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SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD 1918) a Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class WALTER R. ROSS 35751404, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Villasis, Luzon, P.I. on 19 January 1945. Although warned against it, by friendly troops, he heeded the call of a wounded comrade-in-arms during a fierce fire fight with the enemy for control of a river crossing, and attempted to reach the stricken man to administer first aid. After traversing open terrain, which was covered with slight underbrush, only, and being raked with intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire, to a position within a few yards of the stricken soldier, he was mortally wounded by enemy sniper fire. He utterly disregarded his own personal safety in a gallant attempt to administer to the needs of a wounded comrade. Private First Class Ross's intrepid action was highly instrumental in bolstering the morale of the hard-pressed troops and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs Elsie Porter, Mother, 2214 Marshall Avenue, Wheeling, West Virginia.

SECTION II

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class LEWIS A. MELTON 34088142, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Villasis, Luzon, P.I. on 21 January 1945. While in the process of setting up a machine gun on the perimeter, an enemy patrol opened fire on his position. Despite the lack of cover and concealment and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Melton maintained his position, firing on the enemy and preventing the capture of the machine gun before falling mortally wounded. His personal bravery reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs Sarah Alice Melton, Mother, Route #1, Thomaston, Georgia.

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SECTION III

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Captain KENNETH R. ANDERSON 0407232, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Munoz, Luzon, P.I. on 3 February 1945. A self-propelled mount engaging several Japanese machine gun positions which were holding up the Infantry's advance was knocked out and set afire by a Japanese Tank from a dug-in position. Two of the crewmen, though badly wounded, managed to escape, but another also wounded, was trapped inside. Captain Anderson, without regard for his own personal safety, took a fire extinguisher and boarding the mount managed to put out the fire and extricate the trapped man. Not only was Captain Anderson at all times under direct enemy fire, but there was the imminent danger of the ammunition aboard the mount exploding at any moment. By his act of heroism, Captain Anderson showed great courage, which reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Opal I. Anderson, Wife, 608 Maple Street, Atlantic, Iowa.

Private First Class LACY Q. BURNETTE 35441635, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, P.I. on 17 January 1945. While serving as a Company aid man Private First Class Burnette received a call for aid. Without hesitation and without regard for his own personal safety Private First Class Burnette, advancing over terrain which was under direct observation of the enemy and exposed to enemy fire, reached the wounded soldier's side and administered aid. His courage and devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Linda Burnette, Mother, Coal Run, Kentucky.

Private First Class GINO J. CARALLI 39029588, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, P.I. on 16 January 1945. Private First Class Caralli was stationed at an advanced litter bearer relay post with the Infantry when enemy Artillery fire concentrating on the position wounded two of the men. Although cut off and pinned down by the heavy concentration of fire, Private First Class Caralli, without regard for his own personal safety, immediately went to the aid of the wounded men and succeeded in administering blood plasma and the placing of an arm splint. Upon cessation of the shelling he carried the wounded men to safety. By this act of heroism, Private First Class Caralli, undoubtedly saved the lives of the wounded men, bringing high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Doselina Caralli, Mother, 1387 Sanchez Street, San Francisco, California.

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Private First Class DALE E. ELLISON 37071893, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Villasis, Luzon, P.I. on 21 January 1945. While in the process of setting up a machine gun on the perimeter, an enemy patrol opened fire on his position. Despite the lack of cover and concealment and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Ellison maintained his position, firing on the enemy and preventing the capture of the machine gun. His personal bravery reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Mabel N. Ellison, Mother, Goodland, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant EVERETT G. HOFFMAN 35505859, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Munoz, Luzon, P.I. on 3 February 1945. A self-propelled mount engaging several Japanese machine gun positions which were holding up the Infantry's advance was knocked out and set afire by a Japanese Tank from a dug-in position. Two of the crewmen, though badly wounded, managed to escape, but another also wounded, was trapped inside. Sergeant Hoffman, without regard for his own personal safety, took a fire extinguisher and boarding the mount managed to put out the fire and extricate the trapped man. Not only was Sergeant Hoffman at all times under direct enemy fire but there was the imminent danger of the ammunition aboard the mount exploding at any moment. By his act of heroism, Sergeant Hoffman showed great courage, which reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Lena Hoffman, Mother, 1523 West Missouri Street, Evansville, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant FLOYD W. LEVERE 35413259, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Munoz, Luzon, P.I. on 3 February 1945. A self-propelled mount engaging several Japanese machine gun positions which were holding up the Infantry's advance was knocked out and set afire by a Japanese Tank from a dug-in position. Two of the crewmen, though badly wounded, managed to escape, but another also wounded, was trapped inside. Sergeant LeVere, without regard for his own personal safety, took a fire extinguisher and boarding the mount managed to put out the fire and extricate the trapped man. Not only was Sergeant LeVere at all times under direct enemy fire but there was the imminent danger of the ammunition aboard the mount exploding at any moment. By his act of heroism, Sergeant LeVere showed great courage, which reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Flora LeVere, Mother, 902 West Main Street, Zanesville, Ohio.

Corporal WILLIAM N. NEILL 37451821, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, P.I. on 19 January 1945. During the construction of a supply road through the hills in support of the Infantry's advance, the reconnaissance party and road party were pinned down by enemy sniper, mortar and automatic weapons fire from well emplaced positions along the slope of a ridge. Two tractors being used in the construction work, had worked their way well up the ridge when the outbreak of fire forced the operators to take cover. Corporal Neill along with two others, moved down through the enemy fire to the tractors and drove them around the ridge to safety. Corporal Neill displayed initiative and courage in the face of enemy fire to aid in the recovery of equipment that was vital to the completion of the road and the advance of the Infantry. By his heroic act, Corporal Neill brings high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Alice Neill, Mother, 406 Marshall Street, Marshall, Minnesota.

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Private First Class ROBERT B. REIGSTAD 32843960, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Urdaneta, Luzon, P.I. on 17 January 1945. As a member of a litter team he voluntarily directed the movements of the team which removed four (4) casualties from a disabled M-4 medium tank and evacuated them to a place of safety to be treated. During this action it was necessary to constantly expose himself to enemy small arms and 47mm tank gun fire in order to select the best route of evacuation. He then led the team back to the combat area and evacuated an additional four (4) wounded. His display of leadership and unwavering devotion to duty did much to bolster the morale of the friendly troops in general and is deserving of great praise. Home address: Mrs Annie L. Goold, Mother, 393 Beard Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

Master Sergeant HUGH ROSS 35317337, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Munoz, Luzon, P.I. on 3 February 1945. A self-propelled mount engaging several Japanese machine gun positions which were holding up the Infantry's advance was knocked out and set afire by a Japanese Tank from a dug-in position. Two of the crewmen though badly wounded, managed to escape, but another also wounded, was trapped inside. Master Sergeant Ross, without regard for his own personal safety, took a fire extinguisher and boarding the mount managed to put out the fire and extricate the trapped man. Not only was Sergeant Ross at all times under direct enemy fire, but there was the imminent danger of the ammunition aboard the mount exploding at any moment. By his act of heroism, Sergeant Ross showed great courage, which reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr Mathew Ross, Father, 9154 East 84th Street, Wood Haven, Long Island, New York.

Private First Class LEYGHTON C. SEXAUER 37579707, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, P.I. on 22 January 1945. In going to the aid of a wounded soldier Private First Class Sexauer had to pass over an area which was exposed to enemy observation and small arms fire. As the friendly troops out ahead were moved from that area, Private First Class Sexauer became directly exposed to this enemy fire. With utter disregard for his own personal safety Private First Class Sexauer continued to give aid to the wounded man and successfully evacuated him. Private First Class Sexauer's display of courage and act of heroism reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Nina B. Sexauer, Wife, 110 8th Avenue South, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Private First Class HOWARD A. STORY 37214707, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, P.I. on 19 January 1945. During the construction of a supply road through the hills in support of the Infantry's advance, the reconnaissance party and road party were pinned down by enemy sniper, mortar and automatic weapons fire from well-emplaced positions along the slope of a ridge. Two tractors being used in the construction work, had worked their way well up the ridge when the outbreak of fire forced the operators to take cover. Private First Class Story along with two others, moved down through the enemy fire to the tractors and drove them around the ridge to safety. Private First Class Story

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displayed initiative and courage in the face of enemy fire to aid in the recovery of equipment that was vital to the completion of the road and the advance of the Infantry. By his heroic act, Private First Class Story brings high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr William H. Story, Father, 301 West 1st Street, Washington, Kansas.

Private First Class REIGNOLD V. YULE 39340764, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, P.I. on 22 January 1945. In going to the aid of a wounded soldier Private First Class Yule had to pass over an area which was exposed to enemy observation and small arms fire. As the friendly troops out ahead were moved from that area, Private First Class Yule became directly exposed to this enemy fire. With utter disregard for his own personal safety Private First Class Yule continued to give aid to the wounded man and successfully evacuated him. Private First Class Yule's display of courage and act of heroism, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Keener A. Yule, Mother, 308 South River Street, Austin, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH ZERR 37028836, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, P.I. on 17 January 1945. In passing up the slope of an enemy-held hill, a scout of an assault platoon, was hit and severely wounded by enemy machine gun fire. With complete disregard for his own personal safety Technician Fifth Grade Zerr crawled up out of a draw and working his way across a stretch of open terrain reached the wounded man and dragged him back to the draw and safety. To accomplish this, Technician Fifth Grade Zerr by necessity had to use the same route of approach and evacuation as that originally used by the scout; about twenty-five yards of which was under direct observation of the enemy and in direct line of enemy machine guns. Technician Fifth Grade Zerr's act of heroism reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Elizabeth Zerr, Mother, Route #2, Box 40, Harvey, North Dakota.

SECTION IV

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class JOHN T. RUPE, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 2, Section III, General Order No. 26, dated 23 July 1944, a ~~Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster~~ is awarded to him by the Commanding General 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD 1944).

Private First Class JOHN T. RUPE 35893427, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, P.I. on 20 January 1945. In passing up the slope of an enemy-held hill, a scout of an assault platoon, was hit and severely wounded by enemy machine gun fire. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Rupe crawled up out of a draw and working his way across a stretch of open terrain reached the wounded man and dragged him back to the draw and safety. To accomplish this, Private First Class Rupe by necessity had to use the same route of approach and evacuation as that originally used by

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the scout; about twenty-five yards of which was under direct observation of the enemy and in direct line of enemy machine guns. Private First Class Rupe's act of heroism reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Jessie L. Rupe, Mother, RFD #1, Winchester, Indiana.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant SOUTHARD T. CUNNINGHAM, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 1, General Orders No. 52, dated 22 September 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD 1944).

Staff Sergeant SOUTHARD T. CUNNINGHAM 17009226, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, P.I. on 19 January 1945. During the construction of a supply road through the hills in support of the Infantry's advance, the reconnaissance party and road party were pinned down by enemy sniper, mortar and automatic weapons fire from well-emplaced positions along the slope of a ridge. Two tractors being used in the construction work, had worked their way well up the ridge when the outbreak of fire forced the operators to take cover. Sergeant Cunningham along with two others, moved down through the enemy fire to the tractors and drove them around the ridge to safety. Sergeant Cunningham displayed initiative and courage in the face of enemy fire to aid in the recovery of equipment that was vital to the completion of the road and the advance of the Infantry. By his heroic act, Sergeant Cunningham brings high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Margaret L. Cunningham, Wife, 869 South Campbell Street, Springfield, Missouri.

By command of Major General PATRICK:

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Colonel, G.S.C.,
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SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY)
SECTION II - AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD 1918) a Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant JERRY F. McINERNEY 36000203, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Rabon, Luzon, P.I. on 19 January 1945. Sergeant McInerney was a member of a patrol of twelve men from the Antitank Company which was making a routine patrol. Advancing up the south side of a large heavily overgrown ravine, they were subjected to a grenade attack by an enemy outpost. Suspecting the existence of other posts on the ridge which rose to the southeast, they formed a skirmish line before continuing up the slope. Sergeant McInerney was in control of the right flank of the line and was moving aggressively forward, which action materially relieved the left flank which was pinned down by machine gun fire. Having maneuvered himself into position, Sergeant McInerney opened fire on the machine gun enabling the left flank to withdraw under cover of his fire to positions of safety. As his men were withdrawing, they drew fire from a second machine gun on the nose of a hill to their right front. Disregarding the fact that he himself was directly in the crossfire of the two machine guns, Sergeant McInerney fired on the two machine guns until his men had reached cover. Next of Kin: Mrs Catherine McInerney, Mother, 9120 South Ada Street, Chicago, Illinois.

SECTION II

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3 WD 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Captain JOSIAH T. ALSPAUGH 01284807, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I. on 18 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Madge Gibson, Sister, 1430 South Cheyenne, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Major DONALD H. ANDERSON 0388508, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Mangaldan and Villasis areas, Luzon, P.I., during the period 12 January to 24 January 1945. Home address: Mrs D. H. Anderson, Wife, 401 N. Locust, Greenville, Illinois.

