who had assumed command of his tank when his commander was wounded, unhesitatingly offered his tank and crew despite a

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depleted ammunition supply and the known presence of numerous panzerfaust teams. Proceeding forward with a small group of tanks and TD's he materially aided in the neutralization of the enemy fire and was also instrumental in the destruction of twelve strong points, killing and wounding over fifteen enemy soldiers, and capturing thirty others. His display of initiative and personal bravery was an inspiration to Private Ellis' comrades and reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Corporal Floyd J. Folsie, 38266515, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Passau, Germany, on 3 May 1945. When the task force of which his destroyer was a member became involved in a fight in the southern part of Passau, Corporal Folsie, an anti-tank gunner, by his rapid, skillful handling of his 90mm gun, fought off the enemy. Battling it out with riflemen and large groups of Panzerfaust rocketeers, he enabled the infantry elements to withdraw, and thereupon began a two-hour battle with a Mark IV tank which had joined the fight. When his Tank Destroyer Commander, using another tank destroyer as a decoy, drew the Mark IV into range, Corporal Folsie, skillfully ricocheting his shots off the pavement, demolished the enemy tank. His boldness and shrewd tactical ability are a great credit to Corporal Folsie and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Sergeant Francis J. Gaffney, 42050223, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Langensalza, Germany, on 5 April 1945. When a battalion of infantry on its advance into the town of Langensalza, encountered a road block in a railroad underpass which was subjected to sniper fire, Sergeant Gaffney and his squad were called upon to clear the obstacle. Personally braving the intense sniper and automatic weapons fire, he led his squad into position by infiltration and conducted the removal of the road block in fifty minutes. By the heroic endeavor of Sergeant Gaffney and his men, supplies and Infantrymen were rushed through the underpass and the capture of the objective was expedited. His courage and leadership in the face of enemy fire reflect great credit upon Sergeant Gaffney and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Henry F. Harris, 18232431, Medical Department, 365th Medical Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Despite continuous enemy small arms, sniper, machine gun, and burp gun fire, Technician Harris, a Surgical Technician, repeatedly exposed himself the entire day to evacuate wounded from the Danube River bridgehead operations. On one occasion, when all litter bearers were pinned down by an harassing enemy machine gun, Technician Harris drove a jeep through heavy, aimed fire, ran sixty yards to a wounded man, carried him to the jeep, and drove him back to safety, despite spurts of automatic fire which followed him all the way. Technician Harris' repeated bravery under hazardous conditions and his devotion to the creed of the Medical Corps reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Arnold A. Hogrefe, 36672601, Medical Department, 365th Medical Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Despite continuous enemy small arms, sniper, machine gun, and burp gun fire, Technician Hogrefe, a Surgical Technician, repeatedly exposed himself the entire day to evacuate wounded from the Danube River bridgehead operations. Twice crossing the river in an open boat to expedite evacuation and obtain critically needed medical supplies, Technician Hogrefe was pinned down by 88mm artillery fire. After the fire had lifted he delivered the supplies to the aid station. Then he com-

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mandeered an ex-cart to transport the wounded, when no other means were available. Technician Högrum's repeated bravery under hazardous conditions and his devotion to the creed of the Medical Corps reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Ray E. Hood, 35922076, Corps of Engineer 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. After completing his assigned three crossings of the Danube River as an engineer assault boat commander, Technician Hood, not waiting for relief, volunteered to remain at his dangerous post and transport more badly-needed Infantrymen across the river. Moving across the wide, swift-flowing river, Technician Hood repeatedly braved heavy fire from enemy small arms and 88mm guns. He made seven additional trips to the far bank, each time depositing ten soldiers in position to move into the firefight, and contributed inestimably to the successful operation. His courage and voluntary assumption of a hazardous mission reflect great credit upon Technician Hood and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Joseph H. Horsman, 35571524, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 13 March 1945. Just prior to an attack by a patrol of Company "K", vital communications between the Company CP and the platoon which was to support the patrol were knocked out by an enemy mortar barrage. Because of the intensity of the fire the Company Commander deemed it inadvisable to send a lineman to repair the line. However, within ten minutes he discovered that the communications had been reinstalled. Investigation showed that Sergeant Horsman, a platoon guide, without experience as a lineman, had volunteered to repair the line. Unmindful of bursting shells falling about him and the enemy sniper and rifle grenade fire directed at him, he accomplished the task. His courageous and aggressive act was an inspiration to his men and reflects great credit upon Sergeant Horsman and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant Wilbur E. Hovi, 6902987, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Stoppach, Germany, on 20 April 1945. While billeted with his men in a house on the southeastern edge of town, Sergeant Hovi, a section leader, distinguished himself during two encounters with the enemy. During the night an eight-man patrol of Germans surrounded the house and demanded the section's surrender. Sergeant Hovi had posted his men in strategic positions and, employing the element of surprise, blasted the enemy so vigorously that they all withdrew, every man wounded. In the morning, the house was attacked furiously by an enemy tank and SS and Panzer infantry troops. Sergeant Hovi withdrew his men under smashing concentrations of rifle fire, then attacked from new positions, disrupting the enemy thrust. His alertness, remarkable courage, and leadership in the face of superior forces reflect great credit upon Sergeant Hovi and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Second Lieutenant Walter D. Johnson, 0558099, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Saarlautern, Germany, on 20 March 1945. On the morning of 20 March 1945, Lieutenant Johnson, a Company "G" Platoon Leader, while reorganizing his platoon after it had been relieved in the line the previous day, discovered that many men who were wounded or killed had not been evacuated. Immediately organizing a volunteer party, he returned to the battlefield to evacuate the wounded. At this time the area to be entered was covered with Schu-mines and was subjected to artillery fire and fire from snipers at ranges varying from fifty yards

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to two hundred yards. Lieutenant Johnson, displaying outstanding courage and devotion to the men of his platoon, led his group into the area and, despite the hazard involved, was able to carry out at least eight men who would not have been evacuated until late afternoon. His bravery and loyalty to his men reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Leonard M. Lutjemeier, 37142585, Medical Department, 365th Medical Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Papfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. While our forces were under direct observation and fire from enemy positions up and down the Danube River, Sergeant Lutjemeier, a Section Sergeant of the Litter Platoon, assisted during the entire day in evacuating the wounded, without regard for his own personal safety. Despite the heavy small arms and machine gun fire, Sergeant Lutjemeier continuously crossed open areas, administering first aid and assisting in the evacuation of the wounded men. Upon one occasion, when two injured men lay under artillery fire, he crawled 100 yards through the fire, administered first aid, and then carried them to safety, himself oblivious to the bursting shells. His courageous devotion to duty and his bravery in the face of danger reflect great credit upon Sergeant Lutjemeier and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant Richard L. Machelor, 0556004, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 8 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Milton W. Meyer, 01320762, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 5 March 1945 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Captain William K. Moors, 0406957, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 5 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

First Lieutenant Saul C. Pearl, 01173737, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technician, Fifth Grade LeRoy L. Peterson, 16102833, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Sandbach, Germany, on 2 May 1945. When an advance party, of which he was a member, was ambushed, Technician Peterson volunteered to warn an approaching convoy of the situation. The job necessitated taking a jeep through automatic weapon and machine-gun fire. While driving at top speed through the intense fire Technician Peterson received a serious knee wound, and his vehicle was damaged. Despite the excruciating pain and the continual necessity to move his shattered leg, Technician Peterson courageously reached the convoy and informed it of the ambush so that immediate relief could be dispatched. His fortitude and courageous assumption of a hazardous mission reflect great credit upon Technician Peterson and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class John R. Pichurski, 16102838, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Neumarkt, Germany

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on 23 April 1945. Private Pichurski, a scout observer for Third Battalion Headquarters, and a companion were sent to Neumarkt to establish contact with two companies. Forced to take a route not yet cleared of enemy troops, he was fired on by a machine gun. Seeking cover, he returned fire to enable his comrade to advance. Simultaneously contacting one of the companies and locating a German CP protected by several self-propelled 88's, Private Pichurski radioed information to Battalion Headquarters concerning the enemy installations and the location of the company. When enemy tanks were sighted by a company which was without contact with Battalion, Private Pichurski, without regard for his own safety, ran across a bombed field with his radio to the unit's OP, where he relayed this new information. Private Pichurski's initiative and bravery in helping to coordinate the Battalion attack reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

Staff Sergeant Albert M. Sovey, Jr., 36225734, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Stoppach, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When the Tank Destroyer Platoon, of which Sergeant Sovey was a platoon sergeant, was attacked at Stoppach by a German force consisting of some 300 foot troops, eight tanks and two anti-tank guns, the platoon leader directed Sergeant Sovey to encircle the town with his platoon and, without endangering American troops in the town, to direct fire on the enemy tanks. Proceeding in the face of heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Sovey, firing at the attackers, destroyed two tanks and three guns, and forced the remaining enemy to retreat beyond range of his Destroyers. Sergeant Sovey's achievement, accomplished with no casualties to our forces, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant Douglas W. Streuber, 01545210, Medical Administrative Corps, 365th Medical Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. During the assault crossing of the Danube River, Lieutenant Streuber, a Litter Platoon Leader, superbly directed his men in the evacuation of casualties despite the continuous enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire brought to bear from positions above and below the bridgehead. As a result of his excellent judgment and leadership only two of his men were wounded. Lieutenant Streuber's exemplary heroic and his superior guidance inspired his platoon in the performance of its duty. By his untiring efforts and strict attention to the task at hand Lieutenant Streuber greatly expedited the evacuation of the wounded men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Master Sergeant Edwin E. Williams, 35102842, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 18 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

IV - CORRECTION IN GENERAL ORDERS

OK ✓ So much of Section III, General Orders No. 45, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division, dated 16 June 1945, pertaining to the award of Bronze Star Medal to First Lieutenant Dalton G. Bartlett, 01017923, Infantry, 259th Infantry as reads, "259th Infantry" is amended to read, "260th Infantry."

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Sergeant Floyd F. Dickens, 6546626, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For gallantry in action near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. During the assault crossing of the Danube, Sergeant Dickens, a Company "D" squad leader, saw a wounded comrade fall. Knowing that the intense enemy fire would prevent medical aid men from reaching the casualty, Sergeant Dickens, disregarding his own safety, dashed to the aid of his comrade. Quickly administering first aid, Sergeant Dickens was proceeding to carry the wounded man to safety when machine gun fire forced him to hit the ground. Realizing that safety was but a short distance away, he determined to make one more attempt. Arising with the wounded soldier in his arms, Sergeant Dickens was about to move forward when he was mortally wounded by another burst of machine gun fire. Sergeant Dickens' heroism in giving his life to save that of a friend is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army and reflects the greatest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant Dan Canak, 39905650, (then Sergeant), Infantry, 260th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Eferding, Austria, on 5 May 1945. As part of an advanced patrol into the city Sergeant Canak, accompanied by his driver, was confronted at an intersection by four enemy soldiers manning an anti-tank position and at least one sniper in the vicinity. Standing exposed, Sergeant Canak himself killed the four crew members plus an officer directing operations. Then, observing an enemy soldier in the act of hurling a hand grenade, he shot and killed him. By clearing the intersection Sergeant Canak enabled his platoon to establish positions on the main thoroughfare, smash four truckloads of enemy reinforcements, take the town, and pave the way for the capture of the regimental objective the following day. His aggressiveness and coolness under fire reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

Private First Class Sabatino Cashera, 32851450, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. While a member of a six-man patrol assigned to scout forward positions and to contact a company which was to be relieved, Private Cashera encountered severe fire from an enemy pill box. With two members of the patrol he edged forward through a mined area and demolished the enemy installation with hand grenades, killing one of the enemy and capturing eleven. Sending one of his men back