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First Lieutenant GORDON T. BARLOW 01030902, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I. on 19 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Barbara M. Barlow, Wife, 816 Madison, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Private First Class WILLIE R. BEAVER 37066077, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I. on 17 January 1945. Home address: Mr Connie C. Beaver, Father, Star Route, Bluff City, Arkansas.

Technician Fourth Grade CARL R. BUSH 37008971, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, P.I. on 4 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Nora A. Bush, Mother, 1681 Coolidge Street, San Diego 10, California.

Private First Class PETER J. BUTSCH 36215414, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon P.I., during the period 9 to 18 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Helen C. Butsch, Wife, 920 N. 15th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Technician Third Grade WILLIAM J. CHMIELEWSKI 37030237, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Agot, Luzon, P.I. on 31 January 1945. Home address: Mr Enoch Chmielewski, Father, Foley, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant ALEX M. CHUBAK 01204977, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cabaruan, Luzon, P.I. on 26 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Elizabeth Chubak, Mother, 71 North Hartford Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade RUSSELL O. CLARK 27029616, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, P.I. on 16 January 1945. While the company was engaged in combat with the enemy Technician Fifth Grade Clark, the Company aid man, observed two wounded men about seventy five yards in front of the company lines. Though the open terrain was under direct observation of the enemy, Technician Fifth Grade Clark with complete disregard for his own safety, crawled to the wounded men, administered first aid and succeeded in evacuating them to safety. The heroic act displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Clark reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Sarah M. Clark, Mother, Box 333, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Captain DWIGHT B. DICKSON 0410201, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I. on 15 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Katherine H. Dickson, Mother, 10 East Lafayette, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

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Corporal LOUIS N. DELA ZERDA 6299770, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I. on 2 February 1945. While the company to which Corporal Dela Zerda was attached as a medical aid man was pinned to the ground, by heavy enemy fire, a wounded man was heard calling for aid from enemy held territory. With complete disregard for his own safety, Corporal Dela Zerda crawled forward of our lines to aid the wounded man. Although the route that Corporal Dela Zerda was forced to take was covered by an enemy machine gun and a dug-in tank and both of them were firing constantly, he succeeded in administering first aid and dragged the wounded man to safety. He then returned to the enemy area to bring back another man that had fallen, but found him to be beyond medical aid. The heroic actions of Corporal Dela Zerda reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Bridget Dela Zerda, Mother, 716 Mission Street, San Antonio, Texas.

Major GEORGE L. DISHARON, JR 021277, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I. on 18 January 1945. Home address: Mrs May F. Disharoon, Mother, Port Gibson, Mississippi.

Captain JOHN H. FERGUSON 01291092, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, P.I. on 19 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Olive J. Ferguson, Wife, 169 East Bissell, Oil City, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant JAMES H. GARRISON 01303326, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I. from 1 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs A. L. Barrow, Sister, 631½ S. Burnside Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Staff Sergeant EMMANUEL W. GLOE 37076853, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, P.I. on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mr Martin Gloe, Father, Bluffton, Missouri.

Sergeant LEONARD P. HAKENWERTH 37076613, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, P.I. on 29 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Vernita H. Hakenwerth Wife, 957 Harlan Avenue, St Louis, Missouri.

Second Lieutenant LEWIS E. HESS 0442042, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., during the period 1 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Frank K. Hess, Mother, 231 Nichols Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant MICHAEL J. HOGAN 36040956, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., during the period 9 to 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Aurelia Celestine Joyce, Sister, 242 W. 73d Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Private First Class WALLACE R. JOHNSON 37031250, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, P.I. on 29 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Margaret E. Johnson, Wife, 518 Siegel Avenue, Washington, Missouri.

Corporal MILVOY J. KANTOR 37461216, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I. on 17 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Agnes Kantor, Mother, Wahoo, Nebraska, RFD.

First Lieutenant GORIAN L. KEMP 01291131, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I. on 16 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Gertrude D. Kemp, Mother, 417 West Second Street, Berwick, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant ARNT H. KLEVEN 37028762, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I. on 26 January 1945. Home address: Mr Martin H. Kleven, Father, Route 1, Bottineau, Arkansas.

Private First Class RUDOLPH V. KONCZAKOWSKI 37603235, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cauringan area, Luzon, P.I. on 29 January 1945. Private First Class Konczakowski was a radio operator in a mortar observation party. Having encountered a heavy concentration of enemy small arms and artillery fire, the observation officer was wounded. Private First Class Konczakowski immediately took over as forward observer and directed very effective mortar barrage on the enemy positions. He continued to act as forward observer and registered mortar fire throughout the day, even though he had received wounds from shrapnel, and was forced to expose himself to small arms fire on numerous occasions. His display of intrepid devotion to duty is deserving of the highest praise and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr Rudolph Konczakowski, Father, 5310 Oriole Street, St Louis, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade COLUMBUS O. MARTIN 37065662, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I. on 15 January 1945. After the company had dug in for the night, enemy soldiers infiltrated through our perimeter defense and several men were wounded on the outer perimeter. Company aid man, Technician Fifth Grade Martin, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, crawled under heavy mortar and sniper fire to the wounded who needed immediate attention and succeeded in evacuating them to a place of safety. His dauntless devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Sylvia E. Martin, Wife, Route 1, Lake City, Arkansas.

Private First Class ANDREW E. LATHIASSEN 37029724, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Imnoz, Luzon, P.I. from 1 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Christine Lathiasen, Mother, Crosby, North Dakota.

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Staff Sergeant J. CLIFTON MATHIS 37065591, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I. during the period 15 January to 20 January 1945. As a Battalion Supply Sergeant, Staff Sergeant Mathis, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, constantly exposed himself to the enemy in order to maintain the supply line between the rear and the front line troops. Notwithstanding the situations and locations which changed hourly, he pressed forward untiringly and did not stop until the troops in the front lines received their supplies. At one particular period of time, the supply train was pinned down several times by enemy fire, but Sergeant Mathis succeeded in getting through to the battalion which was practically surrounded by the enemy. The courage, leadership and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Mathis reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Mina Pearl Mathis, Mother, 514 North Maple, Harrison, Arkansas.

Private First Class EDWARD E. MILLER 20510920, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Gauringan, Luzon, P.I. on 29 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Alva Lee Miller, Wife, Box 773, Texas City, Texas.

First Sergeant HAROLD J. O'KEEFE 6688068, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I. on 17 January 1945. Home address: Mr Con O'Keefe, Father 34 Glenn Avenue, Troy, New York.

Sergeant JAMES R. PELTS 37076538, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Demarcis, Luzon, P.I. on 21 and 22 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Kathryn Imogene Peltz, Wife, 707 1st Street, Kennett, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES L. RICHEY 37065755, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I. on 17 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Betty L. Richey, Mother, Lead Hill, Arkansas.

Captain THEODORE ROBERTSON 0375674, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I. on 15 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Lorraine D. Robertson, Wife, Centerville, Maryland.

Captain ERNEST SAMUSSON, JR, 024260, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I. on 16 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Carol F. Samusson, Wife, 400 Norman Bridge Road, Montgomery, Alabama.

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Staff Sergeant ROBERT S. M. SHADE 33095628, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I. during the period 15 January to 20 January 1945. As a Battalion Supply Sergeant, Staff Sergeant Shade, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, constantly exposed himself to the enemy in order to maintain the supply line between the rear and the front line troops. Notwithstanding the situations and locations which changed hourly, he pressed forward untiringly and did not stop until the troops in the front lines received their supplies. At one particular period of time, the supply train was pinned down several times by enemy fire, but Sergeant Shade succeeded in getting through to the battalion which was practically surrounded by the enemy. The dauntless courage, leadership and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Shade reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Grace R. L. Rogers, Sister, #1 Solt Apartments, Hopewell, Virginia.

Captain GEORGE SHARPE 025853, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, P.I. from 1 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Alison C. Sharpe, Wife, 404 Taylor Street, Cherry Chase, Maryland.

Private First Class JOHN UNRUH 37031088, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bush Ridge, Luzon, P.I. on 26 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Susie Unruh, Wife, Alsen, North Dakota.

Private First Class JOHN J. VEEVERS 35652437, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I. on 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Ida C. Venters, Mother, Shelbiana, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant JOHN W. WAYLAND 37008765, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I. on 15 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Lois Wayland, Wife, 301 Water Street, Huntsville, Missouri.

Captain MALCOM A. YOUNGER 0502122, Chaplains Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, P.I. from 1 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Alice J. Younger, Wife, Oakland, Tennessee.

Private First Class LOUIS J. ZAHNER 36120343, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I. on 20 January 1945. Home address: Mr Joseph Zahner, Father, 2697 East Congress, Detroit, Michigan.

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Private First Class RUDOLPH F. ZIEGER 33398651, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, P.I. on 26 and 27 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Mary Zieger, Mother, Creek Road, McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

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AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull. No. 8 WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 6, AR 600-45 (Award and supply of decorations for individuals), 8 August 1932, as amended by change No. 6, 28 October 1942, and paragraph 3 g, USAFFE Regulations 10-50 dated 17 August 1943, subject: "Award of Decorations", a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APC 6, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class MILLEBURN R. CARLSON 17180032; Infantry, United States Army. For heroism at Rabon, Luzon, P.I., on 13 January 1945. During a tour of outpost duty, Private First Class Carlson observed a small group of soldiers crossing one of the nearby rice paddies in which a water buffalo was grazing. Before the soldiers could clear the paddy, the buffalo enraged by their presence, charged the group, knocking one of the soldiers down and scattering the rest. With quick presence of mind, Private First Class Carlson ran to the aid of the stricken man who was being viciously gored by the maddened animal. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Carlson succeeded in drawing the attention of the buffalo upon himself, and shot him with his rifle. His quick thinking and courageous action undoubtedly saved the life of the soldier and reflects the highest credit upon him and the military service. Home address: Mrs Margaret Carlson, Mother, 1708 Main Street, Joplin, Missouri.

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SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY)
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SECTION III - AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY)
SECTION IV - AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD 1918) a Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class JOHN J. PURKY 35365435, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Alacan, Luzon, P.I. on 15 January 1945. During an intensive engagement with the enemy Private First Class Purky volunteered to lay communication lines to an adjoining battalion in preparation of the establishment of a defensive perimeter. Though enemy mortar and artillery fire was very heavy, he, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, layed the lines over 2,000 yards of terrain, which was exposed to enemy small arms and artillery fire. Realizing the danger involved the enlisted man sacrificed his life to complete his mission. His cool thinking and display of courage in carrying out his mission while under enemy fire reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs Nell B. Purky, Mother, 2306 North Talbot Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

SECTION II

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD 1918) a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class LESTER M. RUFF 35335170, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Damortis, Luzon, P.I. on 22 January 1945. During an attack on enemy positions that were well dug in and thoroughly camouflaged, one of our platoons received a heavy concentration of devastating small arms and mortar fire. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Ruff armed himself with grenades and in the face of a heavy curtain of enemy fire moved in front of his platoon and alone succeeded in destroying the enemy positions. By his aggressive attack, he killed one of the enemy, drove off the remainder and captured two knee mortars that had been holding up the advance. The heroic achievement of Private First Class Ruff was above and beyond the call of duty and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Mary Margaret Ruff, Wife, Main Street, Carrollton, Ohio.

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SECTION III

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant JAMES H. COOKE 6387239, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I. on 15 January 1945. During the construction of a battalion defense perimeter and the establishing of communications, which was vitally important for a successful defense, the enemy layed down an intensive mortar and artillery fire in the battalion area. Sergeant Cooke, disregarding his own personal safety, continued to finish the communication installations. Near the completion of his duties, the enemy succeeded in making a direct hit on the installations and Sergeant Cooke fell mortally wounded. His heroism and loyalty above and beyond the call of duty reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs Lilly M. Cooke, Mother, Box 383, Wendell, North Carolina.

Private First Class JOHN A. PAVELSCHAK 35318308, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, P.I. on 25 January 1945. During an engagement with the enemy, Private First Class Pavelschak became isolated from his unit by a heavy concentration of enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Noticing that a valuable piece of radio equipment would fall into the hands of the enemy, Private First Class Pavelschak with utter disregard for his own personal safety, dashed across an open area, known to be swept by enemy fire, to retrieve the radio equipment and in doing so, he fell mortally wounded. Though his mission was not successful, the extreme heroism displayed by Private First Class Pavelschak was an inspiration to all his comrades-in-arms and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs Helen Pavelschak, Wife, 3011 Denver Avenue, Lorain, Ohio.

Private First Class FRANCIS C. QUEENER 39327401, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, P.I. on 22 January 1945. During an assault on enemy gun positions, the squad of Private First Class Queener was pinned to the ground by a heavy concentration of enemy machine gun and mortar fire. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, the enlisted man volunteered to neutralize the enemy gun position. Before his mission was completed, Private First Class Queener fell mortally wounded. His heroism and unflinching devotion to duty is deserving of the highest praise and is a credit to himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs Alma Queener, Wife, Box 134, Cottage Grove, Oregon.

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SECTION IV

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Sergeant ALBERT L. BEASLEY 37076569, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Rabon, Luzon, P.I. on 20 January 1945. While making an assault against enemy positions, a dug-in 77mm tank gun and machine gun held up the battalion's advance with a heavy concentration of fire. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Beasley armed himself with demolition charges and under a curtain of heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, crept upon the enemy positions and succeeded in neutralizing them. Sergeant Beasley's heroic action enabled the battalion to move forward and complete its assigned mission. Home address: Mrs Dorothea Donzella Beasley, Wife, Route 1, Lilbourn, Missouri.

Private ROBERT M. COLEMAN 35022895, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, P.I. on 4 February 1945. During an engagement with the enemy, several of our soldiers lay wounded in areas where a heavy concentration of mortar and sniper fire was being laid by the enemy. Knowing where the wounded men lay, Private Coleman volunteered to lead a litter squad to them. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he led the way in the face of a heavy curtain of enemy shell and sniper fire and helped evacuate the wounded to a place of safety. By his heroic action, Private Coleman undoubtedly aided in the saving of the lives of several of his comrades-in-arms and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Dr Charles W. Coleman, Father, 317 Carroll Street, Ashland, Ohio.

Captain HOWARD B. GABA 0500080, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I. on 22 January 1945. During the assault of a strongly fortified group of hills by his battalion, Captain Gaba, as Battalion Surgeon, coolly and efficiently administered aid and evacuated the wounded while his aid station was under constant enemy artillery and mortar fire. The intrepidity and devotion to duty of Captain Gaba, was an inspiration to all around him and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Tillie Gaba, Wife, 17300 Woodingham Drive, Detroit, Michigan.

First Lieutenant FRANKLIN H. JACOBSON 0540854, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, P.I. on 22 January 1945. As an assistant Battalion Surgeon of an Infantry Battalion, First Lieutenant Jacobson was outstanding in his efforts to expedite the care and removal of wounded from the field of battle to rear Hospitals. Despite constant enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire, Lieutenant Jacobson has on several occasions personally attended the wounded in the field and made it possible for their early evacuation. His untiring efforts and devotion to duty under the most trying of combat conditions was an inspiration to all and brings high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Lillian Jacobson, Wife, 61 Hyde Street, Burlington, Vermont.

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Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) JOHN W. REECE 6932165, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pimilpil, Luzon, P.I. on 20 January 1945. While his company was engaged in a heavy night counter attack by the enemy, the squad of Staff Sergeant Reece (then Private First Class) received such a heavy concentration of small arms and mortar fire that only three men remained in the squad who were able to engage the enemy. At this critical time Sergeant Reece voluntarily assumed command of the squad with such effectiveness that the gaps in the line were filled, thus contributing greatly to the holding of the objective. The enlisted man's intrepid actions and devotion to duty is deserving of the highest praise and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Josephine Reece, Mother, 3029 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular No. 186, dated 11 May 1944, Colonel EVERETT M. YON 05730, 63d Infantry, is cited for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy 3 February to 7 February 1945 near San Jose, Luzon, P.I., and is hereby awarded and entitled to wear the Combat Infantryman Badge.

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SECTION I - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY)
SECTION II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) (POSTHUMOUSLY)
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SECTION IV - AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY)
SECTION V - AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918) a Silver Star Medal is awarded, ~~posthumously~~, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

✓ Private First Class JOHN N. BRAUN 36743972, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Lamos, Luzon, P.I., on 2 February 1945. Private First Class BRAUN was a member of a collecting company litter squad consisting of four men. His squad attempted to evacuate a wounded soldier who had fallen one hundred yards beyond the front lines. Although the only route of evacuation was through an intense field of enemy fire, the squad, without hesitation, proceeded forward to within fifteen feet of an enemy machine gun nest under cover of a smoke screen. Upon reaching the wounded soldier the smoke screen had lifted so that the enemy's field of fire was unobstructed. Private First Class BRAUN fell mortally wounded as a result of enemy machine gun fire. Private First Class BRAUN'S courageous and gallant attempt to administer aid to a wounded comrade and his outstanding devotion to duty with utter disregard of his own safety, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs Magdalene Braun, Mother, 300 E. 136th Place, Chicago, Illinois.

✓ Captain RICHARD E HIATT 3401729, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Alacan, Luzon, P.I., on 16 January 1945. When his company was committed as battalion assault company, Captain HIATT led his men against a strongly defended hill, the taking of which was necessary in the completion of the battalion's mission. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, he was constantly in front of his men, maneuvering them in such a manner as to least expose them to danger while quickly securing the objective. He constantly exposed himself to hold the position as the remaining companies of the battalion passed through the defended area. By obtaining his objective in face of intense fire from strongly fortified enemy positions, he contributed greatly in making the battalion's mission a success. While holding this position, he was fatally wounded by sniper fire. Captain HIATT demonstrated outstanding tactical ability and leadership in this action. His gallantry and devotion to duty, well beyond the ordinary, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs Jean E. Hiatt, Wife, 615 South 17th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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Private First Class CARROLL P. JARMOSKA 33622405, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Luno, Luzon, P.I., on 2 February 1945. Private First Class JARMOSKA was a member of a collecting company litter squad consisting of four men. His squad attempted to evacuate a wounded soldier who had fallen one hundred yards beyond the front lines. Although the only route of evacuation was through an intense field of enemy fire, the squad, without hesitation, proceeded forward to within fifteen feet of an enemy machine gun nest under cover of a smoke screen. Upon reaching the wounded soldier the smoke screen had lifted to the extent that the enemy's field of fire was unobstructed. Private First Class JARMOSKA fell mortally wounded as a result of enemy machine gun fire. Private First Class JARMOSKA'S courageous and gallant attempt to administer aid to a wounded comrade and his outstanding devotion to duty with utter disregard of his own safety reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs Victoria Jarmoska, Mother, 411 Upland Ave., Reading, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant MAUVEL R. KAUFMAN 37076612, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Alacan, Luzon, P.I., on 15 January 1945. Staff Sergeant KAUFMAN'S radio was his battalion's only means of outside communication. The battalion was drawing a fierce concentration of artillery fire. Even though shells were bursting very closely about him, Sergeant KAUFMAN remained at his post disregarding his own personal danger. While sending a message, he was instantly killed when an artillery shell scored a direct hit on the communication installation. Staff Sergeant KAUFMAN'S outstanding courage and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs Mangle S. Kaufman, Wife, 5677 Waterrn Ave, St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class JAMES L. MCCONNELL 35413771, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Luno, Luzon, P.I., on 2 February 1945. Private First Class MCCONNELL was a member of a collecting company litter squad consisting of four men. His squad attempted to evacuate a wounded soldier who had fallen one hundred yards beyond the front lines. Although the only route of evacuation was through an intense field of enemy fire, the squad, without hesitation, proceeded forward to within fifteen feet of an enemy machine gun nest under cover of a smoke screen. Upon reaching the wounded soldier the smoke screen had lifted to the extent that the enemy's field of fire was unobstructed. Private First Class MCCONNELL fell mortally wounded as a result of enemy machine gun fire. Private First Class MCCONNELL'S courageous and gallant attempt to administer aid to a wounded comrade and his outstanding devotion to duty with utter disregard of his own safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Miss Sarah Rapp, Sister, Rural Route #5, Kenton, Ohio.

SECTION II

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star Medal awarded to Private JAMES P. JOLIVETTE, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, Section II, General Order No. 23, dated 25 July 1944, a Bronze Cross Leaf Cluster is awarded to him, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1916 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1916):

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Captain JAMES P. JOLIVETTE 0350876, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, P.I., on 2 February 1945. Captain JOLIVETTE led a small group in an assault across open ground against a strongly defended enemy bunker in an attempt to evacuate a wounded officer. Captain JOLIVETTE'S courage and gallantry exemplify the high traditions of the military service for which he gave his life. Next of Kin: Mrs Eloise Jolivette, Wife, 330 Norris Court, Madison, Wisconsin.

SECTION III

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918) a Silver Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM O. BOSS 37009075, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Alacan, Luzon, P.I., on 18 January 1945. During an assault upon heavily fortified hill positions, almost half of his platoon became casualties from intense sniper, mortar and artillery fire. At great personal risk, he advanced with two of his comrades in the face of enemy fire to secure a position from which they delivered point-blank fire into a well-concealed enemy field artillery position dug into the side of a hill. Sergeant BOSS, by assisting in neutralizing this enemy position, made it possible to evacuate the wounded men of his platoon and to proceed with the advance against the enemy. His gallantry reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr Otto Herman Boss, Father, Chamois, Missouri.

Private First Class CHARLES A. CARIK 37029500, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Manoz, Luzon, P.I., on 5 February 1945. He was loader of a 37mm anti-tank gun which was emplaced to cover a street in a small town. During an attack by enemy tanks, one of the tanks headed directly toward the gun position. Private First Class CARIK remained with his gun, firing continuously upon the approaching tank. After it had passed within two yards of the gun emplacement, he assisted the squad leader in reversing the gun and continued to fire until the tank was knocked out. Private First Class CARIK'S gallantry and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Veronica Carik, Mother, Cavalier, North Dakota.

Private First Class HOWELL H. HOUSTON 38111647, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Manoz, Luzon, P.I., on 2 February 1945. During a fierce engagement with the enemy Private First Class HOUSTON voluntarily offered his services as litter bearer on the front lines. Approximately one hundred yards beyond the front lines, an officer was seriously wounded. Without hesitation, even though at great personal risk, he proceeded with his squad in a gallant attempt to evacuate the wounded officer. A smoke screen was laid down to aid his squad but was lifted when they had travelled only half way. The only cover available was a ditch about two feet deep at the side of a road. Enemy positions were well dug-in on the opposite side of this road and were sweeping the area constantly with machine gun fire. Upon reaching the casualty, three of his squad were hit, two being killed instantly. Even though it was impossible to

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evacuate the two wounded men alone, Private First Class HOUSETON'S gallant attempt to do so speaks highly for himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Jessie West, Mother, General Delivery, Pandora, Texas.

Private First Class NICHOLAS W. HOUTH 33699075, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Alacan, Luzon, P.I., on 18 January 1945. During an assault upon heavily fortified hill positions, almost half of his platoon became casualties from intense sniper, mortar and artillery fire. At great personal risk, he advanced with two of his comrades in the face of enemy fire to secure a position from which they delivered point-blank fire into a well-concealed enemy field artillery position dug into the side of a hill. Private First Class HOUTH, by assisting in neutralizing this enemy position, made it possible to evacuate the wounded men of his platoon and to proceed with the advance against the enemy. His gallantry reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Cora Green, Sister, RFD #1, Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant PAGE H. SIMPSON 34130911, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 5 February 1945. Sergeant SIMPSON and his squad had their 57mm anti-tank gun emplaced to cover a street in the town of Munoz, Luzon, P.I. During a tank attack an enemy tank was observed proceeding down an adjoining street. Sergeant SIMPSON, leading his squad quickly pulled the gun one hundred yards to a position along the adjoining street. From this position he fired on the tank until it had passed within a few feet of his gun. After the tank had passed, he reversed his gun and continued to fire until the tank was knocked out. Sergeant SIMPSON'S cool courage in the face of great personal danger was a source of inspiration to the men of his squad and reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Ellen F. Simpson, Mother, Waverly Ferry Road, Columbus, Mississippi.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) WILLIAM SMITH 37009069, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Alacan, Luzon, P.I., on 15 January 1945. Sergeant SMITH was individually instrumental in repulsing an enemy counter-attack launched against the perimeter of his company at 0100 hours. All the men defending that section of the perimeter, under a heavy attack, had been killed or wounded except Sergeant SMITH. In the face of the enemy assault, he picked up a light machine gun, stood up in the face of the intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire in order to have a clear field of fire and fired from the hip. He turned such a devastating volume of fire into the enemy that the enemy were forced to withdraw. Sergeant SMITH'S gallant conduct and individual initiative at great personal risk reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Mattie Smith, Mother, Route #1, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) ZUEL S. YARBERRY 35188009, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Alacan, Luzon, P.I., on 18 January 1945. During an assault upon heavily fortified hill positions, almost half of his platoon became casualties from intense sniper, mortar and artillery fire. At great personal risk, he advanced with two of his comrades in face of enemy fire to secure a position from which they delivered point-blank fire into a well-concealed enemy field artillery position dug into the side of a hill. Sergeant YARBERRY, by assisting in neutralizing this enemy position, made it possible to evacuate the wounded men of his platoon and to proceed with the ad-

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vance against the enemy. His gallantry reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Edna Yarberry, Mother, Absher, Kentucky.

SECTION IV

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Captain WILLIS H. BASSETT 01174219, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Under cover of darkness a force of enemy medium and light tanks attempted to pass through the perimeter of Capt BASSETT'S field artillery battery. The men on the perimeter positions at once fired upon the enemy tanks. The tanks returned this fire, bringing the entire area under intense high explosive shell and small arms fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Captain BASSETT remained in an exposed position, supervising the defense of his battery area and directing the attack on the hostile tanks. When two members of the battery fell wounded, he assisted the battery aid men in administering first aid. While giving first aid to his wounded men, after the main assault had passed, Captain BASSETT was killed by enemy fire. Captain BASSETT'S heroism and unselfish devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs Evelyn Bassett, Wife, 1516 South Lawn Drive, Des Moines, Iowa.