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with the prisoners, Private Cashera and a companion proceeded amidst enemy mortar and artillery fire, located their objective, and reconnoitered the area. When his companion was wounded while returning, Private Cashera assisted him to safety and then led the relieving company to its new position. Private Cashera's aggressiveness, courage, and leadership reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Ramiro Martinez; 39691739, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Stoppach, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When the house occupied by his platoon was attacked by a German patrol, Private Martinez, a machine gun section gunner, rushed to a window and fired at the patrol, thereby assisting in routing the enemy after three of them were killed and at least three wounded. Later, during an attack on Stoppach by enemy tanks and infantrymen, Private Martinez chose to remain in a burning building firing his machine gun rather than retreat. At the first opportunity, he set his weapon beside a demolished tank and turned a withering fire upon the enemy, killing fifteen. Although wounded, Private Martinez refused to leave his post until the enemy retreated. His outstanding courage and tenacity in the face of fire reflect the highest credit upon Private Martinez and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Staff sergeant John H. McDonald, 39047469, (then Private First Class), Infantry, 260th Infantry. For gallantry in action near Sandbach, Austria, on 2 May 1945. Sergeant McDonald, a volunteer member of a patrol seeking machine guns which had ambushed his regimental motor convoy, unhesitatingly took command of the patrol after several enemy machine gun nests had been disclosed and indecision threatened to defeat the mission. He directed an immediate frontal attack. Employing marching fire, although the nine men were armed only with carbines and pistols, he moved into the direct fire of the estimated enemy platoon and used a captured weapon when his own was disabled. Despite grenades and intense fire, Sergeant McDonald charged the enemy positions with fixed bayonet and routed the Germans. A German infantry battalion, terrorized by the attack, also fled, thus relieving Sergeant McDonald's beleaguered company. Sergeant McDonald's intrepid act and sterling leadership reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Technical Sergeant Marion E. Mills, 37325676, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Linz, Austria, on 4 May 1945. When his motorized patrol was forced to take cover from a strong enemy 88mm artillery barrage, Sergeant Mills made a short reconnaissance forward and directed the capture of a group of hostile soldiers, fully armed and in company strength. Moving through enemy artillery fire, from which even the Germans had sought cover, he proceeded alone, and, discovering a large number of enemy troops in a defiladed position, singlehandedly accomplished their capture. Then, summoning his men who had been left in defensive positions, he established an OP in a church steeple from which he was able to direct friendly fire upon the German guns, finally silencing them. Through Sergeant Mills' efforts 180 enemy soldiers were captured without casualty to his men. His inspired bravery and initiative reflect the greatest credit upon Sergeant Mills and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

First Lieutenant David L. Simpson, 01315871, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Pfiffenrod, Germany, on 21 April 1945. When an enemy rifle squad was seen entering Pfiffenrod, Lieutenant Simpson, a Company "H" Platoon Leader, set out to clear the town with two jeeps, each mounted with a machine gun. Fire from a concealed enemy self-propelled gun knocked one jeep off the road, killing one soldier and wounding another. Lieutenant Simpson opened fire from the second vehicle, causing the half track to button up and jamming its gun. Wounded by a sniper, Lieutenant Simpson shot

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and killed his assailant. He then removed the dead and injured men from the first jeep, sent his driver to summon aid, returned to his machine gun, and continued to fire until a rifle squad arrived to relieve him. Lieutenant Simpson's aggressiveness and courage in the face of enemy fire reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

First Sergeant Robert F. Maushammer, 20751136, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Passau, Germany, on 2 May 1945. While Company "G" was engaged in clearing enemy snipers from a section of Passau, it was pinned down to the protection of nearby buildings by an intense volume of rifle fire. With a companion, Sergeant Maushammer voluntarily advanced up the street, endeavoring to draw fire and locate the hostile positions. They had proceeded only a short distance when they encountered German fire, and Sergeant Maushammer's companion was wounded. Returning fire on the enemy and assisting his wounded comrade at the same time, Sergeant Maushammer headed for cover. He was hit and killed instantly by a sniper bullet just as he brought his companion to shelter. His brave action enabled members of his company to locate the enemy and force them to withdraw. His loyal devotion to duty and the sacrifice of his life in behalf of his fellow soldiers reflect great credit upon Sergeant Maushammer and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Sergeant Clarence McCafferty, 35072833, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When the machine gun squad of Company "D" made an assault crossing on the Danube River, the squad was pinned down by enemy sniper and automatic weapon fire. Sergeant McCafferty, a squad leader, took the risk of exposing himself to the enemy in order to accomplish the unit's mission. While his men had taken cover Sergeant McCafferty and the first gunner, disregarding enemy fire falling around them, had set up the machine gun. Then, ordering the gunner to lie flat, Sergeant McCafferty fired burst after burst of fire into the enemy positions. Suddenly he was struck in the face by a sniper's bullet and instantly killed. Sergeant McCafferty's heroism and courageous devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Kenneth V. Schryer, 37144385, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Bad Nauheim, Germany, on 28 March 1945. Attacked by German 88mm and 20mm anti-tank and levelled anti-aircraft fire, the small cavalry task force to which Sergeant Schryer's Tank Destroyer Platoon was attached lost one tank and five smaller vehicles. Despite strong and concentrated enemy fire, Sergeant Schryer climbed a small knoll, from which he was able to locate enemy positions and find emplacements for his weapons. Selecting targets and memorizing the reference points, he dashed from the knoll, returned to his platoon, and assigned locations to the gun commanders. The

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ensuing fire knocked out one 20mm and four 88mm guns and four of the seven escaping vehicles. Sixty dead were counted and 200 prisoners taken. Sergeant Schryer's admirable strategy and personal valor reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade Clarence H. Seidenabel, 35619732, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Langensalza, Germany, on 7 April 1945. Encountering heavy rifle and machine gun fire from a building at the edge of Langensalza Technician Seidenabel left his tank destroyer and, despite danger from snipers, reconnoitered the building. He threw two grenades inside, returned to his destroyer, and sprayed the building with machine gun fire. When return fire ceased, he proceeded on. A few minutes later, fire from the same building again held up our troops. Technician Seidenabel and the section chief returned and demanded the occupants' surrender. Unanswered, Technician Seidenabel kicked in the door, threw in grenades, and signalled his crew for shell fire. After nine rounds had pierced the building, thirty-three Germans surrendered. Technician Seidenabel's valorous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

V - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant Emory S. Anderson, 20702368, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria, from 4 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technical Sergeant Hughey L. Bush, 34381765, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria, from 6 March 1945 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Sergeant Alfred Capitano, 34242019, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Seubersdorf, Germany, on 23 April 1945. Sergeant Capitano was riding in a jeep leading a reconnaissance party into Seubersdorf, when enemy riflemen on his left and right, together with a force in the town, suddenly opened fire, wounding the jeep driver, and causing the reconnaissance party to seek cover. Sergeant Capitano alone, ignoring the enemy fire which damaged the jeep, remained in the vehicle and sprayed the riflemen with machine-gun fire until they retreated. By continuing to fire and manipulate the jeep, Sergeant Capitano enabled his force to hold out until the main body of tanks arrived and accomplished the capture of the town. His initiative and extraordinary courage in the face of enemy fire reflect great credit upon Sergeant Capitano and the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

Technician Fourth Grade Michael F. Ciancaglino, 32582036, Medical Department, 365th Medical Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Maulautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. When, for twenty-four hours, a trapped infantry battalion aid station had been unable to contact rear evacuation elements, Technician Ciancaglino, a 365th Medical Battalion liaison man, despite enemy machine gun, rifle and mortar fire, made his way to the Collecting Station. There he relayed information of medical needs and the number of casualties

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waiting to be evacuated. After savage enemy fire frustrated his attempts to lead other medical personnel back to the aid station he waited until dark and then, loading ambulances with needed medical supplies, led them forward to evacuate twenty wounded men. His courage, determination, and devotion to his fellow soldiers are a great credit to Technician Ciancaglino and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Bernard J. Coolahan, 33385581, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Saarlautern, Germany, on 17 March 1945. In order to relay orders to its mortar without delay, a Company "K" Weapons Platoon CP was set up in a nearby house. When enemy mortars bombarded the Platoon, two duds fell through the CP's roof, landing in the hallway. Realizing the constant danger caused by their presence in the house Sergeant Coolahan without regard for his own safety, carried the duds out into an open field beyond their danger radius. Sergeant Coolahan's courageous action in removing a menace to his comrades and eliminating the additional hazard of having to detour around the CP through an area continually shelled by the enemy reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Staff Sergeant Jesse R. Crater, Jr., 34175451, Field Artillery 867th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 21 April 1945 to 9 May 1945. During this period, Sergeant Crater, serving in the position of Field Artillery Forward Observer, exhibited commendable ability and performed his duties superbly in furnishing artillery support and liaison with front line companies which materially aided them in accomplishment of their assigned missions. As an example of his work, near Neumarkt, Germany, he showed no hesitation in establishing an Observation Post in an exposed position. Ignoring the heavy enemy artillery fire, he rapidly and accurately adjusted and brought down artillery concentrations on enemy personnel and installations. His coolness and bravery demonstrated under fire and his expert handling of men and equipment reflect great credit upon Sergeant Crater and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Luigi C. Fiorenza, 6974190, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 4 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Paul E. Guillot, Jr., 0558071, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When the 60mm Mortar Section became pinned down in the rear of Company "B", Lieutenant Guillot, realizing its essentialness, dashed through enemy cross-fire to its rescue. Skillfully picking his route, he led the section to a point where it could be utilized. When intense sniper fire forced the company to cover, Lieutenant Guillot organized a combat team and, daringly exposing himself, drew the enemy's attention, enabling his men to eliminate the snipers. Later the Company Commander was killed. Lieutenant Guillot immediately assumed command and, forming the company into three teams, personally led one group forward, leaving the other two as a holding force. The cool manner and outstanding initiative and leadership of Lieutenant Guillot inspired the men under him and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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Sergeant Earle J. Hartin, 39143980, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 17 March 1945 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Arthur O. Heike, 36774321, Medical Department, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. Jumping off in its attack upon a hill near Saarlautern, the Second Platoon of Company "H" suffered light casualties when it came under enemy machine gun fire. Private Heike, a Company Aid Man, dropped back to administer aid to the wounded men. Slowly working his way up the hill, he treated the men as he went. Suddenly the area was subjected to an intense artillery barrage, causing many more casualties and wounding Private Heike. Disregarding his injury he continued to care for his comrades until he was seriously wounded in the leg by shell fragments, necessitating his removal to a nearby house. While waiting there to be evacuated he helped redress the wounds of a fellow soldier. Private Heike's untiring zeal in behalf of the wounded and his limitless courage under enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service and are in keeping with the high traditions of the Medical Corp. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Robert R. Hembree, 34889121, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 6 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Captain Thomas L. Higginson, 0460428, Field Artillery, 868th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Captain Hubert J. Hoglen, 01300034, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 5 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

First Lieutenant Richard B. Humphreys, 0526751, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 16 March 1945 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Sergeant Jess Lopez, 39231155, Field Artillery, 720th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 6 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

Private Eugene Messer, 35713244, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion, formerly 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Passau, Germany, on 2 May 1945. Moving down a street in the attack on Passau Private Messer and a companion encountered four wounded men and a jeep under concentrated fire, with their only escape route blocked. They ran to a passing tank intending to utilize it in the evacuation of the wounded. Learning that the tank was on an urgent mission and couldn't stop, they decided to effect the rescue themselves. Twice exposing themselves to enemy fire, they entered and cleaned out a number of buildings. They rushed across an open bridge, set fire to several houses by firing tracer bullets into them.