Citation amended by Ho 165 - Aug 16, 1945
* Sergeant JOHN R. BOZICH 39327525, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, P.I., on 13 January 1945. Next of Kin: Mrs Teresa A. Bozich, Mother, P.O. Box 421, Hillsboro, Oregon.

Private First Class STANLEY M. CHRISLOCK 37082085, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. While his battery was being attacked by enemy tanks, two men of the battery fell wounded in an area which was under severe high explosive shell and small arms fire. Private First Class CHRISLOCK, with complete disregard for his personal safety, quickly went to the aid of his wounded comrades. While administering first aid to these men, he was killed by enemy fire. Private First Class CHRISLOCK'S heroism and devotion to duty in the face of certain death inspired those who knew him and exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mr Peter L. Chrislock, Father, Box 23, Tioga, North Dakota.

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Private First Class FRANK S. HARIEGLE 33077773, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism in action near Alacan, Luzon, P.I., on 15 January 1945. During the night of 16 January 1945, Private First Class HARIEGLE was on duty operating the switchboard of his battalion under intensive enemy mortar and artillery fire. Disregarding all personal danger, he remained at his post and maintained telephonic communications. He was killed instantly by an enemy artillery shell which made a direct hit on the communication installation. Private First Class HARIEGLE'S heroism and courage had an insupportable effect on his comrades and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Next of Kin: Mr Walter Hariegle, Father, Route No. 3, Nazareth, Pennsylvania.

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Staff Sergeant CHARLES G. HAWKINS, JR 34130795, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ibanos, Luzon, P.I., on 4 February 1945. During an enemy tank attack upon his gun position, Sergeant HAWKINS remained at his post and continued firing even after it was necessary to evacuate most of his squad. His heroism and loyalty to duty, at the cost of his own life, reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs Dorothy P. Hawkins, Wife, Jackson, Mississippi.

Technician Fifth Grade PAUL E. JENNINGS 37008829, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I., on 15 January 1945. During the construction of a perimeter around the area of his battalion, the enemy was constantly laying down artillery and mortar fire. Disregarding the personal danger Technician JENNINGS continued with the installation of a battalion switchboard. Immediately after the switchboard had been installed, it was knocked out of action by an artillery shell which exploded nearby. He obtained another switchboard and proceeded to install it. A second shell scored a direct hit on the installation, instantly killing Technician JENNINGS. His heroism, courage and devotion to duty are worthy of the highest praise in the military service. Next of Kin: Mr Edgar S. Jennings, Father, Route No. 2, Wellsville, Missouri.

Private First Class WALTER KEELERLEBER 37082087, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. In the course of an attack by enemy tanks against his battery, the entire battery area was under devastating high explosive shell and small arms fire. While assisting his battery commander and an aid man in giving first aid to his wounded comrades, Private First Class KEELERLEBER was instantly killed by enemy fire. His heroism and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mr Henry Keelerleber, Father, Glenullin, North Dakota.

SECTION V

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private GEORGE R. ALEXANDER 6986314, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. He, and three other men of his battery were manning a road block along the perimeter of the battery area. Fire from enemy tanks was covering the battery during an early-morning tank assault. Private ALEXANDER remained with his gun, firing continually upon the enemy even though the tanks and accompanying personnel carriers came within a few feet of his position. He was constantly exposed to enemy machine gun fire because his position afforded no natural cover. Private ALEXANDER'S cool courage and devotion to duty speak highly for himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Marion Alexander, Wife, 62 South Portland Ave, Brooklyn, New York.

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Private First Class FRED A. ANDERSON 37029232, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism in action at Manos, Luzon, P.I., on 4 February 1945. As a volunteer member of a three-man rocket launching team, Private First Class ANDERSON made three repeated assaults against an enemy emplacement under direct observed fire from a 47mm gun in a tank and from machine guns which formed a part of the defense of the position. Though Private First Class ANDERSON was unable to destroy the emplacement, his courage and determination reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service of the United States. Home address: Mrs Lempi Anderson, Mother, 112 Eleventh Street, Cloquet, Minnesota.

Private First Class WILLIAM J. BAIN 37674757, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Private First Class BAIN and three other men of his battery were manning a road block along the perimeter of the battery area. Fire from enemy tanks was covering the battery during an early-morning tank assault. He remained with his gun, firing continually upon the enemy even though the tanks and accompanying personnel carriers came within a few feet of his position. He was constantly exposed to enemy machine gun fire because his position afforded no natural cover. Private First Class BAIN'S cool courage and devotion to duty speak highly for himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Mable J. Barnott, Mother, West Grove, Iowa.

Sergeant DAVID P. BROWN, JR 6959778, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. As Chief of a 105mm howitzer section Sergeant BROWN was under direct fire by enemy tanks, which knocked out his howitzer, killing one man and wounding several others including the Executive Officer. He took command of another 105 howitzer position and, alone, loaded, laid the piece and fired at the attacking tanks. Sergeant BROWN'S initiative and courage inspired other men to join him in the concentrated effort. As a result, the attacking tanks were repulsed and his organization saved from further loss of men and materiel. Home address: Mr D. P. Brown, Sr, Father, General Delivery, Tenaha, Texas.

Private First Class ROY L. COLLINS 37064485, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, P.I., on 22 January 1945. In the face of enemy shelling and small arms fire Private First Class COLLINS exhibited courageous conduct and performed services far beyond the call of duty by driving his ambulance ahead of the front lines to assist in the evacuation of casualties. As a result of his heroic efforts, it was possible to treat promptly many who would have suffered many hours otherwise and perhaps died. Private First Class COLLINS' exceptional courage in the face of personal hazard exemplifies the high traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Mr Cal Collins, Father, Palmyra, Arkansas.

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Captain ALBERT L. deCHARLEROY 0394271, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 5 February 1945. When his company was attacked by two enemy tanks, Captain deCHARLEROY constantly exposed himself to enemy observation and fire in order to place two anti-tank guns in position. He then assisted his crews, carrying ammunition to the guns. Captain deCHARLEROY'S fine example of courage and leadership was directly responsible for his company's success in repelling the attack. Home address: Mrs Dorothy E. deCharleroy, Wife, 126 Second Ave, Westwood, New Jersey.

Private First Class ELIJAH D. DUCKWORTH 36694221, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, P.I., on 25 January 1945. With complete disregard for his personal safety he exposed himself, without hesitation, to intense mortar and sniper fire in order to evacuate a seriously wounded soldier. Though the other members of his litter squad were wounded, he continued alone and was successful in evacuating the wounded man to a place of safety. The heroism displayed by Private First Class DUCKWORTH was a source of great inspiration to the men in his company and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs Roberta Duckworth, Wife, De Soto, Illinois.

Private First Class (then Private) JAMES W. E. FRASER 39140939, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Private First Class FRASER armed with a rocket launcher was on duty at a road block perimeter position during an attack on his battery by enemy tanks. From a position which was exposed to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, he fired his weapon at the approaching vehicles when they were at a distance of not more than seventy-five yards. He succeeded in hitting two vehicles and set fire to one tank before he was wounded by machine gun fire. His heroism and outstanding courage under fire are in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Home address: Mrs Vinac Fraser, Wife, 511 Lander Street, Reno, Nevada.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Captain VINCENT I. GATES 01284317, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., during the period 9 January 1945 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Edith Marie Gates, Wife, 5932 N. Campbell Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

Sergeant ROBERT R. GOETZ 35164785, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. During an enemy tank attack upon his battery, one of the tanks halted a short distance beyond the battery perimeter in a position to bring the battalion area under fire. Sergeant GOETZ realized the seriousness of this situation immediately and, with complete disregard for his own safety, armed himself with a rifle grenade launcher and advanced under severe enemy fire toward the tank. He destroyed the tank and killed three members of its crew. Sergeant GOETZ'S heroic action reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Jessie M. Goetz, Wife, RFD #2, Fairmount, Indiana.

Sergeant HENRY E. HAMMOND 6294292, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. As chief of a 105mm howitzer section, Sergeant HAMMOND was under fire from two enemy tanks during an assault against his battery. One of the tanks scored a direct hit on his gun position killing one of his men and wounding several others, including himself. He noticed that there was only one man left at an adjacent gun position. Despite the fact that he was wounded and, with complete disregard for his personal safety, he rushed to assist with the firing of the neighboring howitzer. As a result of Sergeant HAMMOND'S courage and outstanding initiative, the attacking tanks were disabled and the enemy repulsed. Home address: Mrs Pearl E. Hammond, Mother, 1404 West Garvey Street, Elmont, California.

Captain MAX F. HEIDEPRIEM, OR 01168280, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 10 February 1945. Home address: Mr Max F. Heidepriem, Father, 1434 Salerno Drive, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Private First Class ORRUE G. HOISINGTON 37039299 (then Private), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Private First Class HOISINGTON was manning a road block position with two other men at the time an enemy tank assault was brought against his battery's bivouac. Although constantly under fire from the approaching tanks, he stayed by his machine gun and directed fire upon the enemy, setting fire to one tank and stopping two trucks causing the entire column of tanks to slow down. The capable and courageous manner with which Private First Class HOISINGTON performed this duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Rosa F. Johnson, Mother, 506 S. E. 25th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant ROYAL L. JENSEN 7012028, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 10 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Corrinne Jensen, Wife, Box 215, Dickson, Tennessee.

Private First Class LLOYD R. KELLEY 6858849, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. During a tank attack on his battalion, the road block position which he was helping to man was brought under intense enemy fire from tanks and their accompanying personnel carriers. Although constantly exposed to great personal danger, he continued to fire upon the enemy. His position, consisting of four men, was instrumental in the destruction of five enemy tanks and five personnel carriers. Private First Class KELLEY'S intrepidity in action reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Grace E. Kelley, Wife, Blacksburg, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant VINCENT W. KELLY 37000197, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I., on 18 January 1945. The rifle platoons of Sergeant KELLY'S company were advancing on mountainous terrain when they were subjected to intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire and were pinned down with no natural protection. Voluntarily, Sergeant KELLY moved his machine gun to the top of an exposed ridge and, while under severe enemy fire, delivered such an intense concentration of machine gun fire that the resistance was weakened to the extent that the rifle platoons of his company were able to advance and gain their objective. Sergeant KELLY'S heroic and aggressive action was a great inspiration to his men and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr William J. Kelly, Father, 401 So. Thompson Street, Pratt, Kansas.

Sergeant GEORGE V. KING 37038670, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Sergeant KING was chief of a 105mm howitzer section when his battery was attacked by enemy tanks. His own field piece was knocked out by a direct hit. The enemy fire was so fierce, the crew of an adjacent howitzer section was forced to seek shelter. Grasping the seriousness of the situation immediately, Sergeant KING, with three other men, voluntarily, exposed himself to intense enemy fire and great personal danger, in order to reach the idle howitzer and put it back into action. He was successful in disabling two of the enemy tanks. Sergeant KING'S courage and initiative speak very highly for himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Elizabeth Marie King, Wife, Box 301, Cottage Grove, Oreg.

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Corporal ANTHONY KIRTLEY 37039126, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. During an enemy tank attack upon his battery, Corporal KIRTLEY was manning a road block perimeter position which faced the approaching tanks and supporting vehicles. The position was covered constantly by enemy machine gun and 47mm fire. Even though he was armed with a .45 caliber sub-machine gun only, he remained exposed to great personal danger in order to properly support a .50 caliber machine gun and a rocket launcher. It was largely through his efforts that the enemy was dispersed and the attack repulsed. Corporal KIRTLEY'S courage and unwavering devotion to duty reflect highly upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr John Kirtley, Father, Melcher, Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade LAWRENCE KOSTANESKI 33358355, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, P.I., on 17 January 1945. Technician KOSTANESKI was a member of a forward observation party. During an advance over mountainous terrain, his party was pinned down by enemy machine gun and rifle fire from dug-in hillside positions. One of his comrades fell seriously wounded in a spot which left him at the mercy of enemy fire. Technician KOSTANESKI, armed with an M-1 rifle, went to the aid of the wounded soldier, killing one sniper and wounding another as he advanced. At great personal risk far beyond the call of duty, he succeeded in evacuating his wounded comrade to a place of safety and proper medical treatment. Technician KOSTANESKI'S heroic efforts were an inspiration to all the men and reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Minnie Kostaneski, Mother, 224 West Green Street, West Hazelton, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOSEPH F. LANEY 39921698, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, P.I., on 30 January 1945 and 4 February 1945. Private First Class LANEY, with the assistance of one other rifleman, held a squad position in the face of intense enemy machine gun, mortar, and grenade fire to repulse a strong Japanese attack. Due to this heroic act the remainder of the squad was enabled to advance and gain control of their position. Previously, on 30 January 1945, Private First Class LANEY went forward of our lines under heavy enemy 77mm and machine gun fire to assist in rescuing his squad leader who was wounded, bringing him back to a place of safety. Private First Class LANEY'S courageous acts have been an inspiration to the men of his company. Home address: Mrs Deon H. Laney, Wife, Salmon, Idaho.

Private First Class LEONARD J. LODICO 32835246, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, P.I., on 4 February 1945. Private First Class LODICO, with the assistance of one other rifleman, held his squad position in the face of intense enemy machine gun, mortar, and grenade fire to repulse a strong Japanese attack, accounting for ten of the enemy dead. Due to this heroic act the remainder of the squad was able to advance and gain control of their position. Later, Private First Class LODICO went forward of our lines to rescue a member of his squad who was wounded, bringing him back under intense enemy fire. Private First Class LODICO'S courageous conduct has been a great inspiration to the men of his company. Home address: Mr Peter Lodico, Father, 50 Mona Street, Rochester, New York.

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Staff Sergeant RUSSELL F. McDOWELL 37031530, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I., on 18 January 1945. Voluntarily, Sergeant McDOWELL climbed to the crest of a hill which was exposed to intense enemy machine gun fire in order that he might fire and throw hand grenades upon an enemy position. Because of this intrepid action, it was possible to evacuate a wounded comrade to a place of safety. Sergeant McDOWELL'S heroic conduct was a source of great inspiration to all the men of his company and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Evelyn O. McDowell, Wife, 510 Knight Avenue North, Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Captain WILLIAM D. McDOWELL 0393326, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 6 February 1945. Voluntarily, Captain McDOWELL led a small patrol approximately two hundred yards forward of the battalion lines over terrain which was swept by enemy fire to observe and adjust artillery fire upon enemy positions. His presence with the forward observers and his accurate adjustment and coordination of friendly artillery concentrations made possible the devastating fire which caused the enemy to withdraw. Although wounded by a bursting shell, he remained at his observation post throughout the day. Captain McDOWELL'S fine example of courage and cool efficiency under fire speak highly for himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Janet E. McDowell, Wife, 1735 S. Broadway, Wichita, Kansas.

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Corporal DANIEL A. METZGER 32164783, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, P.I., on 22 January 1945. Corporal METZGER was performing the duty of scout corporal in a field artillery forward observer party. The Infantry had just advanced to the top of a hill and were preparing to descent when an estimated force of one company of enemy troops attacked them with mortar, machine gun and rifle fire. The hill-top was barren and very little natural protection from enemy fire was available. Visibility was clear enabling the enemy, who were concealed in a heavy grove of trees, to observe every move of our troops. When the enemy began to shell the Infantry with mortars, an officer observer in command and Corporal METZGER moved forward to secure better observation. His commanding officer and several infantrymen were hit by enemy fire. Corporal METZGER pulled his commanding officer back to cover, rendered first aid and gave him the remainder of his water. Then through machine gun fire he ran back to his position, called for and directed an effective artillery smoke concentration which enabled the infantrymen to withdraw and evacuate their wounded. He then continued directing artillery shelling and took charge of the forward observer party until relieved the next evening. Corporal METZGER'S courage and initiative in the face of great personal danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr John J. Metzger, Father, 1981 E. 29th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class GORDON P. MILLS 37075463, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I., on 18 January 1945. When other members of his squad were pinned down in an unprotected location by heavy enemy machine gun fire and grenades, voluntarily, Private MILLS exposed himself to enemy fire in order to throw grenades and deliver an effective volume of automatic rifle fire. This heroic action saved the lives of many of his squad members and made possible the advantageous regrouping of them with the result that an important objective was gained. Private MILLS' outstanding courage and loyalty to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr Gordie G. Mills, Father, Route 3, Centralia, Missouri.

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Captain FRANKLIN A. NOLTE 0325059, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 10 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Helen L. Nolte, Wife, 515 Second Street, NE, Hampton, Iowa.

Corporal JOSEPH J. PONTE 39006008, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Catablan, Luzon, P.I., on 13 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Mary Ormonde, Sister, Route #3, Box 987, Modesto, California.

Technician Fourth Grade HUGH L. PARTRIDGE 17027170, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Technician PARTRIDGE was a gun mechanic on a road block perimeter position during a tank attack upon his battery. Although it was necessary for him to be exposed constantly to intense enemy fire, he kept his position supplied with serviceable weapons, changing the barrels and reloading the machine guns without regard to personal danger. Technician PARTRIDGE'S courage and efficient devotion to duty speak highly for himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Edith E. Wright, Mother, RFD #4, Stockton, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant JULIEN J. REIFF 37039153 (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I., on 18 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Anne E. Reiff, Wife, 414 West Victoria Street, Dyersville, Iowa.

Sergeant CHESTER L. SANDERSON 17001953, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Munos, Luzon, P.I., on 2 February 1945. The only route of approach to a seriously wounded soldier was across an open field which was under enemy shell and sniper fire. Voluntarily, Sergeant SANDERSON and his litter squad advanced to evacuate the wounded man. Upon reaching the casualty, one of his litter bearers was wounded and Sergeant SANDERSON received a penetrating wound in the right upper thigh from a sniper's bullet. Even though suffering from the wound, he succeeded in administering first aid and evacuating his comrade to a place of safety and proper medical treatment. His courage and devotion to duty were a great inspiration to the men of his company. Home address: Mr Thor A. Sanderson, Father, Route #1, Box 67, Little Falls, Minnesota.

Sergeant HENRY SCHIEBELHUT 39081237, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, P.I., on 20 January 1945. Home address: Mr Fred Schiebelhut, Father, Route No. 10, Box 30, Fresno, California.

Staff Sergeant WOODROW W. SHIPP 38057022, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, P.I., on 20 January 1945. During an engagement with the enemy, Sergeant SHIPP realized the urgent need of accurate mortar fire to support his troops. Having no communication equipment available, he stood up, exposing himself to enemy sniper and mortar fire, in order to call back voice commands to his mortar section. Sergeant SHIPP'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Anna Shipp, Mother, Route #3, Groesbeck, Texas.

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Private First Class GLENN J. TURNER 6917070, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Private TURNER was a member of a road block perimeter position at the time of a tank attack upon his battery. Although exposed constantly to enemy fire from the tanks and their supporting vehicles, he and his two comrades continued to fire upon the enemy with a .50 caliber machine gun, a rocket launcher, a rifle grenade launcher and small arms. This perimeter position was instrumental in destroying or disabling five enemy tanks and five personnel carriers. Home address: Mrs Dorothy E. Campbell, Sister, 1018 East Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade ERVIN VETCHOREK 37056718, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, P.I., on 22 January 1945. In the face of enemy shelling and small arms fire, Technician VETCHOREK exhibited great courage and performed services far beyond the call of duty by driving his ambulance into enemy territory to assist in the evacuation of casualties. His courageous action made it possible to evacuate and treat promptly many who would have suffered many hours otherwise and perhaps have died. Home address: Mrs Marie Vetchorek, Wife, 4316A North 20th Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant SAM H. WEINHOLD 37031450, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, P.I., on 18 January 1945. When his squad had been pinned down without cover by intense automatic fire from concealed enemy positions, Sergeant WEINHOLD, with complete disregard for his own safety, exposed himself by rushing forward to a position from which he was able to deliver direct rifle fire and throw hand grenades upon the enemy installations. This enabled his men to take positions of advantage, route the enemy and gain their objective. Sergeant WEINHOLD'S courage and determined leadership were a great inspiration to all of his men and reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Gladys M. Weinhold, Wife, 110 So. Locust Street, Inglewood, California.

Technician Fourth Grade BYRON E. WESTON 38006581, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Technician WESTON was a member of a 105mm howitzer section when his battery was attacked by enemy tanks. His own field piece was knocked out by a direct hit. The enemy fire was so fierce, the crew of an adjacent howitzer section was forced to seek shelter. Grasping the seriousness of the situation immediately, Technician WESTON, with three other men, voluntarily, exposed himself to intense enemy fire and great personal danger, in order to reach the idle howitzer and put it back into action. He was successful in disabling two of the enemy tanks. Technician WESTON'S courage and initiative speak very highly for himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Alma Weston, Mother, Box 242, Montrose, Colorado.

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Private First Class ROBERT L. WILHELM 36644705, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, P.I., on 2 February 1945. Private WILHELM, a member of a litter squad, volunteered to take the place of a wounded company aid man in a rifle company. With disregard for his own safety, he exposed himself to direct enemy mortar and sniper fire in order to administer first aid and evacuate the wounded. Private WILHELM'S cool courage and heroism under fire saved the lives of many wounded men and reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Louise Wilhelm, Mother, 2648 North Hoyne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class GLENN WILLINGHAM 38018674, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 5 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Helen L. Willingham, Wife, 2052 Pierce Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Private First Class ESHIA J. ZAIA 36122377, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism in action at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 4 February 1945. Private ZAIA organized a three-man team to assault an enemy emplacement containing a medium tank and a 105mm field piece. When the first assault failed, he returned for more ammunition and made a second assault. When the enemy withstood the second assault, he again returned for ammunition and made a third attempt. His courage and determination in attempting to knock out the enemy position in face of direct observed fire reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Mrs Hanna Zaia, Mother, 524 Leith Street, Flint Michigan.

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GENERAL ORDER)

NUMBER 20)

AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private JOE E. DODSON, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 8, Section III, General Order No. 26, dated 23 July 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private JOE E. DODSON 6924434, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 5 February 1945. When an enemy medium tank approached the dugout occupied by a field artillery forward observer party of which Private DODSON was a member, he leaped from the dugout and commenced firing a .50 caliber machine gun at the tank. He was exposed to direct fire from the tank but continued firing until wounded by enemy artillery. Private DODSON'S daring action and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Jessie Dodson, Mother, Box 171, Spring City, Tennessee.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class WILEY W. HORTON, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 7, Section I, General Order No. 24, dated 21 July 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class WILEY W. HORTON, 34815702, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 4 February 1945. As a member of a three-man rocket-launching team, Private HORTON made three repeated assaults against an enemy emplacement under direct observed fire from a 47mm gun in a tank and from machine guns which formed a part of the defense of the position. His courage and determination in attempting to knockout the enemy position reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Mrs Lessie Parrish, Grandmother, Fla Short Route #1, Syracuse, Alabama.

By command of Major General PATRICK:

BRUCE PALMER, JR.,
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GENERAL ORDER)

NUMBER 21)

AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class REX C. ARNEY 35090047, Field Artillery, United States Army, For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Private ARNEY served as number five cannoneer of a 155mm howitzer section at the time his battalion, located in an open field with no natural cover, was brought under attack by an enemy armored force, during the early hours of morning. As the force approached, the battalion area was subjected to intense 47mm gun, machine gun and small arms fire. In total darkness, and while under constant fire from the enemy, the gun section shifted the trails of their howitzer, placing it in a position to fire on the approaching enemy vehicles. The gun crew fired twenty-three rounds of high explosive shells on the enemy, scoring an undetermined number of hits and destroying two tanks. The coolness displayed by Private ARNEY and the other members of the gun crew and their skillful handling of the howitzer under intense enemy fire contributed largely to the destruction of the enemy force. Private ARNEY'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Etta Arney, Mother, Bowling Green, Indiana.

Corporal BENJAMIN E. BRUNNING 2C717050 (then Private First Class), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Private BRUNNING served as number four cannoneer of a 155mm howitzer section at the time his battalion, located in an open field with no natural cover, was brought under attack by an enemy armored force, during the early hours of morning. As the force approached, the battalion area was subjected to intense 47mm gun, machine gun and small arms fire. In total darkness, and while under constant fire from the enemy, the gun section shifted the trails of the r howitzer, placing it in a position to fire on the approaching enemy vehicles. The gun crew fired twenty-three rounds of high explosive shells on the enemy, scoring an undetermined number of hits and destroying two tanks. The coolness displayed by Corporal BRUNNING and the other members of the gun crew and their skillful handling of the howitzer under intense enemy fire contributed largely to the destruction of the enemy force. Corporal BRUNNING'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Pearl Anna Brunning, Mother, 422 South Boone Street, Boone, Iowa.

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Private First Class DAVID C. KASHA 36365007, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Private KASHA served as number two cannoneer of a 155mm howitzer section at the time his battalion, located in an open field with no natural cover, was brought under attack by an enemy armored force, during the early hours of morning. As the force approached, the battalion area was subjected to intense 47mm gun, machine gun and small arms fire. In total darkness, and while under constant fire from the enemy, the gun section shifted the trails of their howitzer, placing it in a position to fire on the approaching enemy vehicles. The gun crew fired twenty-three rounds of high explosive shells on the enemy, scoring an undetermined number of hits and destroying two tanks. The coolness displayed by Private KASHA and the other members of the gun crew and their skillful handling of the howitzer under intense enemy fire contributed largely to the destruction of the enemy force. Private KASHA'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr John Kasha, Sr, 13932 Michigan Avenue, Riverdale, Illinois.