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and diverted the enemy's attention from the wounded men. During the action, Private Messer and his companion killed four enemy soldiers and finally succeeded in rescuing the trapped man. His dauntless courage and concern for the welfare of his wounded comrades reflect great credit upon Private Messer and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class William M. Milbrodt, 37440749, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Fraulautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. Sent out with a small patrol to clear a path through a minefield and observe enemy positions that were holding up the advance of Company "A", Private Milbrodt, despite intense machine gun fire and bursting mortar shells, picked his way through wrecked streets to the critical area. As the patrol reached an open lot, a hidden enemy strong point only fifty yards away opened up with hand grenades and machine gun fire. Private Milbrodt was badly wounded in the leg by a grenade fragment but, disregarding the pain and the danger, he delivered fire from his BAR so effectively that his comrades were able to evacuate their wounded and the enemy was forced to seek cover. Private Milbrodt's fortitude and attention to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Lieutenant Colonel John A. Muzio, 0299581, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 5 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Henry E. Pagel, 36218247, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Fraulautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. When Company "F" attacked Fraulautern, Private Pagel's squad was pinned down by interlocking enemy machine-gun fire, impeding their advance. On his own volition he worked himself within 25 yards of one of the enemy installations and fired a bazooka round into the basement of the house, forcing the enemy to take cover in the upper story. Noting the enemy's change of position he directed another round to the new location, forcing the Germans back into the basement. In the midst of heavy enemy mortar and machine-gun fire, Private Pagel advanced and again fired a round into the cellar, disabling the machine gun and killing four members of the crew. The action enabled his squad to continue its mission. His bravery and calmness under fire and his voluntary performance of a hazardous act at grave danger to his life reflect great credit upon Private Pagel and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant James E. Perry, 35710624, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Stoppach, Germany, on 20 April 1945. While billeted with his men in Stoppach, Sergeant Perry, a Mortar Section Leader, distinguished himself during two encounters with the enemy. During the night a fifteen-man German patrol surrounded the house and demanded the section's surrender. Sergeant Perry posted his men in strategic positions and, employing the element of surprise, blasted the enemy so vigorously that three were killed, at least five wounded, and the rest routed. In the morning the house was attacked by an enemy tank which fired four shells into the house, demolishing it and setting it on fire. Covering his men with rifle fire, Sergeant Perry ordered them to withdraw to a nearby garden and set up their mortars. So effective was Sergeant Perry's fire that all men withdrew without casualty. His superior leadership and ability to make quick decisions reflect great credit upon Sergeant Perry and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

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Private First Class Edward H. Petsuch, 37585252, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Passau, Germany, on 2 May 1945. While Company "G" was actively engaged in clearing snipers from a section of Passau, it was pinned down by heavy fire. Private Petsuch, Platoon Runner, and his First Sergeant, having lost their cover, were proceeding up the street in an attempt to draw fire and locate the hostile positions when Private Petsuch was wounded. The Sergeant, while assisting him to safety, was killed instantly by sniper fire. Not knowing the extent of the Sergeant's injury, Private Petsuch persisted in dragging the body into a sheltering doorway. During this action he was wounded a second time. Crawling back to his company, Private Petsuch indicated the enemy positions and enabled his unit to force the enemy to withdraw. The valor and loyalty to duty displayed by Private Petsuch in a critical situation reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade Rocco E. Porreco, 39719621, Medical Department, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Regensburg, Germany, on 28 April 1945. When his platoon went to the aid of its ambushed Company Commander and his staff, Technician Porreco, a platoon aid man, distinguished himself by his valorous service. When sniper fire mortally wounded a squad leader, Technician Porreco ran over thirty yards under fire to treat the wounded man. As the platoon met increasing opposition two more men were hit, but Technician Porreco quickly cared for them. To reach the first he crossed 100 yards of open ground subjected to intense enemy fire. Remaining exposed to the enemy's observation, he administered aid to the second comrade, initiated and directed the construction of an improvised litter, and personally directed the evacuation. Technician Porreco's disregard for his personal safety and zealous adherence to the requirements of his duty reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Captain Charles W. Saunders, Jr., 0354391, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 6 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Staff Sergeant Seth A. Slocum, 37238932, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 19 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Second Lieutenant Wilson P. Snyder, 0558399, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant Harry C. Van Zandt, 0555598, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 7 April 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Roy D. Williams, 35575986, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Passau, Germany, on 2 May 1945. Moving down a street in the attack on Passau, Sergeant Williams and a companion encountered four wounded men and a jeep under concentrated fire, with their only escape route blocked. They ran to a

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passing tank intending to utilize it in the evacuation of the wounded. Learning that the tank was on an urgent mission and couldn't stop, they decided to effect the rescue themselves. Twice exposing themselves to enemy fire, they entered and cleaned out a number of buildings. They rushed across an open bridge, set fire to several houses by firing tracer bullets into them, and diverted the enemy's attention from the wounded men. During the action Sergeant Williams and his companion killed four enemy soldiers and finally succeeded in rescuing the trapped men. His dauntless courage and concern for the welfare of his wounded comrades reflect great credit upon Sergeant Williams and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Major Arthur R. Woolley, 01283708, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Prambachkirchen, Austria, on 4 May 1945. Leading an advance party of the Third Battalion into the town, Major Woolley entered a building alone and forced the surrender of sixty Germans. When fired upon by a sniper, he returned the fire, wounding the enemy. Later he succeeded in capturing fifty additional enemy troops including six officers. The battalion entered the town with a minimum of casualties and continued the attack to the next community, with Major Woolley personally heading the advance. He directed and controlled the fire of light machine guns, mortars, 37mm guns, and finally a tank destroyer to silence the enemy and enable the battalion to perform its assigned mission. Major Woolley, by his coolness, application of a profound knowledge of infantry weapons, and his ability to exploit a situation, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Third Grade Charles N. Wright, 12003856, Medical Department, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Saarlautern, Germany, on 18-19 March 1945 and at Helena, Germany, on 22 April 1945. On numerous occasions Technician Wright volunteered, at the risk of his life, to go to the aid of wounded comrades. Once while going to help a wounded man he was blown from the top of an eight-foot wall by a mortar shell, and, although injured, he carried the casualty 200 yards to safety. Later he courageously led a litter squad to the rescue of a man lying in a heavily-mined shell crater. On another occasion he was twice forced to cross a 500 yard open, fire swept area to reach and evacuate four casualties. Shortly thereafter he braved an enemy artillery barrage while directing litter teams in the evacuation of wounded men from the shell-torn streets of Helena. By his outstanding work and his readiness to volunteer his services Technician Wright not only saved many lives and relieved much pain and discomfort, but brought the greatest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

VI - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named Enlisted Men for wounds received in Germany on dates indicated:

<u>RANK, NAME, A.S. AND ORGN</u>	<u>DATE WOUNDED</u>
T/5 John L. Knight, 31031420, 259th Infantry	18 April 1945
Sgt Arthur L. Schell, 36000132, 261st Infantry	25 April 1945

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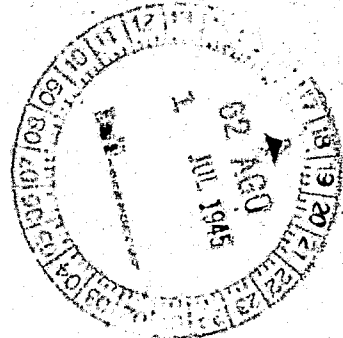
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Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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B. J. BROWN,
Lt Col, AGD,
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I - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Major Thomas R. Flynn, 0452548, Field Artillery, 65th Division Artillery. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Kirchburg, Austria, on 5 May 1945. Reconnoitering for an artillery position that would insure the most effective support for the Infantry, Major Flynn, realizing the congested road conditions, recommended that a position be cleared in an enemy-held village. Proceeding toward Kirchburg, his reconnaissance party surprised a detachment of SS troops in a group of outlying buildings. Capturing these, they demanded and secured the surrender of a 100-man garrison in the town after a short skirmish. An artillery battalion was then brought up, and within two hours from the start of their mission, effective artillery fire was being brought on enemy 88mm guns that were shelling the American infantry. Major Flynn's cool judgment, courage, and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain Walter Alexander, 01311593, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 5 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Howard A. Atwood, 39336636, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany on 26 April 1945. When his company, after crossing the Danube River was held up by fierce enemy resistance, Sergeant Atwood, a squad leader, seized a sniper's rifle from a comrade, and, disregarding the heavy sniper and automatic weapons fire, he began crawling toward the enemy. Quickly locating the enemy troopers, he commenced a counter fire, and his deliberate shots accounted for four hostile snipers. At this time Sergeant Atwood was seriously wounded in the shoulder, but, despite the severe pain, he continued his fire until rescuers arrived. Sergeant Atwood's willingness to close with the enemy, and his disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

Private First Class Kay A. Bailey, 15362373, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Lauterhofen,

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Germany, on 21 April 1945. As a truck driver in Company "M" headquarters, Private Bailey volunteered to accompany a patrol, which was later ambushed at a road block and forced to withdraw with three wounded. In the excitement incited by intense enemy fire he, Private Bailey, was left behind with a jeep, a machine gun, and two rifles. Deciding to save this equipment, he started the vehicle in the face of concentrated hostile fire and had travelled about twenty-five yards when forced to dismount and take cover in a ditch. Again he mounted his vehicle and proceeded only a short distance when subjected to sniper fire. Stopping, he sought out and killed the sniper. His jeep having been damaged in the interim, Private Bailey, with the aid of a neighboring farmer, pushed it into a barn, where it and the weapons were recovered the next day. His heroism under fire, his offer to participate in a dangerous mission, and his high regard for military property reflect great credit upon Private Bailey and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Rowland M. Beamon, 37742607, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Hohenburg, Germany, on 21-22 April 1945. During this period, Private Beamon, a Company "C" scout, twice distinguished himself by his coolness under fire and his presence of mind. While standing guard at his billet, he discovered and fire upon a five-man German patrol, killing one and capturing the remainder. The following day, when separated from his company by eight German soldiers attacking the Company's flank, he singlehandedly engaged them, killing all eight with his M-1 rifle and a phosphorous grenade, thereby preventing an attack upon his comrades. Private Beamon's courage in the face of danger and disregard for his own safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Lieutenant Colonel Daniel J. Boger, 0294694, Field Artillery, 720th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eglsee, Germany, on 1 May 1945. Setting out to select an effective artillery site, Colonel Boger and two officers proceeded into territory known to be in enemy hands. After reaching the contemplated position, Colonel Boger, another officer, and a driver surprised a group of about twenty German soldiers setting up defensive installations. Springing from his vehicle, Colonel Boger fired on the group with such daring that the enemy, taken completely by surprise, was quickly captured and disarmed. Proceeding to a group of farm buildings two miles down the road, the two officers, joined by a third, rushed upon fifteen soldiers in the area. Their intrepid attack resulted in the surrender of the enemy force and elicited valuable information of other enemy installations in the area. Colonel Boger's aggressiveness, initiative, and outstanding courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Glenn L. Bowers, 38015963, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Lahr, Germany, on 22 April 1945. When Private Bower's platoon was moving into position to attack the village of Lahr, it was suddenly subjected to intense artillery and machine gun fire, causing the platoon to become confused and disorganized. Private Bowers, an assistant squad leader, personally took charge of two of the three squads and directed them to cover across the open terrain, despite the artillery fire. While rescuing one of his injured comrades Private Bowers was wounded, but, disregarding the pain, he carried on. Later, when the 1st and 3rd platoons became lost in the woods, he led them to an appointed assembly area. His outstanding initiative, courage, and aggressive leadership reflect great credit upon Private Bowers and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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Technician Fifth Grade Clyde F. Bucklew, 20544363, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Fraulautern, Germany, on 16 March 1945. When wire communications between the Company "A" and First Battalion Command Posts were disrupted by enemy mortar fire, Technician Bucklew, Battalion lineman, accompanied by his Wire Chief, undertook and succeeded in the mission of finding the break. He completed his work while subjected to heavy machine-gun, artillery, and mortar fire that pinned him down for thirty minutes. As a result of the repair, friendly artillery opened up on the enemy positions and completely silenced them. His prompt efficiency under extremely hazardous conditions and his unswerving courage reflect great credit upon Technician Bucklew and the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Sergeant Dominick J. Cardenal, 38373779, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria, from 17 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

First Lieutenant Max W. Doubleday, 01821693, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Enns, Austria, on 6 May 1945. When enemy 88mm artillery and 20mm anti-aircraft gun positions were observed from an infantry battalion OP Lieutenant Doubleday, a Tank Destroyer Platoon Leader, moved his tank destroyers into position and began a systematic elimination of the enemy guns. The Germans, returning fire, scored two direct hits on the building housing the Battalion OP, whereupon all but Lieutenant Doubleday took cover. He alone, disregarding his own safety, remained exposed to the enemy shelling and continued to direct the fire from his guns until all enemy positions were knocked out. By his courageous action he accounted for the destruction of seven 88mm guns, six flak guns, two ammunition dumps, and one enemy truck. His bravery, skill, and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Lieutenant Doubleday and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private Kenneth R. Duffey, 33928353, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. Just prior to an attack by a patrol of Company "K", vital communications between the Company CP and the platoon which was to support the patrol were knocked out by an enemy mortar barrage. Because of the intensity of the fire the Company Commander deemed it inadvisable to send a lineman to repair the line. However, within ten minutes he discovered that communications had been reinstalled. Investigation showed that Private Duffey, a rifleman, without experience as a lineman, had volunteered to repair the line. Disregarding bursting shells falling about him and the enemy sniper and rifle grenade fire directed at him, he accomplished the task. His courageous and aggressive act was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and reflects great credit upon Private Duffey and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain John O. Ellis, Jr., 01172849, Field Artillery, 720th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eppel, Germany, on 1 May 1945. Setting out to select an effective attack site, Captain Ellis and two officers proceeded into territory known to be in enemy hands. After boldly reaching the contemplated position, Captain Ellis drove back to collect the Battery Commanders, by-passing known pockets of enemy resistance. Returning, he proceeded to a group of farm buildings and, with the other officers, rushed the hostile garrison in the area. Their intrepid attack prompted the