Corporal DONALD V. MALONE 17027492, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Corporal MALONE served as ammunition corporal of a 155mm howitzer section at the time his battalion, located in an open field with no natural cover, was brought under attack by an enemy armored force, during the early hours of morning. As the force approached, the battalion area was subjected to intense 47mm gun, machine gun and small arms fire. In total darkness, and while under constant fire from the enemy, the gun section shifted the trails of their howitzer, placing it in a position to fire on the approaching enemy vehicles. The gun crew fired twenty-three rounds of high explosive shells on the enemy, scoring an undetermined number of hits and destroying two tanks. The coolness displayed by Corporal MALONE and the other members of the gun crew and their skillful handling of the howitzer under intense enemy fire contributed largely to the destruction of the enemy force. Corporal MALONE'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Grace Malone, Mother, 1706 S. 15th Street, Burlington, Iowa.

Corporal ALLAN L. MEYER 6547997, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Corporal MEYER served as gunner corporal of a 155mm howitzer section at the time his battalion, located in an open field with no natural cover, was brought under attack by an enemy armored force, during the early hours of morning. As the force approached, the battalion area was subjected to intense 47mm gun, machine gun and small arms fire. In total darkness, and while under constant fire from the enemy, the gun section shifted the trails of their howitzer, placing it in a position to fire on the approaching vehicles. The gun crew fired twenty-three rounds of high explosive shells on the enemy, scoring an undetermined number of hits and destroying two tanks. The coolness displayed by Corporal MEYER and the other members of the gun crew and their skillful handling of the howitzer under intense enemy fire contributed largely to the destruction of the enemy force. Corporal MEYER'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Miss Frances Meyer, Sister, Brookings, South Dakota.

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First Lieutenant HENRY MOHR 01168383, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Lieutenant MOHR supervised a 155mm howitzer section at the time his battalion, located in an open field with no natural cover, was brought under attack by an enemy armored force, during the early hours of morning. As the force approached, the battalion area was subjected to intense 47mm gun, machine gun and small arms fire. In total darkness, and while under constant fire from the enemy, the gun section shifted the trails of their howitzer, placing it in a position to fire at the approaching vehicles. The gun crew fired twenty-three rounds of high explosive shells on the enemy, scoring an undetermined number of hits and destroying two tanks. The coolness displayed by Lieutenant MOHR and the other members of the gun crew and their skillful handling of the howitzer under intense enemy fire contributed largely to the destruction of the enemy force. Lieutenant MOHR'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Dorothy P. Mohr, Wife, 3532 Dix Avenue, Overland, Missouri.

Private First Class ANTHONY NESTLER 36063423, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Private NESTLER served as number one cannoneer of a 155mm howitzer section at the time his battalion, located in an open field with no natural cover, was brought under attack by an enemy armored force, during the early hours of morning. As the force approached, the battalion area was subjected to intense 47mm gun, machine gun and small arms fire. In total darkness, and while under constant fire from the enemy, the gun section shifted the trails of their howitzer, placing it in a position to fire on the approaching vehicles. The gun crew fired twenty-three rounds of high explosive shells on the enemy, scoring an undetermined number of hits and destroying two tanks. The coolness displayed by Private NESTLER and the other members of the gun crew and their skillful handling of the howitzer under intense enemy fire contributed largely to the destruction of the enemy force. Private NESTLER'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Jennie Nestler, Mother, E. Reynolds Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Private First Class JOSEPH J. PALKO 33358993, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Private PALKO served as number six cannoneer of a 155mm howitzer section at the time his battalion, located in an open field with no natural cover, was brought under attack by an enemy armored force, during the early hours of morning. As the force approached, the battalion area was subjected to intense 47mm gun, machine gun and small arms fire. In total darkness, and while under constant fire from the enemy, the gun section shifted the trails of their howitzer, placing it in a position to fire on the approaching vehicles. The gun crew fired twenty-three rounds of high explosive shells on the enemy, scoring an undetermined number of hits and destroying two tanks. The coolness displayed by Private PALKO and the other members of the gun crew and their skillful handling of the howitzer under intense enemy fire contributed largely to the destruction of the enemy force. Private PALKO'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Anna Palko, Mother, 26 Main Street, Jeddo, Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class DONALD E. TAYLOR 35743305, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Private TAYLOR served as number five cannoneer of a 155mm howitzer section at the time his battalion, located in an open field with no natural cover, was brought under attack by an enemy armored force, during the early hours of morning. As the force approached, the battalion area was subjected to intense 47mm gun, machine gun and small arms fire. In total darkness, and while under constant fire from the enemy, the gun section shifted the trails of their howitzer, placing it in a position to fire on the approaching vehicles. The gun crew fired twenty-three rounds of high explosive shells on the enemy, scoring an undetermined number of hits and destroying two tanks. The coolness displayed by Private TAYLOR and the other members of the gun crew and their skillful handling of the howitzer under intense enemy fire contributed largely to the destruction of the enemy force. Private TAYLOR'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Joy Taylor, Wife, 360 S. Main Street, Keyser, West Virginia.

Sergeant STANLEY WOOD 6862023, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Sergeant WOOD served as chief of section of a 155mm howitzer section at the time his battalion, located in an open field with no natural cover, was brought under attack by an enemy armored force, during the early hours of morning. As the force approached, the battalion area was subjected to intense 47mm gun, machine gun and small arms fire. In total darkness, and while under constant fire from the enemy, the gun section shifted the trails of their howitzer, placing it in a position to fire on the approaching vehicles. The gun crew fired twenty-three rounds of high explosive shells on the enemy, scoring an undetermined number of hits and destroying two tanks. The coolness displayed by Sergeant WOOD and the other members of the gun crew and their skillful handling of the howitzer under intense enemy fire contributed largely to the destruction of the enemy force. Sergeant WOOD'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Margaret Wood, Wife, 213 Payton Avenue, Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

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10 March 1945

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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class RAYMOND L. BRUINSMA 36744175, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills and near Munoz, Luzon, P.I., between 17 January 1945 and 2 February 1945. Private BRUINSMA, a member of a litter squad, volunteered to go forward beyond the front lines in order to evacuate the wounded. The casualties lay one hundred yards beyond the front lines in a rice paddy which ended in a gradual slope leading to a ridge commanded by the enemy. As his squad advanced, the enemy fire from machine guns, rifles and light field pieces became so intense that it was necessary to lay down a smoke screen in order that they might reach the wounded. Under this screen, his squad made two trips, bringing back the wounded to a place of safety where proper medical treatment could be given. The above instance is but one of several similar missions which he and his squad performed, voluntarily, during this period, under enemy fire and beyond the call of duty. Private BRUINSMA'S intrepidity and cool efficiency under fire reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Anna Bruinsma, Mother, R.F.D. # 1, Box 137, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Private First Class JAMES T. DARCY 37618080, (then Private), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills and near Munoz, Luzon, P.I., between 17 January 1945 and 2 February 1945. Private DARCY, a member of a litter squad, volunteered to go forward beyond the front lines in order to evacuate the wounded. The casualties lay one hundred yards beyond the front lines in a rice paddy which ended in a gradual slope leading to a ridge commanded by the enemy. As his squad advanced, the enemy fire from machine guns, rifles and light field pieces became so intense that it was necessary to lay down a smoke screen in order that they might reach the wounded. Under this screen, his squad made two trips, bringing back the wounded to a place of safety where proper medical treatment could be given. The above instance is but one of several similar missions which he and his squad performed, voluntarily, during this period, under enemy fire and beyond the call of duty. Private DARCY'S intrepidity and cool efficiency under fire reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Lela Ellison, Mother, 1404 Cass Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Private First Class ANTHONY N. DEANGELIS, SR., 33622386, (then Private), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills and near Munoz, Luzon, P.I., between 17 January 1945 and 4 February 1945. During an engagement with the enemy. Private DEANGELIS and his squad, whose duties were to evacuate wounded from a battalion aid station, volunteered to assist with the evacuation of casualties from beyond the frontlines of an infantry company. A wide rice paddy affording no natural protection had to be crossed to reach the wounded, who were within twenty-five yards of enemy installations. With only a smoke screen for protection, Private DEANGELIS and his squad, in the face of enemy machine gun, mortar and small arms fire, made three complete trips across this dangerous area thereby saving the lives of three wounded comrades. The heroism displayed by Private DEANGELIS in this and in other engagements during the period reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Elsie Deangelis, Wife, 324 Church Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class RUBEN GARRETT 38512311, (then Private), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills and near Munoz, Luzon, P.I., between 17 January 1945 and 4 February 1945. During an engagement with the enemy, Private GARRETT and his squad, whose duties were to evacuate wounded from the battalion aid station, volunteered to assist with the evacuation of casualties from beyond the front lines of an infantry company. A wide rice paddy affording no natural protection had to be crossed to reach the wounded, who were within twenty-five yards of enemy installations. With only a smoke screen for protection, Private GARRETT and his squad; in face of enemy machine gun, mortar and small arms fire, made three complete trips across this dangerous area thereby saving the lives of three wounded comrades. The heroism displayed by Private GARRETT in this and in other engagements during the period reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Minnie Garrett, Mother, Route 1, Waldo, Arkansas.

Private First Class ANTHONY M. LEMBO 33602695, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills and near Munoz, Luzon, P.I., between 17 January 1945 and 4 February 1945. Private LEMBO, a member of a litter squad, volunteered to go forward beyond the front lines in order to evacuate the wounded. The casualties lay one hundred yards beyond the front lines in a rice paddy which ended in a gradual slope leading to a ridge commanded by the enemy. As his squad advanced, the enemy fire from machine guns, rifles and light field pieces became so intense that it was necessary to lay down a smoke screen in order that they might reach the wounded. Under this screen, his squad made two trips, bringing back the wounded to a place of safety where proper medical treatment could be given. The above instance is but one of several similar missions which he and his squad performed, voluntarily, during this period, under enemy fire and beyond the call of duty. Private LEMBO'S intrepidity and cool efficiency under fire reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Theresa Lembo, Mother, 120 Jones Street, Old Forge, Pennsylvania.

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Sergeant JOSEPH D. LEONARD 17028963, (then Corporal), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills and near Muñoz, Luzon, P.I., between 17 January 1945 and 4 February 1945. During an engagement with the enemy, Sergeant LEONARD and his squad, whose duties were to evacuate wounded from a battalion aid station, volunteered to assist with the evacuation of casualties from beyond the front lines of an infantry company. A wide rice paddy affording no natural protection had to be crossed to reach the wounded, who were within twenty-five yards of enemy installations. With only a smoke screen for protection, Sergeant LEONARD and his squad, in face of enemy machine gun, mortar and small arms fire, made three complete trips across this dangerous area thereby saving the lives of three wounded comrades. The heroism displayed by Sergeant LEONARD in this and other engagements during the period reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr William F. Leonard, Father, 1080 Wilson Street, Dubuque, Iowa.

Private First Class WENDELL M. LUSE 39468235, (then Private), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills and near Muñoz, Luzon, P.I., between 17 January 1945 and 4 February 1945. During an engagement with the enemy, Private LUSE and his squad, whose duties were to evacuate wounded from a battalion aid station, volunteered to assist with the evacuation of casualties from beyond the front lines of an infantry company. A wide rice paddy affording no natural protection had to be crossed to reach the wounded, who were within twenty-five yards of enemy installations. With only a smoke screen for protection, Private LUSE and his squad, in face of enemy machine gun, mortar and small arms fire, made three complete trips across this dangerous area thereby saving the lives of three wounded comrades. The heroism displayed by Private LUSE in this and other engagements during the period reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr Elbert McKinley Luse, Father, 944 Twentieth Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Private First Class FRANK G. MARINO 33602702, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills and near Muñoz, Luzon, P.I., between 17 January 1945 and 4 February 1945. During an engagement with the enemy, Private MARINO and his squad, whose duties were to evacuate wounded from a battalion aid station, volunteered to assist with the evacuation of casualties from beyond the front lines of an infantry company. A wide rice paddy affording no natural protection had to be crossed to reach the wounded, who were within twenty-five yards of enemy installations. With only a smoke screen for protection, Private MARINO and his squad, in face of enemy machine gun, mortar and small arms fire, made three complete trips across this dangerous area thereby saving the lives of three wounded comrades. The heroism displayed by Private MARINO in this and other engagements during the period reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Carmella Marino, Mother, 217 Oak Street, Old Forge, Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class JOHN C. MASON 3726048, (then Private), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills and near Manoz, Luzon, P.I., between 17 January 1945 and 4 February 1945. During an engagement with the enemy, Private MASON and his squad, whose duties were to evacuate wounded from a battalion aid station, volunteered to assist with the evacuation of casualties from beyond the front lines of an infantry company. A wide rice paddy affording no natural protection had to be crossed to reach the wounded, who were within twenty-five yards of enemy installations. With only a smoke screen for protection, Private MASON and his squad, in face of enemy machine gun, mortar and small arms fire, made three complete trips across this dangerous area thereby saving the lives of three wounded comrades. The heroism displayed by Private MASON in this and other engagements during the period reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Maggie Dean Mason, Wife, Sullivan, Missouri.