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surrender of the enemy force of fifteen men and elicited valuable information. Captain Ellisor's excellent judgment and bold, decisive action enabled him to select excellent artillery OPs and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Corporal Roger M. Feid, 31008773, Field Artillery; 65th Division Artillery. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 18 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Second Lieutenant Howard D. Ford, 01058251, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Fraulautern, Germany, on 19 March 1945. Volunteering to lead a patrol in search of a safe path through a mined area and to reconnoiter enemy installations, Lieutenant Ford and six men picked their way through danger-laden buildings to an open, densely mined lot. Despite a heavy enemy artillery bombardment, Lieutenant Ford proceeded until he was able to make certain that the enemy had evacuated two nearby pillboxes. Retracing his path, Lieutenant Ford suddenly tripped a hidden mine, severing his right foot and inflicting severe body wounds. After receiving first aid, he continued to direct the patrol back to the OP. Despite agonizing pain, Lieutenant Ford reported orally the vital information obtained which was invaluable to his battalion's successful attack later that day. His courage and sacrificial devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Lieutenant Ford and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Major Franklin K. Galloway, Jr., 01165861, Field Artillery, 7th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Kirchburg, Austria, on 5 May 1945. Reconnoitering for an artillery position that would insure the most effective support for the Infantry, Major Galloway expressed his willingness to help clear a path in an enemy-held village. Proceeding toward Kirchburg, Major Galloway directed the surrounding of a detachment of SS troops in a group of outlying buildings. Capturing these, the party demanded and secured the surrender of a 100-man garrison in the town after a short skirmish. An artillery battalion was then brought up, and within two hours from the start of their mission effective artillery fire was being brought on enemy 88mm guns that were shelling the American Infantry. Major Galloway's cool judgment, courage, and disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Technical Sergeant Harry N. Gilbert, 20131654, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neurnorschen, Germany on 2 April 1945. Although cavalry units had reported strong concentrations of 88mm artillery fire from an entrenched enemy on the opposite side of the Fulda River, Sergeant Gilbert volunteered to take a five-man patrol across to locate a battalion fording place. Unmindful of the danger of enemy fire or the swiftly flowing river, Sergeant Gilbert plunged ahead at a likely place, in the fore of his patrol. When he reached the opposite bank he saw two of his men overcome by exhaustion and struggling in the water. He swiftly raced downstream into the river and rescued them. Noting that the other three men were having difficulty in getting across, he assisted them to shore. Reconnaissance showed the Germans had pulled out and also produced a suitable fording place for the battalion. His fearlessness and heroism which were responsible for saving the lives of two of his comrades and aiding the operations of his battalion reflect great credit upon Sergeant Gilbert and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Technical Sergeant Robert L. Gourley, 34490925, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Regensburg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When Company "F" was attacking enemy positions on the southern bank of the Danube River, the Platoon Leader of the Second Platoon was wounded and evacuated. Sergeant Gourley, a Platoon Sergeant, quickly reorganized his men and led them in an orderly temporary withdrawal from heavy enemy fire. Then seeing an adjoining platoon pinned down by enemy fire in an open field, he immediately committed his Second Platoon of Company "F" upon the enemy's flank, and forced the Germans to retreat, thus relieving the beleaguered unit. He then moved his platoon into the former enemy position and set up a base of fire which disorganized the foe and permitted the continuance of the attack. Sergeant Gourley's outstanding leadership and sterling tactical knowledge reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant William C. Graves, 38027939, Infantry (armored), 748th Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Schalding, Germany, on 2 May 1945. When his platoon leader's tank was disabled by a strong enemy force concentrated near a road block, Sergeant Graves left the safety of his tank and, despite withering small arms and automatic weapons fire, reconnoitered the immediate vicinity. Returning to his tank he opened fire, destroying the enemy road block and neutralizing the hostile fire. Disregarding panzerfaust fire, he attempted to remove the disabled tank, but, unable to start the motor, Sergeant Graves directed another tank in towing the vehicle to the rear. Later, when an Infantry company was pinned down, Sergeant Graves commanded and led a composite platoon to its aid, destroying twelve enemy strong points and killing and wounding over fifteen German soldiers. Sergeant Graves' dauntlessness and complete disregard of personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

First Sergeant Jack K. Higgins, (then Staff Sergeant), 20926289, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Idaho.

Private First Class Olaf A. Hilmo, 39621247, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Saarlautern, Germany, on 19 March 1945. When communications between Company "G" Command Post and the Company's front line positions were severed by enemy fire, Private Hilmo, a Machine Gunner, with another enlisted man, volunteered to repair the line after attempts by others had failed. Although inexperienced as linemen, Private Hilmo and his comrade moved forward to the point where the communication line was broken. Under intense artillery fire, Private Hilmo and his comrade repaired the broken wires, and then proceeded to install communication lines to their own gun positions. The restoration of vital wire contacts between the front line and the command post resulted in the neutralization of a dangerous situation. His outstanding courage under fire and his disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon Private Hilmo and the military service. Entered military service from Montana.

Second Lieutenant Lester E. Jacobs, 01184673, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Saarlautern, Germany, on 14 March 1945. While Lieutenant Jacobs' platoon was being relieved by another during the Saarlautern operation, the enemy began a heavy mortar and machine gun barrage. Moving between both platoon

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positions at the risk of his life, Lieutenant Jacobs supervised the relocation of the men with exemplary courage and calmness. Although severely wounded by shell bursts, he refused to be evacuated, against the advice of an aid man, and continued to reassure and encourage his men. He aided the prompt removal of another wounded soldier, but would not consent to his own evacuation until his men had been relieved and the new platoon established in its positions. Lieutenant Jacobs' skillful direction and courageous devotion to duty resulted in a minimum of casualties to his men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Lieutenant Colonel Wilbur S. Jones, 0289859, Field Artillery, 65th Division Artillery. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Kirchburg, Austria, on 5 May 1945. Reconnoitering for an artillery position that would insure the most effective support for the Infantry, Colonel Jones, together with other officers, decided to clear a position in the enemy-held village of Kirchburg. With a small party from an artillery battalion, they surprised a detachment of SS troops in a group of outlying buildings. Capturing these, they demanded and secured the surrender of a 100-man garrison in the town after a short skirmish. An artillery battalion was then brought up, and within two hours from the start of their mission effective artillery fire was being brought on enemy 88mm guns that were shelling American infantry. Colonel Jones' initiative, decisive action, and intrepid leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class Richard P. Leska, 36738932, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, on 10 March 1945. When communications between Company "G" Command Post and the company's front line positions were severed by enemy fire, Private Leska, an Assistant Machine Gunner, with another enlisted man volunteered to repair the line after attempts by others had failed. Although inexperienced as linemen, Private Leska and his comrade moved forward to the point where the communication line was broken. Under intense artillery fire, Private Leska and his comrade repaired the broken wires, and then proceeded to install communication lines to their own gun positions. The restoration of vital wire contacts between the front line and the command post resulted in the neutralization of a dangerous situation. His outstanding courage under fire and his disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant James S. McClung, 18217604, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Fraulautern, Germany, on 16 March 1945. When wire communications between the Company "A" and First Battalion Command Posts were disrupted by enemy mortar fire, Sergeant McClung, Battalion Wire Chief, accompanied by an assistant, undertook and succeeded in the mission of finding the break. He completed his work while subjected to heavy machine-gun, artillery, and mortar fire that pinned him down for thirty minutes. As a result of the repair, friendly artillery opened up on the enemy positions and completely silenced them. His prompt efficiency under extremely hazardous conditions and his unswerving courage reflect great credit upon Sergeant McClung and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Private James F. Olynger, 20533177, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 17 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

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First Sergeant Homer H. Phillips, 18114279, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 20 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Captain Alwyn W. Williams, 01313482, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 5 March 1945 to 2 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Virgil L. Williams, 36951672, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Fraulautern, Germany, on 14 March 1945. Occupying an outpost during the Saarlautern operations, Private Williams saw a sergeant, who was approaching the position, fall some distance away after being hit by enemy fire. Well acquainted with the route, Private Williams volunteered to evacuate the wounded man, despite accurate sniper and machine-gun fire and a mortar barrage that then menaced the entire area. Proceeding cautiously past pillboxes and amid a hail of fire from enemy bunkers, Private Williams reached the sergeant, dragged him to the shelter of a shell-hole, and administered first aid. Bandaging the wound, he helped the sergeant back to the outpost. Private Williams' heroism and prompt action and solicitude for his comrade reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

III - AWARD OF AIR MEDAL

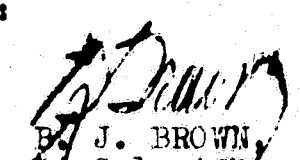
Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Air Medal is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant Bert L. Maxwell, 0546537, Field Artillery, 868th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 30 March 1945 to 26 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

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HEADQUARTERS 65TH INFANTRY DIVISION

GENERAL ORDERS:

24 June 1945

NO 50:

SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR
SECTION II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY)
SECTION III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Sergeant Roland O. Grimard, 31445496, Corps of Engineers, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion. For gallantry in action at Neumarkt, Germany, on 21 April 1945. Approaching Neumarkt, the 259th Infantry found its progress blocked by shell fire from two 88mm guns located about 450 yards down the road and interdicting a vital crossroad. Sergeant Grimard, a squad leader of an engineer platoon attached to the Regiment, was assigned to demolish an archway across the intersection and thereby obstruct enemy observation and provide cover for his troops. Outlined against flaming buildings, Sergeant Grimard worked in full view of the enemy for three-quarters of an hour, disregarding incessant artillery and automatic weapons fire. Estimating, transporting, and placing the demolition charges, he cleared the area of friendly troops and blew up the arch. The resulting rubble provided adequate cover for approaching units and opened the way to the capture of the town. Sergeant Grimard's courage and devotion to duty reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Private First Class Paul E. Gulyas, 36853058, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For gallantry in action near Engertscham, Germany, 2 May 1945. Assigned to destroy an enemy light machine gun that was holding up their convoy, Private Gulyas and four others advanced through mortar fire within 150 yards of the nest and forced the machine-gunners into a farmhouse. Private Gulyas then crawled within twenty yards of the farmhouse, threw a hand grenade into the building, and accomplished the capture of the machine gun and crew. However, several enemy soldiers fled and Private Gulyas, pursuing them alone, was wounded by a grenade fragment. His comrades, inspired by his valor, joined him, returned the grenade fire, and making a bayonet charge, killed two of the enemy and captured two others. Private Gulyas' heroism and spirit of loyalty reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously

Sergeant Tony Bobish, 33396899, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Saarlautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. During an attack against strongly-fortified German positions Sergeant Bobish, a squad leader of Company "F", led his men to cover behind a stone wall facing the Germans. The crossing of a street on the other side of the wall was vital to the Company mission, but accurate enemy automatic weapons fire blocked any advance. Sergeant Bobish, refusing to risk his men's lives before his own, jumped over the stone wall and ran into the street, where a burst of machine gun fire instantly struck him. Crawling back to the wall, he lifted himself up and had almost reached safety when a second burst of fire mortally wounded him. Sergeant Bobish's courageous sacrifice of his life to safeguard his men is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Major Neill H. Alford, Jr., 0396100; Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 5 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

First Lieutenant Russell W. Bertholf, Jr., 0550926, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 12 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Montana.