Private First Class RAYMOND L. PHILLIPS 36318569, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills and near Manoz, Luzon, P.I., between 17 January 1945 and 4 February 1945. Private PHILLIPS, a member of a litter squad, volunteered to go forward beyond the front lines in order to evacuate the wounded. The casualties lay one hundred yards beyond the front lines in a rice paddy which ended in a gradual slope leading to a ridge commanded by the enemy. As his squad advanced, the enemy fire from machine guns, rifles and light field pieces became so intense that it was necessary to lay down a smoke screen in order that they might reach the wounded. Under this screen, his squad made two trips, bringing back the wounded to a place of safety where proper medical treatment could be given. The above instance is but one of several similar missions which he and his squad performed, voluntarily, during this period, under enemy fire and beyond the call of duty. Private PHILLIPS' intrepidity and cool efficiency under fire reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Mary Phillips, Mother, Magnolia, Illinois.

Private First Class GEORGE E. ROACH 35656674, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills and near Manoz, Luzon, P.I., between 17 January 1945 and 4 February 1945. Private ROACH, a member of a litter squad, volunteered to go forward beyond the front lines in order to evacuate the wounded. The casualties lay one hundred yards beyond the front lines in a rice paddy which ended in a gradual slope leading to a ridge commanded by the enemy. As his squad advanced, the enemy fire from machine guns, rifles and light field pieces became so intense that it was necessary to lay down a smoke screen in order that they might reach the wounded. Under this screen, his squad made two trips, bringing back the wounded to a place of safety where proper medical treatment could be given. The above instance is but one of several similar missions which he and his squad performed, voluntarily, during this period, under enemy fire and beyond the call of duty. Private ROACH'S intrepidity and cool efficiency under fire reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr Richard Beard Roach, Father, Asbury, West Virginia.

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GENERAL ORDER)
: SECTION I - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL
NUMBER 23) SECTION II - AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDER

SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted man:

Technician Third Grade EDWARD R. GEOFFREY 31067628, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area from 28 September 1942 to 15 February 1945. Home address: Mr Alphonse Geoffrey, Father, 56 Wood Street, Warren, Rhode Island.

SECTION II

So much of General Order Number 7, this headquarters, dated 3 February 1945 as pertains to Technician Fourth Grade Elmer E. Crosby 31133191, Ordnance Department, United States Army, is revoked.

By command of Major General PATRICK:

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SECTION I - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR - POSTHUMOUSLY
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SECTION IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - POSTHUMOUSLY

SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918) a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO / , to the following named enlisted men:

Corporal EMIL C. BARTA, 37006988, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Bantug, Luzon, P.I., on 31 January 1945. It was necessary to construct a supply trail from San Antonio to Bantug. At 1430 hours on 31 January 1945, the trail was brought into Bantug and the engineer platoon, of which Corporal BARTA was assistant squad leader, was ambushed by the Japanese. The enemy opened fire with machine guns and mortars from camouflaged dug-in positions. The terrain was level with little natural cover. One of his comrades was hit in the leg by the first burst of enemy fire and was unable to escape. Corporal BARTA was near him and, with complete disregard for his personal safety, held the position, not trying to withdraw even though there was opportunity to do so. By his efforts and the sacrifice of his own life, he made it possible to evacuate the wounded soldier thereby saving his life. Corporal BARTA'S heroism and courageous service, far beyond the call of duty, exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Leona F. Barta, Wife, Route #1, Box 42, Wilson, Kansas.

Sergeant PAUL BLODGETT, 37077768, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Bantug, Luzon, P.I., on 31 January 1945. It was necessary to construct a supply trail from San Antonio to Bantug. At 1430 hours on 31 January 1945, the trail was brought into Bantug and the engineer platoon, of which Sergeant BLODGETT was squad leader, was ambushed by the Japanese. The enemy opened fire with machine guns and mortars from camouflaged dug-in positions. The terrain was level with little natural cover. One of his comrades was hit in the leg by the first burst of enemy fire and was unable to escape. Sergeant BLODGETT was near him and, with complete disregard for his personal safety, held the position, not trying to withdraw even though there was opportunity to do so. By his efforts and the sacrifice of his own life, he made it possible to evacuate the wounded soldier thereby saving his life. Sergeant BLODGETT'S heroism and courageous service, far beyond the call of duty, exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Maude M. Blodgett, Mother, 40114 Kennerly Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Private First Class JOSEPH C. CROWE, 37007672, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 6 February 1945. During a strong attack by enemy tanks and foot troops, Private CROWE, a 60mm mortar gunner, placed his gun in a position exposed to direct fire from enemy machine guns and a 47mm tank gun, and proceeded to lay down a barrage of mortar fire, stopping the advance of enemy foot troops. Though intense enemy fire was directed at his position, he continued firing until other weapons could be employed by our own troops to destroy the tanks. While firing from this exposed position, he was fatally wounded. The fearless actions of Private CROWE contributed greatly in breaking the enemy attack and are worthy of the highest praise in the military service. Next of kin: Mr. Delbert Allen Crowe, Father, Route #3, Humansville, Missouri.

SECTION II

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to First Lieutenant WILLIAM M. OGDEN, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 1, Section II, General Orders No. 33, dated 22 August 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant WILLIAM M. OGDEN, 01293302, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 1 February 1945, Lieutenant OGDEN was advancing with his platoon along a road when they were pinned down by fire from an enemy pill box. Leaving his platoon in a covered position, he proceeded across open terrain toward the pill box. Upon reaching the enemy position, he threw hand grenades killing several of the enemy inside the pill box before he was killed by supporting enemy riflemen. He was successful in knocking out the enemy strongpoint, thereby making it possible for his platoon to advance and secure its objective. Lieutenant OGDEN'S courageous action exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Elizabeth Ogden, Wife, 2 Prospect Street, Cheshire, Massachusetts.

SECTION III

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918) a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class ANTHONY F. DISCHINGER, 37019349, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 4 February 1945. The platoon, of which Private DISCHINGER is a member, was pinned down by enemy heavy machine gun and 47mm gun fire from two tanks which were at a distance of approximately seventy-five yards. Voluntarily, and at great personal risk, Private DISCHINGER crawled to a position within twenty-five yards of the tanks. At this point, while constantly under observed fire from the enemy, he loaded and fired his bazooka repeatedly, scoring direct hits on the tanks. He succeeded in setting them both afire and destroying them. Private DISCHINGER'S courageous actions reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Martin F. Dischinger, Father, 613 27th Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Second Lieutenant VIRGILIO R. FELIX, 02035037, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. An enemy medium tank was brought to a halt by bazooka fire approximately one hundred and fifty yards in front of the area occupied by Lieutenant FELIX'S company. However, the tank crew was not killed nor were the tank guns destroyed. Lieutenant FELIX and an enlisted man worked their way across an open field to the tank, climbed to the turret and, with a white phosphorous grenade, killed the crew and set the tank afire. After leaving the tank to return to the company lines, six enemy riflemen approached them. Lieutenant FELIX opened fire on this enemy group and continued firing until the men who had joined him could reach positions of safety within our lines. Home address: Mrs. Jeanette Felix, Wife, 48 Mary Street, Sidney, Australia.

Private First Class WILLIAM W. FLANNAGAN, 35281911, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 1 February 1945. Private FLANNAGAN, a company messenger, was at a Battalion Observation point when he volunteered to go forward to bring back a seriously wounded officer. He moved in a crouched position, working his way over open terrain which was flanked by two enemy pill boxes. The pill box on his left contained two 47mm anti-tank guns, one light machine gun and one squad of riflemen employed as flank protection. A dug-in tank, used as a pill box, on his right mounted a 47mm gun and a light machine gun in the turret and, supporting this position were two light machine guns. After moving forward for fifty yards, he was forced to crawl the remaining twenty-five yards in a prone position because of intense machine gun and sniper fire. Upon reaching the wounded officer Private FLANNAGAN realized that it was necessary to get him back to medical aid immediately, therefore, he shouldered the wounded man and, in a standing position, ran back over the same terrain to a place of safety. Private FLANNAGAN'S heroic act was far beyond the call of duty and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Irvine Ray Flannagan, Mother, 1025 Meadowbrook, Los Angeles, California.

Technical Sergeant LEON E. SEXTON, 17023877, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. During the early morning hours enemy tanks broke through positions of the infantry battalion to which he was attached. Sergeant SEXTON, accompanied by another man as loader, armed himself with a rocket launcher and proceeded to stalk and destroy one of the tanks. Though his position was revealed by the flame from the burning tank, he moved into another position from which he destroyed another enemy tank. His aggressiveness and courage in braving both friendly and enemy fire to stalk tanks in the darkness and fog of the early morning reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Mr. Walter Sexton, Father, 1000 Chicago Street, Galena, Kansas.

Private First Class HOMER E. WENGER, 39714141, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 5 February 1945. When Private WENGER'S company was attacked by a single enemy medium tank, he stopped the tank with several rounds from his rocket launcher, but did not succeed in killing the crew or disabling the guns. Realizing the potential danger of the tank, he crawled and ran one hundred and fifty yards over open terrain to the tank position and threw a white phosphorous grenade in the turret, thus setting fire to the tank and killing at least one of the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Altae Wenger, Mother, Route #1, Box 189, Cores, California.

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SECTION IV

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade HARRY J. PORTER, 36200519, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 5 February 1945. Technician PORTER, a radio operator with a field artillery forward observer party, occupied a dugout formerly used by the enemy. Under severe enemy machine gun and artillery fire, he had assisted in establishing and maintaining communications with rear installations. While operating his communication center in the dugout, an enemy tank approached to within seventy-five yards of his position, halted, and proceeded to direct artillery fire at the dugout. Technician PORTER remained at his post keeping the vital communication system in operation until he was killed by the terrific artillery barrage. Technician PORTER'S courage and devotion to duty even at the cost of his own life reflect high credit upon the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Tena A. Porter, Mother, Merrillan, Wisconsin.

By command of Brigadier General HURDIS:

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Chief of Staff.

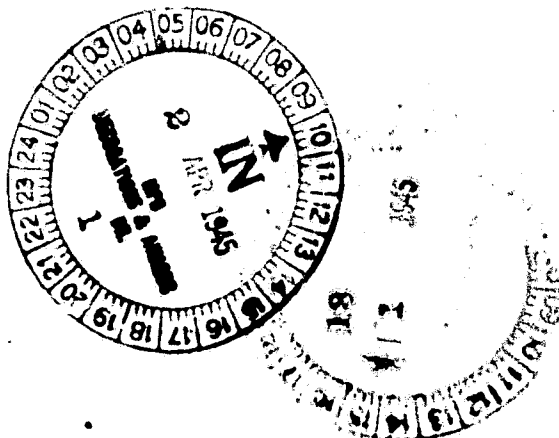
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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9477, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant FRANK S. BIERNAT 37019414, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific area, for the period from 11 June 1944 to 10 February 1945. Home address: Mr Peter Biernat, Father, 220 Lowry Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private First Class THOMAS E. BRADHAM 36744330, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills and at Manoz, Luzon, P.I., between 17 January 1945 and 4 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Bessie Bradham, Mother, RFD #2, Cisne, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade LEWIS S. CRIPPEN 13094317, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 5 February 1945. Home address: Mr Manning Crippen, Father, Mecklenburg, New York.

Staff Sergeant PAUL L. DECOTEAU 37028852, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, P.I., on 6 February 1945. During an enemy counter-attack, Sergeant DECOTEAU was unable to fire upon approaching enemy tanks with his anti-tank gun because of the darkness and fog. When one tank had reached a point approximately fifty yards from his position, he moved out of the gun emplacement with a rocket-launching team composed of four men to a point twenty-five yards from the enemy tank. From this position, he destroyed the tank and, by so doing, permitted friendly troops to advance and repulse the attack. Sergeant DECOTEAU'S courage and outstanding devotion to duty speak highly for himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Zilda Decoteau, Mother, Belcourt, North Dakota.

Private First Class EDWARD B. DUPUY 37579159, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, P.I., on 5 February 1945. During an engagement with the enemy, two scouts were seriously wounded approximately one hundred yards forward of the front lines. Private DUPUY crawled across an open market square which was under observation by the enemy and was covered by an enemy machine gun, a 47mm gun and dug-in riflemen, in order to reach the two wounded men and render first aid. Private DUPUY'S courage and outstanding devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Leonella J. Dupuy, Wife, 2016 16th Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Private First Class ELBA H. GEHRTZ 37029843, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., during the period 9 January 1945 to 10 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Marie A. Olsen, Sister, Route #2, Box 147, Milaca, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant MERRILL HERMSEN 01686272, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism in action against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. During an enemy tank attack, Lieutenant HERMSEN personally took over one of his platoon anti-tank guns. He helped haul the piece out of a prepared emplacement onto the open road and from this position directed fire on the enemy tanks, destroying one and setting fire to another. His courage and initiative in the face of great personal danger reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Mr William Hermsen, Father, St. Charles, South Dakota.