First Lieutenant Julius H. Cannon, Jr., 0550207, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 8 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

First Sergeant Steve Connelly, 36008251, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria, from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Brigadier General John E. Copeland, 04775, USA, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Saarlautern, Germany, from 16 March 1945 to 20 March 1945. Prior to the attack at Saarlautern, General Copeland by meeting constantly with the Regimental Commanders and by giving their sage advice aided materially in the coordination of the attack over that extremely wide front. Subsequent to the break through at Saarlautern his untiring personal efforts in establishing contact with the Regiments and directing their activities at a time when they were completely out of communication with the Division Command Post enabled the Division Commander to maintain control of those Regiments at a most critical time. General Copeland's determined leadership in allowing nothing to interfere with the steady advance of the Regiments contributed immeasurably to the tactical successes of the Division. His outstanding leadership and executive ability reflect great credit upon General Copeland and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

Sergeant John R. Donoghue, 39011631, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Saarlautern, Germany, on 20 March 1945. Voluntarily leading a patrol with the mission of clearing the enemy from houses in Saarlautern, Sergeant Donoghue took his men from street to street, personally directing the search in each house. While the patrol was crossing an open field to reach other houses enemy snipers opened fire. At the same time Sergeant Donoghue discovered that the area was mined. Ordering his men to withdraw, he proceeded to break a path for the patrol. Then, leading his men through the minefield, he pursued the snipers and, after driving them off, continued with the task of clearing the remaining houses. During the action two men were wounded, and Sergeant Donoghue promptly administered first aid. His initiative and courageous leadership reflect great credit upon Sergeant Donoghue and the military service. Entered military service from California.

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Staff Sergeant Edward A. Dubinski, 36100312, Medical Department, 365th Medical Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 6 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Marvin L. Eagleston, 38698509, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Passau, Germany, on 2 May 1945. While crossing a street to a more advantageous position to observe the enemy's location, Private Eagleston heard cries for help and discovered two wounded soldiers lying exposed to enemy fire in the center of the street. Returning to his squad, he hastily arranged for covering fire and then rushed to the men, oblivious to the risk involved. Quickly administering first aid, he dragged the two men to safety. Then, still under fire, he ran to the rear for additional medical aid. After returning to his unit Private Eagleston went back again to secure reinforcements and led them forward to his platoon to participate in the seizure of its objective. Private Eagleston's valor under fire and solicitude for his fellow soldiers reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Robert L. Free, 34831503, Medical Department, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Lahr, Germany, on 22 April 1945. As the Third Platoon of Company "C" approached Lahr it was subjected to intense enemy fire of all types with many casualties resulting therefrom. Private Free, the platoon's aid man, throughout the ensuing battle, displayed unusual courage in the performance of his duty and, in order to care for his wounded comrades, underwent greater hazards than would normally be expected. Despite the intense enemy fire falling about him, which more than once forced him to work from a prone position, he continued on, running from one to another of the casualties, administering treatment, checking tourniquets, and directing evacuation. His bravery, outstanding devotion to duty, and solicitude for his fellow soldiers saved many lives, allayed much suffering and reflect great credit upon Private Free and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Master Sergeant Carl W. Gehner, 37052855, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria, from 4 March 1945 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Alexander A. Haralampus, 20932707, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Grossberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Private Haralampus was engaged with a reconnaissance patrol in searching the ruins of a house just demolished by artillery, to ascertain whether a harassing enemy machine-gun had been knocked out. Accompanied by another companion, he captured two snipers, who insisted that no other German soldiers were around. Leaving his comrade to guard the captives, Private Haralampus continued the search. Suddenly the machine gun, which had been moved to a wooded slope, opened fire on him. When other patrol members arrived, they skirted the enemy position, led by Private Haralampus, killing five Germans and confiscating four rifles and one machine gun. Private Haralampus' bravery and audacious leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

Captain Blair W. Hawkins, 01284135, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria, from 5 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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Technical Sergeant John H. Hill, Jr., 37100723, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Holzmuhle, Germany, on 16 March 1945. When his nine-man patrol, which crossed the Saar River to reconnoiter enemy positions, was ambushed during its return, Sergeant Hill, a Company "L" platoon sergeant, volunteered to swim the river to inform his company of the plight of the patrol and secure help. It was daylight, the river was deep and had a swift current, and the enemy had good observation from pillboxes on high ground. The Germans had been covering the opposite bank with machine gun and rifle fire. However, Sergeant Hill successfully negotiated the trip and brought the desired help. His voluntary, heroic act at the risk of his life reflects great credit upon Sergeant Hill and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Sergeant Robert C. Junot, 32735861, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Prambachkirchen, Austria, on 4 May 1945. When it became evident that a patrol of Company "F" sent to seek an adjoining platoon was lost during the attack on Prambachkirchen, Sergeant Junot and another man immediately volunteered to search for the patrol. Fully aware of the risk involved, they worked their way across a field shelled by hostile artillery and covered by machine-gun fire. Finding the patrol pinned down by enemy fire Sergeant Junot and his comrade opened fire in order to divert the enemy's attention from the patrol, thus enabling the patrol members to escape. His courage in the face of the enemy and his concern for his comrades reflect great credit upon Sergeant Junot and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Thomas O. Landon, 33550468, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Ensdorf, Germany, 15 March 1945 to 16 March 1945. With a patrol that had volunteered to cross the Saar River to obtain information regarding enemy positions, strength, and activity, Sergeant Landon, a Company "I" assistant squad leader, covered a great distance under enemy observation, made discoveries of vital importance to his battalion's operations, and returned safely to his company with this valuable information. Despite the hazards of flares that slowed the patrol's advance and the close approach to armed enemy pillboxes, machine gun nests, and mortar positions, Sergeant Landon accomplished his mission, after operating behind enemy lines for over 24 hours. His courage, extreme alertness, and high standard of performance on a mission which materially aided his battalion reflect great credit upon Sergeant Landon and the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

First Lieutenant Ralph F. Mendenhall, 01018680, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria, from 8 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Ralph E. Mower, 31352767, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 6 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Maine.

First Lieutenant William A. O'Quinn, 01322167, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany, from 5 March 1945 to 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

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Staff Sergeant Bernard L. Penner, 6900664, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Ensdorf, Germany, 15 March 1945 to 16 March 1945. With a patrol that had volunteered to cross the Saar River to obtain information regarding enemy positions, strength, and activities, Sergeant Penner, a Company "I" squad leader, covered a great distance under enemy observation, made discoveries of vital importance to his battalion's operations, and returned safely to his company with this valuable information. Despite the hazards of flares that slowed the patrol's advance and the close approach to armed enemy pillboxes, machine gun nests, and mortar positions, Sergeant Penner accomplished his mission, after operating behind enemy lines for over 24 hours. His courage, extreme alertness, and high standard of performance on a mission which materially aided his battalion reflect great credit upon Sergeant Penner and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Sergeant Harold W. Roggow, 36158494, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Ira F. Scott, 39196900, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 5 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

Second Lieutenant Joseph C. Scott, 0928956, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 16 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant Manuel J. Silva, 6584830, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Fraulautern, Germany, on 15 March 1945. Leading a reconnaissance patrol, Sergeant Silva had begun to investigate suspected fortified houses when a terrific artillery and mortar barrage fell around the patrol. At the risk of his life, Sergeant Silva personally checked each man's position to make certain that maximum cover was utilized. Then, with exemplary calmness, he assured the men that it was safer to remain where they were than to withdraw. When a lull came in the firing, he led them on to complete their mission. The patrol's report of sniper positions, night outposts, and mortar installations enabled its unit to eliminate them later. Sergeant Silva's outstanding leadership, aggressiveness, and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Walter P. Stine, 39929814, (then Private), Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Regensburg, Germany, 26 April 1945. Passing through heavy woods, a patrol, of which Private Stine was a member, was about to cross a clearing when four German soldiers were spotted. The patrol dispersed, opened fire, and the Germans hit the ground. In a few moments the Germans tried to escape but were pinned down by the patrol's fire. Two had been killed. When the other two fled, Private Stine pursued them. Overtaking the pair, he killed one and captured the other. A search of the area revealed a fortified machine gun position that the enemy soldiers evidently had been trying to reach, and interrogation of the prisoner revealed the disposition of German troops in the region. Private Stine's prompt, courageous action averted possible casualties to the approaching American troops and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

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Private First Class Vyrl E. Sweeney, 39144506, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Saarlautern, Germany, on 10 March 1945. As a member of a Third Battalion reconnaissance patrol, Private Sweeney set out at night to locate a troublesome enemy machine gun nest in a designated block in Saarlautern. Defiant of the danger from mines and booby traps, he investigated the houses one by one while his comrades covered his progress. Suddenly he discovered a German soldier guarding a doorway and concluded this to be the location of the concealed machine gun nest. Crawling past the sentry, he definitely discovered the harassing emplacement. Again eluding the guard, he rejoined the patrol and reported the location of the enemy machine gun nest. Subsequent mortar fire destroyed the position and killed four enemy soldiers. Private Sweeney's aggressiveness and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from California.

First Sergeant William Tollik, 6490200, Headquarters Company, 65th Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.


Private First Class Edwin W. Voigt, 36981615, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Ensdorf, Germany, on 15-16 March 1945. With a patrol that had volunteered to cross the Saar River to obtain information regarding enemy positions, strength, and activity, Private Voigt, a Company "I" rifleman, covered a great distance under enemy observation, made discoveries of vital importance to his battalion's operations, and returned safely to his company with this valuable information. Despite the hazards of flares that slowed the patrol's advance, and the close approach to armed enemy pillboxes, machine gun nests, and mortar positions, Private Voigt accomplished his mission after operating behind enemy lines for over twenty-four hours. His courage, extreme alertness, and high standard of performance on a mission which materially aided his battalion reflect great credit upon Private Voigt and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Second Lieutenant Carl E. Worthen, (then Technical Sergeant), 02015823, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 1 April 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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I - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Private First Class Devillo W. Erway, 42027147, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Regensburg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When Company "K" became pinned down by enemy machine gun fire Private Erway volunteered to lead a four-man patrol to eliminate the enemy position. Ordering two men to fire on the enemy nest he and a comrade, unobserved by the enemy, moved to a knoll and opened fire on the enemy emplacement, killing the gunner and two ammunition bearers. Concluding that the remainder of the gun crew wanted to surrender Private Erway proceeded toward their position. While crossing an open area he was fired upon by a concealed enemy machine gun and mortally wounded. His comrades, inspired by his gallantry and infuriated by his death, charged the enemy positions, killing four Germans and capturing twenty-three. Private Erway's bravery and inspiring leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Thomas M. O'Connor, 36891160, Medical Department, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Sandbach, Germany, on 2 May 1945. Crossing a field with his platoon under enemy mortar and machine gun fire, Technician O'Connor, a Company Aid Man, raced to the spot where three of his comrades lay wounded. He supervised the evacuation of two of the wounded to a nearby draw and proceeded to render aid to the third and most seriously wounded. Disregarding his personal safety he proceeded with his work despite the intense enemy fire. Suddenly an enemy bullet tore through his steel helmet, penetrated his forehead, and killed him instantly. Technician O'Connor's devotion to the wounded, at the sacrifice of his life, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Arthur N. Sloan, 42038875, Medical Department, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Trautmannshofen, Germany, on 21 April 1945. When Company "E" was pinned down by fire from enemy automatic weapons Private Sloan, a Company Aid Man, attended the wounded under heavy fire and, though hit and mortally wounded, continued to direct the dressing of another soldier's injury. With utter disregard for his own personal safety and ignoring the intense enemy fire that covered the area, Private Sloan made every effort to perform his duties. As a result of his gallant action, the lives of at least two men were saved. His striking courage under fire and his self-sacrifice for his fellow soldiers reflect great credit upon Private Sloan and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain Nicholas J. Arcomano, 0463224, Medical Corps, 365th Medical Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria, from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Herman F. Barthold, 35899129, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Prombachkirchen, Germany, on 4 May 1945. As Company "L" was advancing toward hostile positions which dominated the area it was pinned down by intense automatic, small arms, and mortar fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Barthold, a Section Leader, led his light machine gun squad into a strategic position. As a friendly patrol attacked along the hill to his front, he effectively directed fire into an enemy emplacement some distance away and disabled two of their machine guns, thus supplying vital protection for the attacking patrol and enabling his company to retire from its precarious position. While in his exposed location he observed and reported potentially dangerous enemy defenses, enabling his company to reassemble in safety. His courage, leadership, and keen appraisal of a hazardous situation reflect great credit upon Sergeant Barthold and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Sergeant Roy B. Clanton, 6374833, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When his company suffered several casualties crossing the Danube River, Sergeant Clanton, because of his fearless exposure to enemy fire and his aggressiveness, was instrumental in evacuating the injured men for necessary medical attention. The litter bearers had failed to return after transporting a casualty to the rear, and Sergeant Clanton, realizing the need for prompt medical aid, set off in search of assistance. Running back over terrain subjected to sniper, machine-gun and artillery fire, he searched the area until he located the litter bearers and led them back to his injured men. His bravery, heroism, and deep concern for the welfare of his men at the risk of his own life reflect great credit upon Sergeant Clanton and the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

First Sergeant Joseph Cohen, 42052287, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 6 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Gail Combs, 35809811, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 6 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Leamon D. Dickey, 37616628, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Stoppach, Germany, on 20 April 1945. Private Dickey, guarding his section's house at night, discovered a ten-man enemy patrol approaching. After arousing his comrades he heard one of the enemy trying to kick in the door of the house. Private Dickey fired through the door, wounding the German. He then threw open the door, killed the enemy soldier, and

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with the German's machine pistol opened fire on other hostile soldiers behind a nearby hedge. Disregarding the return fire that pierced his clothing, he killed two more of the attackers; then taking up a rifle position at a window, he assisted his comrades in forcing the enemy to withdraw. Private Dickey's alertness and courage helped to repel the attack successfully and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class William L. Edwards, Sr., 34845369, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Regensburg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. After his patrol leader had been treacherously killed by a hidden automatic weapon as he advanced to accept the surrender of a machine gun nest, Private Edwards, a member of the four-man patrol, with cool, inspired determination, set about to avenge his comrade's death. He had already helped eliminate three of the enemy manning the machine gun emplacement. Now he advanced alone towards the automatic weapon, creeping and crawling under enemy fire, and singlehandedly killed one rifleman and captured ten other Germans. At his command, the other patrol members had captured the remaining men at the machine gun position. The entire daring exploit netted four killed, two wounded, and twenty-three captured. By his inspired courage that avenged the death of a comrade and furthered the success of his organization Private Edwards reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class John T. Fowler, 35883203, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Stoppach, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When a well-armed patrol of SS and Panzer infantrymen attacked and surrounded the house in which his squad was quartered, Private Fowler, Company "A" Mortar Squad member, volunteered to summon assistance. Observing that the only exit from the house was covered by an enemy rifleman, and even as he moved toward it a burst of fire ripped through the door, Private Fowler awaited his opportunity. Suddenly throwing open the door and firing as he ran, he succeeded in wounding the enemy soldier. Under intense hostile small arms fire, he ran 300 yards to the Company CP and, returning with a reinforcing platoon, participated in the rout of the enemy. His heroism and bravery in voluntary execution of a hazardous mission at great danger to his life reflect great credit upon Private Fowler and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Lyman Johnson, 42100269, (then Staff Sergeant) Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Praulautern, Germany, on 12 March 1945. When an observer was overcome by smoke from a fire at an Observation Post, Sergeant Johnson, a Mortar Section Leader in Company "C", rushed over, donned his gas mask, and dragged the unconscious man to safety. During this time the enemy, using the smoke as a target, began dropping mortar shells upon the building and vicinity. However, Sergeant Johnson, disregarding the shells and his own personal safety, saved his comrade from possible death and then returned to fight the fire. His outstanding courage and solicitude for his fellow soldier reflect great credit upon Sergeant Johnson and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Captain Weldon D. Kauffman, 01296383, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria, from 4 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Lieutenant Colonel Lucien F. Keller, 024399, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 6 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Major James W. Lamberson, 0325672, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 4 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Second Lieutenant Albert R. Last, 02028833, (then Staff Sergeant) Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Kobelhofen Germany, on 27 April 1945. Investigating the town of Kobelhofen for billeting, Sergeant Last was informed that enemy soldiers were in the area. Suspecting the enemy's presence in a nearby barn he and a companion entered the barn, captured an enemy guard, and ferreted four soldiers from a hay pile. He ordered his companion to fire his BAR into the hay, whereupon four more Germans emerged. Disposing of these prisoners, Sergeant Last continued systematically to clear the town. After surprising two Germans eating, he captured a third by his quick action. He and his companion persisted in their task, capturing in all, thirty enemy soldiers and making the town safe for American soldiers. His initiative, aggressiveness, and courage reflect great credit upon Sergeant Last and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Captain William B. Lovvorn, Jr., 01172969, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When an infantry battalion crossed the Danube River to establish a bridgehead and found itself under direct enemy sniper and automatic weapons fire, Captain Lovvorn, the Artillery Liaison Officer, accompanied them and successfully initiated continuous radio communications with his Field Artillery Battalion Fire Direction Center. Captain Lovvorn constantly pushed forward close to enemy positions with his radio, and though his section drew heavy enemy fire under the meager cover afforded it, he directed an artillery barrage that neutralized the fire of five snipers in a nearby house. Disregarding his own personal safety, Captain Lovvorn verified locations of targets, advanced under fire, and radioed vital information to the rear. His aggressiveness and outstanding leadership reflect great credit upon Captain Lovvorn and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technical Sergeant Richard J. Ludwig, Sr., 34795647, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 6 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

Captain Clarence D. Maiden, Jr., 01318058, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 27 April 1945. Preparing to cross the Danube River, Company "E" was pinned down by heavy enemy sniper and machine-gun fire. Captain Maiden, Company Commander, realizing the danger of remaining in position and intent on pursuing his mission, led his company forward under heavy fire and initiated the crossing. When his assault craft was hit by shell fire and capsized, Captain Maiden swam ashore and, maintaining complete control of the situation, calmly led his men to the completion of their mission. At a later date, when his unit was again pinned down by intense hostile fire, he rushed forward and

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inspired an attack that resulted in six enemy dead and 200 captured. The heroism, courage and exemplary leadership of Captain Maiden have been a constant inspiration to his company and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant Clifton D. McDonald, 02026223, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Master Sergeant James C. McKay, 36818983, (then First Sergeant), Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Leo A. Menard, 6149796, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Niedergebrachen, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Returning to their company along a route supposedly clear of enemy troops, Sergeant Menard and a comrade came upon two German soldiers guarding a machine gun in a cave. Flanking the position quickly, they surprised the guards and demanded their surrender. When one hesitated, Sergeant Menard and his companion rushed the Germans and overpowered them. Learning from them that the neighboring village harbored a company of German Infantry, they investigated further. After capturing another guard, they entered a farmhouse, surprised three more Germans, and took them prisoner without firing a shot. Sergeant Menard's aggressiveness in assisting in the capture of six prisoners and the securing of information that saved our troops from possible ambush reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Captain Howard J. Miller, 01165035, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Neuhaus, Germany, on 1 May 1945. While putting up route-markers for his Battalion and its attached Infantry elements Captain Miller, Battalion S-2, in company with a small element of the Division Reconnaissance Troop, found himself in unfamiliar territory. Proceeding with his mission he encountered two German officers, whom he captured. As he continued on he surprised a group of enemy soldiers. Drawing his pistol, he killed one, injured another, and took two more prisoners. Because of the danger of going further, Captain Miller was ordered to withdraw. From the prisoners with whom he returned to the battalion, information of great value was obtained. His outstanding aggressiveness, determination, and leadership reflect great credit upon Captain Miller and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class William F. Scherzman, 39827562, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 17 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Idaho.

Second Lieutenant William T. Scott (then First Sergeant), 02015819, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 20 March 1945 to 6 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

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Captain Safford P. Sweatt, 0452347, Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Geismar, Germany, on 5 April 1945. When it became imperative for Captain Sweatt, 869th Field Artillery Battalion Liaison Officer, to contact an Infantry Battalion Commander, the only route available was over an open road, where Infantry elements were pinned down by heavy enemy fire. After instructing his forward observer to fire certain concentrations upon signal, Captain Sweatt raced down the open road in his vehicle, crossing at great speed, to prevent fire being placed upon him. When 600 yards remained to be travelled, intense enemy fire opened up, but with courageous determination, Captain Sweatt continued on and reached the Battalion CP. There, he learned of a proposed withdrawal and relayed the information to his observer, who, following plans previously given him by Captain Sweatt, successfully covered the movement. Captain Sweatt's extreme courage in the face of enemy fire and his far-sighted anticipation of combat needs reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant Lloyd H. Thomas, 19164039, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Fraulautern, Germany, on 13 March 1945. Leading a patrol on a mission of drawing enemy fire so that infantry elements might advance unobserved, Sergeant Thomas, an assistant squad leader of Company "G", successfully initiated a base of fire and under its cover moved with his squad leader up to the enemy positions and knocked them out. Since many snipers were holding up the advance of the Company, it became absolutely necessary to neutralize them. Sergeant Thomas and his companion, advancing ahead of the patrol, accomplished the task. By gathering information about the enemy diverting the enemy's attention from Battalion patrols, and wiping out enemy sniper fire, Sergeant Thomas contributed much to the successful advance of our troops. His resourcefulness and striking courage reflect great credit upon Sergeant Thomas and the military service. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant William J. Tilden, 37441702, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Matting, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Given the mission of clearing a hill of enemy snipers, Sergeant Tilden, who was leading his squad as a battalion point, withdrew the squad 200 yards into thick woods at the foot of the hill. His plan was to surprise the snipers by infiltration and attack from the rear. Spreading out his squad, he stealthily moved in and put the enemy to rout, taking three prisoners. Deciding to hold the strategic hill, Sergeant Tilden organized his men into a line of defense and sent a runner back to the platoon leader to explain the situation. During the exchange of long-range fire from the still-retreating enemy Sergeant Tilden was shot through the chest. His outstanding courage and skillful leadership reflect great credit upon Sergeant Tilden and the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

First Lieutenant Erich A. Traugott, 01061567, CAC, Interrogation of Prisoner of War Team, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria, from 6 March 1945 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Lawrence F. Upham, 36306962, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Fraulautern, Germany, on 13 March 1945. Leading a patrol on a mission of drawing enemy fire so that infantry elements might advance unobserved, Sergeant Upham, a Company "G" squad leader, successfully initiated a base of fire and under its cover moved with his assistant squad leader up to the enemy

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Technician Fifth Grade Robert G. Vohwinkle, 36861856, Medical Department, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When the First Battalion crossed the Danube River advancing elements were subjected to intense enemy fire resulting in numerous casualties. In order to administer aid to these cases it was necessary to call upon the Battalion Aid Station personnel to leave their usual duties and aid in the evacuation of the injured. Technician Vohwinkle, as a member of this group went forward as a volunteer time after time under intense small arms fire to effect rescues. He was the only man who participated in every evacuation mission performed by the group. His heroism, courage, and voluntary acceptance of a hazardous mission at grave danger to his life reflect great credit upon Technician Vohwinkle and the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Captain Robert F. Weingart, 0331104, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Prambachkirchen, Austria, on 4 May 1945. Driving into an enemy occupied town to ascertain the strength of the opposition, Captain Weingart and another officer spied several Germans in one building. Covered by Captain Weingart, the other officer entered the building to demand their surrender. Sixty enemy troops emerged from the building, and as they came out Captain Weingart disarmed them and lined them up for a march to the rear. Hampered by enemy snipers and mortar fire, the officers nevertheless continued back with their prisoners. Captain Weingart then informed the company of enemy positions and personally escorted them to a point where they could bring effective fire on the Germans. When help was needed, he returned, through intense enemy fire, to lead tank destroyers to the infantry's support. His audacity and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon Captain Weingart and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Joseph D. Williams, 13025084, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Niedergebrachen, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Returning to their company along a route supposedly clear of enemy troops, Private Williams and a comrade came upon two German soldiers guarding a machine gun in a cave. Flanking the position quickly, they surprised the guards and demanded their surrender. When one hesitated, Private Williams and his companion rushed the Germans and overpowered them. Learning from them that

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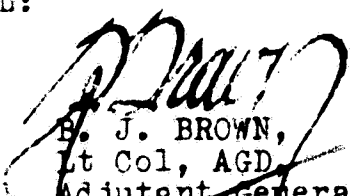
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the neighboring village harbored a company of German Infantry, they investigated further. After capturing another guard, they entered a farmhouse, surprised three more Germans and took them prisoner without firing a shot. Private Williams' aggressiveness in assisting in the capture of six prisoners and the securing of information that saved our troops from possible ambush reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

By command of Major General REINHART:

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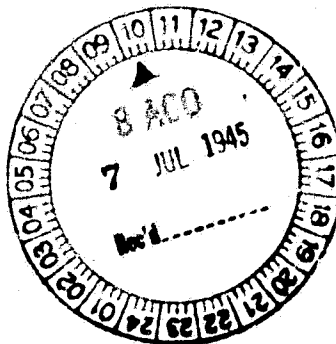
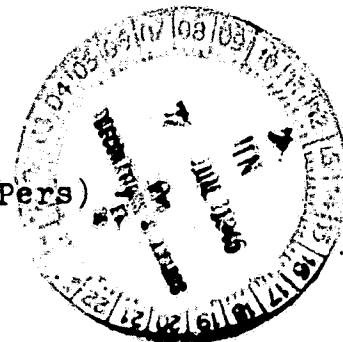
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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded to:

First Sergeant Ishmael Sims, 18035855, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For gallantry in action at Stoppach, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When his company positions were attacked by a force of 250 SS and Panzer Infantry troops and ten tanks, Sergeant Sims, in the absence of the company commander, organized a successful CP defense. As three of the attacking tanks proceeded to systematically demolish the CP building he swiftly deployed his make-shift defensive force and took a position to observe the enemy more effectively. The concussion from a close artillery shell burst hurled him across the room. Disregarding the imminent danger, he led a Bazooka Team to within twenty yards of one tank and destroyed it. Then, leading his team towards another tank, he routed the crew with one shot. The Germans were killed trying to escape, and Sergeant Sims moved forward under cover to put the empty tank out of action. His heroism and fearlessness in the execution of an extremely hazardous defense at grave danger to his life reflect the greatest credit upon Sergeant Sims and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant John H. Becker, (then Technical Sergeant), 02026346, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 10 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Third Grade James J. Briggs, 31320969, Medical Department, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Mattighausen, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When informed that two officers were lying wounded on an open slope under enemy mortar fire, Technician Briggs, Second Battalion Surgical Technician, and an officer, with disregard for the danger involved, rushed to their aid. Driving their jeep up to the wounded officers, they administered immediate first aid and succeeded in evacuating them to an aid station in the face of hostile mortar fire. Such unhesitating response to duty was characteristic of Technician Briggs' competence and diligence. His fearlessness and bravery under fire reflect great credit upon Technician Briggs and the military service. Entered military service from Maine.

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Sergeant John J. Cesaroni, 31406617, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Robert H. Dick, (then Private), 35812856, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 17 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technician Fourth Grade William T. Doyle, 12190394, Infantry (armored), 748th Tank Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, and Austria from 1 January 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Irvin J. Dvorak, (then Private), 36774054, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. During bridgehead operations on the Danube River, Private Dvorak's squad leader was struck by a sniper bullet and left in an exposed area. When several men were forced by heavy concentrations of enemy fire to abandon their rescue attempts, Private Dvorak and a companion, fully aware of the danger, ran to the injured man's side through the deadly sniper and automatic weapons fire. There they hastily administered first aid. Then, again braving the hostile fire, Private Dvorak and his comrade carried the wounded soldier to safety. His heroic actions and complete disregard of personal safety reflect great credit upon Private Dvorak and the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade James H. Gibson, 37387762, Infantry (armored), 748th Tank Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, and Austria from 1 January 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Captain Albert R. Houghton, Jr., 0291930, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant Robert D. McNutt, 0553872, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 12 March 1945 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Harry T. Minnick, 13083911, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Enns, Austria, on 6 May 1945. Leading a six-man patrol to search for enemy artillery positions, Sergeant Minnick sighted a German outpost guard running toward a barn covered by the patrol but under artillery and sniper fire, Sergeant Minnick entered the barn and shortly emerged with two prisoners.

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Learning that other soldiers were in a nearby house, Sergeant Minnick unhesitatingly entered the building and soon reappeared with 29 fully armed prisoners. After disarming and interrogating them, the patrol continued on its mission and discovered three 88mm guns stocked with ammunition. By his aggressive courage and disregard for his own danger, Sergeant Minnick captured 31 prisoners and three artillery pieces, eliminating a serious enemy threat. His courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Colonel Donald M. Mitchell, 0267390, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Mihla and Lauderbach, Germany, on 4 April 1945. Assigned the mission of taking the towns of Mihla and Lauderbach after enemy fire from Mihla had destroyed two jeeps, killed four members of the I and R Platoon, and seriously wounded two others, Colonel Mitchell, commanding the First Battalion organized a task force for the attack. Within sight of Mihla he left his task force and went forward on foot reconnaissance with another officer and an enlisted man. After returning he led his group forward in the attack and succeeded in taking the town and capturing seventy enemy prisoners, two 88mm guns, an anti-tank gun, and a quantity of small arms and ammunition. Moving on, he led his force into Lauderbach and accepted the surrender of the town from the Burgermeister. His fearless approach to a hazardous situation and his exemplary leadership reflect great credit upon Colonel Mitchell and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Gordon N. Needham, 39300848, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. During bridgehead operations on the Danube River, Private Needham's squad leader was struck by a sniper bullet and left in an exposed area. When several men were forced by heavy concentrations of enemy fire to abandon their rescue attempts, Private Needham and a companion, fully aware of the danger, ran to the injured man's side through the deadly sniper and automatic weapons fire. There they hastily administered first aid. Then, again braving the hostile fire, Private Needham and his comrade carried the wounded soldier to safety. His heroic actions and complete disregard of personal safety reflect great credit upon Private Needham and the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

Private First Class Atma F. Phillips, Jr., 14116249, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Passau, Germany, on 2 May 1945. Moving through Passau, the anti-tank platoon of the Second Battalion was ambushed and subjected to heavy machine gun, tank, and sniper fire. The enemy barrage ignited ammunition trucks and forced the crews to seek shelter. When two drivers began to remove the trucks, the anti-tank gun of the last vehicle jack-knifed, and made it impossible to move the truck. Observing this, Private Phillips and another man dashed from their protected position despite the danger from the bullets and burning ammunition loads, feverishly uncoupled the gun, and dragged it to a place of safety. His display of bravery and quick thinking reflects great credit upon Private Phillips and the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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Private First Class John F. Ross, 35839558, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Leonding, Austria, on 5 May 1945. When a convoy of Company "K" was subjected to an intense 88mm artillery barrage, Private Ross dismounted from a truck and sought cover. Realizing that the truck was in the center of the artillery concentration and knowing the value of vehicles to his company, he left his covered position and ran to the truck. Disregarding the shell bursts, he climbed into the cab and drove the truck to a position of cover. Private Ross' courageous action saved a vehicle from probable destruction and materially helped his unit to proceed on its mission with the least possible delay. His cool bravery and quick thinking reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Sergeant Wallace B. Sanders, 34635840, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Major Preston P. Scott, 0318938, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 5 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade Arthur M. Slade, 32643134, Infantry (armored), 748th Tank Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, and Austria, from 1 January 1945 to 6 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Valant G. Slava, 33715362, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany on 26 April 1945. When his company's progress was hindered by an enemy automatic weapon, Private Slava voluntarily crawled within range of the emplacement and put it out of action. Soon after he and two others volunteered to wipe out a troublesome German panzerfaust. Approaching it, they encountered three enemy soldiers. The Germans tried to flee, but, through Private Slava's initiative, they were halted by a hand grenade that killed two of them. Private Slava returned through 150 yards of intense machine-gun and sniper fire to report the success, and then volunteered to guide a mortar squad forward. Again risking his life in the face of machine-gun fire, he helped two men to evacuate his wounded squad leader. Private Slava's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Kenneth E. Smith, 17051493, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Fraulautern, Germany, on 14 March 1945. When concentrated enemy artillery and mortar fire disrupted communications between the Battalion CP and a front line company, vital supporting artillery fire could not be called for. Private Smith, a battalion lineman, despite the intensity of the fire, left

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his covered position and proceeded 150 yards through dangerous territory to locate and repair the break. Upon finding the break he quickly repaired it, disregarding fire from an enemy machine gun which had detected his movements. The machine gun fire, together with an artillery and mortar barrage, pinned down Private Smith for thirty minutes until friendly artillery, now directed through the line he had repaired, completely silenced the enemy. Private Smith's skill, courage, and aggressive determination reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade John L. Stuckey, 36968967, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 27 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Third Grade Aubery L. Thompson, 6864333, Medical Department, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Sandbach, Germany, on 2 May 1945. While proceeding in convoy on the road leading from Sandbach the Anti-tank Company, 260th Infantry, was suddenly ambushed. After dismounting and dispersing, the Company, advancing across an open field to attack the enemy force, suffered casualties from intense mortar and machine gun fire. Technician Thompson, a Platoon Aid Man, moved forward through the heavy concentration to treat a wounded man. While administering first aid, he was struck in the back by shell fragments. Despite his painful wound, Technician Thompson not only completed his first aid on the casualty, but moved to another soldier and treated him. Then, before accepting evacuation, he assisted in removing three other men from danger. Technician Thompson's intense devotion to the creed of the Medical Corps and his courageous action under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Captain Nelson O. Tyrone, 0548759, Medical Corps, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Matting, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When informed of two wounded officers lying on an open slope under enemy mortar fire, Captain Tyrone, Second Battalion Surgeon, and his driver, a surgical technician, immediately went to their aid in a jeep. With utter disregard for their personal safety, they ran the gauntlet of enemy fire to reach the wounded men, and, after deliberately braving the mortar barrage to administer first aid, placed the two officers in their vehicle and evacuated them to the Battalion Aid Station, where further treatment was immediately applied. Captain Tyrone's courageousness under enemy fire and his deep solicitude for his fellow officers reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant James A. Underwood, 18004176, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Leonding, Austria, on 5 May 1945. When a convoy of Company "K" was subjected to an intense 88mm artillery barrage, Sergeant Underwood, a Rifle Squad Leader, dismounted from a truck and sought cover. Realizing that

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the truck was in the center of the artillery concentration and knowing the value of vehicles to his company, he left his covered position and ran to the truck. Disregarding the shell burst, he climbed into the cab and drove the truck to a position of cover. Another man, inspired by his courageous action, followed his example, and thus Sergeant Underwood enable his unit to proceed on its mission. His cool bravery and quick thinking reflect great credit upon himse and the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant William O. Wadley, 20400554, Infantry (armored), 748th Tank Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 1 January 1945 to 6 May 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Captain John E. Waller, 01296126, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Charles H. Wild, 42102650, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Passau, Germany, on 2 May 1945. Moving through Passau, the anti-tank platoon of the Second Battalion was ambushed and subjected to heavy machine gun, tank, and sniper fire. The enemy barrage ignited ammunition trucks and forced the crews to seek shelter. When two drive s began to remove the trucks, the anti-tank gun of the last vehicle jack-knifed, and made it impossible to move the truck. Observing this, Private Wild and another man dashed from their protected position despite the danger from the bullets and burning ammunition loads, feverishly uncoupled the gun, and dragged it to a place of safety. His display of bravery and quick thinking reflect great credit upon Private Wild and the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

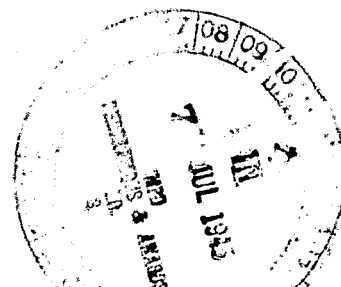
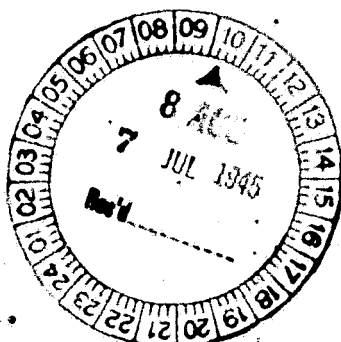
Technical Sergeant Joseph J. Worcbey, 6899988, Infantry (armored), 748th Tank Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 1 January 1945 to 6 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Robert F. Andre, 01822512, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action in Passau, Germany, on 3 May 1945. When a task force of infantry, tank, and tank destroyer elements encountered strong resistance as it entered Passau, Lieutenant Andre, a Reconnaissance Company Platoon Leader, went into immediate action to eliminate the enemy force. Under heavy sniper fire he reconnoitered a vital bridge and found it destroyed. He then set up strategic sniper positions in a hotel to protect Tank and Tank Destroyer elements and occupied the upper story of another building as an OP. Working alternately between the OP and the hotel, he acted as observer for the Destroyers and personally killed an estimated eight to ten Germans with his carbine. Alertly spotting an enemy tank waiting in ambush, he directed his Tank Destroyers during a three-hour battle. Despite enemy shells blasting his position, he grimly remained at his post until the hostile tank was knocked out. His aggressive leadership and striking courage under fire reflect the greatest credit upon Lieutenant Andre and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Corporal Charles R. Christian, 32947229, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For gallantry in action in Eferding, Austria, on 4 May 1945. Engaged in clearing an enemy-held town, Corporal Christian entered a barn and surprised an enemy rifleman. When the German, refusing to surrender, attempted to fire, Corporal Christian killed him with a BAR burst. From a neighboring house Corporal Christian saw a German machine-gunner aiming at an American. Shouting to distract the gunner's attention, he quickly shot him, and the action caused three other Germans to surrender. He and two comrades then searched a large house commanding an intersection. Breaking into five rooms himself while the others covered him, his fearless assault completely demoralized the enemy, and forty SS troopers were captured. From a firing position in the building Corporal Christian then helped annihilate three truckloads of German reinforcements. His outstanding heroism and alertness reflect the greatest credit upon Corporal Christian and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Second Lieutenant William P. Haase, 0558090, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For gallantry in action in Germany and Austria from 27 April 1945 to 8 May 1945. On advance reconnaissance toward enemy-occupied Regensburg, Lieutenant Haase directed and participated in the capture

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of two enemy machine-gun emplacements, the killing of five Germans, and the capture of fifty prisoners. When a squad of his I and R Platoon was ambushed, Lieutenant Haase and two volunteers rescued part of the group under heavy enemy fire. Once the I and R Platoon and a Company "C" platoon were captured by an SS Regiment. With quick, sound reasoning he convinced the fanatical enemy to make an exchange of prisoners. Returning safely with every captured American he supplied valuable information that brought artillery fire on the SS installations. The next day, while taking a bridge in Linz, Lieutenant Haase captured a four-man Panzerfaust Team guarding the structure and drove the enemy from a road block at one end. Under heavy machine-gun fire, he left his cover, crawled under the bridge, and cut the wires leading to demolition charges. His extreme courage, heroism, and constant disregard for his personal safety reflect the greatest credit upon Lieutenant Haase and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain James G. Martin, 01165906, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action in Passau, Germany, on 3 May 1945. During operations in Passau, Captain Martin, Company "E" Commander, constantly exposed himself to intense enemy fire to more capably lead his men and vehicles in the fire fight. After leading advance reconnaissance elements into Passau and encountering fierce resistance Captain Martin committed his unit against over 500 enemy troops supported by hostile armor. During the battle he repeatedly left his comparative safety to maintain contact between his platoons and reconnoiter enemy-held streets. At all times Captain Martin was under fire from either tank weapons or small arms. Due to his unexcelled leadership and aggressive tactics at least one hostile tank and many enemy personnel were eliminated. Captain Martin's conspicuous courage and outstanding devotion to duty were an inspiration to his men and reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Robert S. Lard, 0533560, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 5 April 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Captain John C. Lumley, 01823453, Infantry (Armored), 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, and Austria from 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Major William I. Robinson, 0281169, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

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Captain Charles J. Seitz, 01283497, Infantry (Armored), 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, and Austria from 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant) Kermit E. Aasve, 02026150, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 17 March 1945 to 6 May 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class William P. Andreasen, 37594880, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Fraulautern, Germany, on 18 March 1945. Private Andreasen, a Company "A" rifleman was covering a wire-laying team as it strung communications to a forward OP. When he saw the sergeant in charge hit by enemy fire from a fortified house only forty yards distant, Private Andreasen began crawling through heavy, close-range mortar, grenade, small arms, and automatic weapons fire to the wounded man's side. Disregarding the intensity of the barrage, Private Andreasen returned fire upon the enemy and forced the Germans to withdraw behind their barricade. In taking the wounded sergeant in his arms, he carried him through the hostile fire to temporary shelter. Braving the enemy fire once more Private Andreasen brought the wounded man to the Platoon CP for evacuation. His heroic action under enemy fire and his solicitude for his comrade reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

First Sergeant Elmer L. Cadreau, 36166230, Field Artillery, 808 Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria from 27 January 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Robert O. Carleton, 42072723, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When Company "B" made an attack across the Danube River, it was pinned down by enemy sniper and machine gun fire. Private Carleton instantly volunteered to silence the enemy machine gun. Crawling within range of the emplacement, he hurled a grenade into its position, silencing it. As he started to withdraw, a sniper's bullet grazed his head. Although his head was bleeding profusely from the wound when he returned, he refused medical aid and then continued to run messages for the company. When another platoon was ordered to attack sniper positions, Private Carleton again volunteered to participate in the mission. Seeing his weakened condition, his commanding officer ordered his return to the aid station. Private Carleton's outstanding devotion to duty and boundless courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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Sergeant (then Private First Class) Joseph Ciarvella, 33772386, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kapfelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When his Company was held up by intense sniper fire and his squad leader fell wounded and exposed to the enemy, Private Ciarvella, a rifleman with Company "B", unhesitatingly ran to his aid despite the fierce concentration of fire directed at himself as he climbed up a steep embankment. He administered first aid and dragged the wounded man to shelter. A few minutes later he dashed to the side of his assistant squad leader who had been wounded. After rendering first aid, Private Ciarvella took command of the squad with determination and resourcefulness and led it forward in the attack. His striking courage, leadership, and great initiative reflect great credit upon Private Ciarvella and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade James M. Forrest, 34892635, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Norman W. Froehlich, 39096515, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria from 27 January 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Daniel L. Green, 18202674, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Stoppach, Germany, on 20 April 1945. Threatened at night by enemy encirclement of the house in which his squad was billeted, Sergeant Green, Company "A" Mortar Squad Leader, organized an effective defense that forced the enemy to withdraw with many killed and wounded. The next morning an enemy force of 10 tanks and 250 SS and Panzer Infantrymen attacked the town. Deciding that his squad could not cope with the superior group, Sergeant Green ordered a withdrawal. Exposing himself as a target, he stepped from the house to divert fire from his squad. Firing as he ran, he pinned down the enemy riflemen, killed five, wounded an unknown number, and enabled his squad to withdraw. His heroism and fearless execution of a hazardous mission at great danger to his life reflect great credit upon Sergeant Green and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant George H. Harms, Jr., 31390787, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Stoppach, Germany, on 20 April 1945. Threatened at night by enemy encirclement of the house in which his squad was billeted, Sergeant Harms, Company "A" Mortar Squad Leader, organized an effective defense that forced the enemy to withdraw with two killed and three wounded. The next morning, when the house was destroyed and left burning by an attack of three enemy tanks, Sergeant Harms covered the withdrawal of his squad from the flaming ruins with rapid rifle fire. Assembling his men, he put his mortar squad in action. Then, picking his way through intense shell fire, he established an OP and directed accurate fire that forced an enemy tank to withdraw. His fearlessness and bravery under fire and his zealous concern for the welfare of his men reflect great credit upon Sergeant Harms and the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Technician Fourth Grade Wilbur A. Hofstetter, 17159402, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 6 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade Charles Kraut, 36304913, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 5 March 1945 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Michael Krochta, 6692541, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Kappelberg, Germany, on 26 April 1945. When Company "B" crossed the Danube River it was pinned down by automatic fire from a house on the right flank. Technical Sergeant Krochta and two volunteers, disregarding the danger involved, advanced through 500 yards of open terrain under increasingly heavy fire toward the hostile emplacements. Twenty yards from their objective, he ordered his men to fire at the windows of the house and at the same time received supporting machine gun fire from Company "B". This, in addition to information Sergeant Krochta gained by capturing an enemy soldier, enabled a platoon to advance and destroy the enemy stronghold without suffering a casualty. His bravery under fire and exemplary leadership reflect great credit upon Sergeant Krochta and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Martin Kroll, 42039308, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Eferding, Austria, on 4 May 1945. When the five-man squad, of which he was a member, was pinned down by an enemy machine pistol and panzerfaust position, Technician Kroll, who was the lead man, crawled through fences, around a building, and across a nearby creek until he could observe the enemy position merely twenty yards in front of him. Boldly raising his semi-automatic rifle, he was seen by a German soldier, who prepared to fire a panzerfaust. Technician Kroll's first shot killed his opponent, and his next burst hit a second enemy observer. His surprise and accurate close-range fire so unnerved five other snipers that they withdrew, no longer threatening the squad's advance. Technician Kroll's quick thinking and aggressive action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Benny L. Myers, 37162699, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Oberdorla, Germany, on 6 April to 7 April 1945. Sergeant Myers, Reconnaissance Company Radio Sergeant, was operating two relay radios on high ground just outside of Oberdorla during the 65th Infantry Division's combat operations. In the vicinity three rocket-carrying enemy planes commenced bombing and strafing his position, aiming their fire directly at the vehicle in which the radios were located. Although he knew his radio signals were guiding his attackers, Sergeant Myers, realizing the vital importance of his mission of relaying control orders to widely dispersed Tank Destroyer units, remained exposed

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at his post for seven hours, undeterred by the bursting shells and strafing attacks that constantly endangered his life. His undaunted devotion to duty and courage in the face of enemy fire reflect great credit upon Sergeant Myers and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Mert L. Rogers, 36170785, Field Artillery, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, and Austria, from 27 January 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Robert N. Sawyer, Jr., 11079525, (then Private First Class), Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Stoppach, Germany, on 20 April 1945. On a return trip from Battalion Headquarters to the Company "A" billet in Stoppach, Sergeant Sawyer's vehicle encountered direct artillery fire from a number of enemy tanks. His driver skilfully and daringly drove him through to his destination, in spite of enemy shells bursting in the path of the vehicle. When urgent help was needed to ward off a barrage on the company positions from the same tanks Sergeant Sawyer returned with his driver over the dangerous route to secure Tank Destroyer support. Evading shelling from six medium enemy tanks and one enemy Tiger tank in hull-defilade, Sergeant Sawyer and his comrade led back Destroyer elements. The supporting Tank Destroyers with which they returned ultimately succeeded in turning back the enemy attack. His outstanding courage and strict attention to duty reflect great credit upon Sergeant Sawyer and the military service. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Captain Karl E. Schneider, 0453694, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade Ernest L. Schwab, 37726458, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Stoppach, Germany, on 20 April 1945. When the Commanding Officer of Company "A" returning from Battalion Headquarters to his company billet in Stoppach, encountered direct fire on the road from a number of enemy tanks, Technician Schwab, his driver, skilfully and daringly drove him through to his destination, in spite of the enemy shells bursting in the path of his vehicle. When urgent help was needed to ward off a barrage on the company positions from the same tanks, he returned with a messenger over the same dangerous route to secure Tank Destroyer support. Evading shelling from six medium enemy tanks and one enemy Tiger tank in hull-defilade, Technician Schwab and his comrade led back Destroyer elements. The supporting Tank Destroyers with which they returned ultimately succeeded in turning back the enemy attack. His outstanding courage and strict attention to duty reflect great credit upon Technician Schwab and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Captain (then First Lieutenant) Francis H. Slamon, 01822740, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Corporal Vernon E. Spruell, 34570493, Infantry, 260th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near Treffurt, Germany, on 4 April 1945. When the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon was attacked by a German airplane strafing the area, all the vehicles except that of Corporal Spruell were moved to cover, and the men dismounted. Corporal Spruell, an assistant squad leader, remaining in the open, manned the machine gun in his vehicle and fired bursts at the enemy craft until his gun jammed. Although exposed to strafing fire, Corporal Spruell coolly repaired the weapon and then, after the plane circled and returned, directed such a concentration of tracers upon the German plane that it caught fire and exploded in midair. As a result of his heroic action the platoon was able to reorganize and continue to its objective. His courage in the face of fire and extreme devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Corporal Spruell in the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

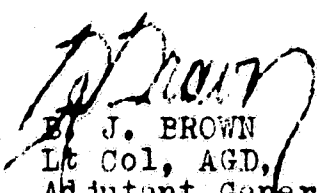
Technical Sergeant Amos E. Taylor, 37050859, Infantry, 261st Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany, and Austria from 7 March 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Captain Philip Warsaw, 01756259, Medical Corps, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria from 24 September 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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