Second Lieutenant HARRY C. HERRMANN 01194315, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 5 February 1945. Lieutenant HERRMANN, a field artillery forward observer, organized a forward observation post in a dugout which formerly had been occupied by the enemy. While adjusting artillery fire on Japanese fortifications from this dugout, an enemy medium tank approached to within seventy-five yards of his position, halted, and proceeded to lay down artillery fire upon the observation installation. Though constantly under intense enemy fire, Lieutenant HERRMANN remained at his post until wounded. Lieutenant HERRMANN'S cool courage and outstanding devotion to duty were a source of great inspiration to all the men with whom he serves and speaks highly for himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs Susan Herrmann, wife, 41-48 40th Street, Sunnyside, Long Island, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND B. HERSHMAN 35208040, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 2 February 1945. Technician HERSHMAN, a cook, volunteered to assist as litter bearer in the evacuation of a wounded man. He crawled forward over open terrain in the face of heavy enemy machine gun, anti-tank gun and rifle fire to assist in the evacuation of a casualty. His courage and initiative in volunteering for such a hazardous mission, far beyond the call of duty, reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Mrs Lola N. Bailey, Sister, 547 Melrose Avenue, Morgantown, West Virginia.

Technical Sergeant WYLLI L. ISENBERGER 37028972, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 22 January 1945. During an enemy attack, Sergeant ISENBERGER found it necessary to move his trucks and guns in order to avoid their destruction. While moving his platoon, one of the trucks bogged down in soft earth directly in line of enemy fire. He stayed with the stalled truck, adjusted the winch cable and pulled the truck out of the mud to a protected area. Sergeant ISENBERGER'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Miss Hazel C. Isenberger, Sister, Bismarck, North Dakota.

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NUMBER 30) SECTION I - AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL
SECTION II - AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Corporal WILLIAM E. JOHNSON, 17023869, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I. On the night of 23 February 1945, the enemy launched a tank attack against his company. One of the tanks headed directly toward Corporal JOHNSON'S anti-tank gun position which was set to cover a street. The tank opened fire with a machine gun when it had reached a point within fifty yards of the anti-tank gun position. A dense fog and the darkness made it necessary for Corporal JOHNSON to hold his fire until the tank had approached within twenty-five yards of his position. He then opened fire, breaking the track of the tank with the first round of ammunition and completely destroying it with subsequent rounds. Corporal JOHNSON'S bravery and devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire were an inspiration to the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Viola Mao Johnson, Wife, 708 Wilkes Avenue, Ogaen Meadows, Vancouver, Washington.

Award Amend. by BO# 32-Mar-23, 1945 to read 100 to BSM.

* Captain GUY H. JOHNSTON, 0417283, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Province of Bataan, Luzon, P.I., from 13 February 1945 to 21 February 1945. Home address: Mr. W. G. Johnston, Father, Rayne, Louisiana.

Private First Class ALVIN E. KUSZMAUL, 37296368, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, P.I., on 22 January 1945. Because of unfavorable terrain features, it was found that evacuation of the wounded from beyond the front lines by litter bearers alone was too difficult and slow. Private KUSZMAUL volunteered to drive his ambulance forward of the battalion aid station into enemy territory in order to expedite evacuation of the wounded. On the first trip he was able to proceed only six hundred yards before the enemy fire became so heavy he had to return. On subsequent trips, however, he was able to advance two thousand yards beyond the front lines and succeeded in evacuating many who otherwise would have suffered for hours and perhaps have died. Private KUSZMAUL'S courage and outstanding service, far beyond the call of duty, exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lydia Kuszmaul, Mother, Star Route, Eureka, South Dakota.

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Major JACK E. LYMAN, 0338909, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 23 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lucille J. Lyman, Wife, Gehring, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant HARRY F. McMICKLE, 37007472, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, P.I. at 0200 hours on 4 February 1945, the position which Sergeant McMICKLE and his squad were manning was hit by an artillery shell. Though Sergeant McMICKLE was painfully wounded, he notified his company of the incident and then proceeded to administer first aid and assisted with carrying two wounded men to a protected position. He then organized litter squads for the evacuation of the wounded and would not permit himself to be evacuated until every wounded member of his squad had been moved to an aid station. Sergeant McMICKLE'S courage and unselfish devotion to duty were an inspiration to all his men. Home address: Mr. M. B. McMickle, Father, Chula, Missouri.

Private First Class WILLARD L. NADEAU, 37304090, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, P.I. On the afternoon of 3 February 1945, intense artillery fire was laid down on the infantry battalion observation post of which Private NADEAU was a member. He remained at his position until he located the enemy gun by the muzzle flash, then, learning that the artillery liaison officer was not present, Private NADEAU crawled and ran approximately eighty yards across open terrain in order to reach an artillery liaison radio. Using the radio, he adjusted counter-artillery fire upon the enemy. Private NADEAU'S courage and skill were directly responsible for silencing the enemy artillery. Home address: Mrs. Pearl Lisa Richards, Mother, 1604 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Major FRANCIS X. O'BRIEN, 01577641, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Central Luzon, P.I., during the period 9 January 1945 to 1 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Luke W. O'Brien, Father, Route #2, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant WALTER A. PEARSON, 33371060 (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, P.I., on 1 February 1945. During an engagement with the enemy, a man was wounded at approximately seventy-five yards forward of our main lines. The only route to the wounded soldier was over an open area which was covered by fire from several concealed enemy machine guns and riflemen. Without hesitation, Sergeant PEARSON crawled forward over this dangerous route to where his wounded comrade lay and brought him back to safety. Sergeant PEARSON'S intrepidity reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Moser, Mother, West Leepport, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant LLOYD C. PRESTON, JR., 01312649, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 12 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. J. C. Preston, Wife, Crescent City, Florida.

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Private First Class ERVIN PRIBEK, 36233921, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at the Cabaruan Hills and at Muñoz, Luzon, P.I., between 17 January 1945 and 4 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Pribek, Mother, Route 3, Lena, Wisconsin.

Corporal EDMUND A. RANK, 36233922 (then Private First Class), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills and at Muñoz, Luzon, P.I., between 17 January 1945 and 4 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Rank, Mother, Route 2, Gillett, Wisconsin.

Captain KENNETH D. RHOTON, 0393936, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Agate, Luzon, P.I., on 26 January 1945. Home address: Mr. William A. Rhoton, Father, 367 Glenmont Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

Private First Class RUDOLPH J. SCHULTSCHIK, 37041965, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, P.I., on 22 January 1945. Because of unfavorable terrain features, it was found that evacuation of the wounded from beyond the front lines by litter bearers alone was too difficult and slow. Private SCHULTSCHIK volunteered to drive his ambulance forward of the battalion aid station into enemy territory in order to expedite evacuation of the wounded. On the first trip he was able to proceed only six hundred yards before the enemy fire became so heavy he had to return. On subsequent trips, however, he was able to advance two thousand yards beyond the front lines and succeeded in evacuating many who otherwise would have suffered for hours and perhaps have died. Private SCHULTSCHIK'S courage and outstanding service, far beyond the call of duty, exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. June Schultschik, Wife, 1217 Memorial Drive S. E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade WOOD H. SMITH, 17025522, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, P.I., on 22 January 1945. Technician SMITH volunteered to lead an ambulance to a group of casualties who were in front of our lines. Because of the heavy fire encountered, he was pinned down and had to abandon this method of evacuation. He then accompanied the battalion surgeon through the center of our lines into flat terrain just below an enemy ridge. They were pinned down several times in their advance of seven hundred yards across open terrain toward the casualties. Technician SMITH succeeded in leading the surgeon to the wounded men and assisted in administering first aid, thereby saving the lives of a number of his comrades. Home address: Mr. Wood H. Smith, Sr., Father, Route #7, Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Sergeant BURL W. TONKIN, 35023085, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., on 26 January 1945. An enemy force, estimated to be a squad in strength and armed with .25 caliber rifles and one .25 caliber machine gun, was in position for ambush immediately alongside a road, one hundred and fifty yards east of a river bridge. The enemy was well hidden in tall Kunai grass. At 2305 hours on 26 January 1945, a patrol of volunteer members, including Sergeant TONKIN, proceeded eastward along this road with the mission of placing mines on routes travelled by enemy vehicles. Upon sudden contact with the enemy prepared ambush, Sergeant TONKIN effectively placed fire upon the enemy in such a manner as to throw the enemy into panic and confusion. In so doing, Sergeant TONKIN warned the remainder of the patrol of the imminent danger and covered the safe withdrawal of the patrol. Home address: Mrs. Ursal Tonkin, Mother, Ira, Ohio.

Private First Class JOHN W. WARREN, 34378381, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bantug, Luzon, P.I., on 31 January 1945. During the construction of a supply trail, the engineer platoon, of which Private WARREN was a member, was ambushed by the Japanese. The enemy opened fire with three machine guns and two mortars. A two and a half ton dump truck, loaded with ammunition, explosives and engineering tools, was exposed to direct enemy fire. Private WARREN, at great personal risk, ran to the vehicle and succeeded in driving it to a protected area. Private WARREN'S courageous action saved the equipment from destruction by the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Dolly L. Warren, Wife, Route #6, Box 262, Memphis, Tennessee.

SECTION II

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade DOMINIC L. AZURE, 37028922, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, General Order No. 24, dated 21 July 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technician Fifth Grade DOMINIC L. AZURE, 37028922, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, P.I., on 3 February 1945. During an enemy artillery attack, Technician AZURE crawled and ran across fifty yards of open terrain to secure a reel of combat wire and a telephone. He returned to the battalion observation post and installed the phone. Technician AZURE then proceeded to adjust counter-battery fire until the enemy artillery was silenced. Home address: Mr. John Azure, Father, Belcourt, North Dakota.

By command of Brigadier General HURDIS:

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ORIGINAL ORDER # 31

SECTION I - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR - POSTHUMOUSLY
SECTION II - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL
SECTION III - AWARDS OF AIR MEDAL

SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, MD, 1918) a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class JAMES L. BUCKLES, 34442369, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, P.I., on 4 February 1945. During an engagement with the enemy, Private BUCKLES, voluntarily worked his way forward of our front lines by crawling under intense enemy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire, to evacuate a soldier who was seriously wounded. He administered first aid to the wounded man before attempting to move him. After giving first aid, he started back to our lines with his wounded comrade, but was killed by a sniper's bullet before reaching a place of safety. Private BUCKLES' intrepidity exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Nancy J. Buckles, Mother, Route #2, Elizabethton, Tennessee.

First Lieutenant LAWRENCE A. DOWLING, 01302955, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, P.I., on 17 January 1945. When his rifle platoon was committed as the assault platoon against a steep ridge which was held by the enemy, Lieutenant DOWLING led his men in the face of intense enemy fire to a point from which further progress was impossible. On his own initiative, he then led a flanking attack which neutralized the enemy fire. It was while skillfully maneuvering and placing his men in position, that he was killed by sniper fire. Lieutenant DOWLING'S outstanding courage was a great inspiration to all his men. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret A. Dowling, Mother, 2028 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York.

Private First Class JAMES R. GLIDEWELL, 37065978, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, P.I., on 4 February 1945. Private GLIDEWELL located an enemy concrete pill box from which our troops were receiving intense machine gun fire. He then crawled forward of our front lines, killing several of the enemy with his Browning automatic rifle enroute, until he had reached a point from which he could throw grenades into the pill box. Before he had an opportunity to destroy the enemy installation, he was fatally wounded by sniper fire. Private GLIDEWELL'S cool courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect high credit upon the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Iola Jane Glidewell, Mother, Route #5, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

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Private First Class ROBERT E. O'BRIEN, 37574208, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, P.I., on 26 January 1945. Private O'BRIEN worked his way forward of our lines over terrain which was covered by enemy machine gun, rifle and mortar fire, in an effort to locate an enemy machine gun emplacement. He located the emplacement and, after signalling its location back to his platoon, prepared to destroy it with grenades. Before he had an opportunity to throw his grenades, he was fatally wounded. Private O'BRIEN'S action in the face of intense enemy fire inspired the troops behind him to the extent that they moved in and effectively knocked out the machine gun emplacement. Next of kin: Mrs. Wilma I. O'Brien, Wife, 1029 Central Avenue, Faribault, Minnesota.

Private First Class CARL J. PRICE, 39160928, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, P.I. On the night of 29 January 1945, his company was given the mission of securing a wooded hill in which the enemy was deeply entrenched. Private PRICE'S platoon was to proceed around the hill and attack the enemy from the rear. As they began the attack, one of the men in his platoon was hit by a sniper's bullet and lay wounded in an open glade. Immediately, Private PRICE ran to the man to administer first aid and prepare him for evacuation. While at his side, a Japanese soldier rose out of the underbrush and threw a grenade at the two men. Private PRICE jumped for the grenade, as it hit the ground, and succeeded in throwing it only a few feet before it exploded. He was severely wounded but the wounded man received no further injuries. Later, as Private PRICE was being evacuated, he was killed instantly by enemy mortar fire. Next of kin: Mrs. Effie E. Price, Mother, 789 Center Street, Highgrove, California.

Private First Class ALFRED F. TURNER, 37065660, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, P.I., on 27 January 1945. Private TURNER volunteered to move forward in advance of his squad during an attack on an enemy-held hill in order to deliver automatic rifle fire upon an enemy strong point. After destroying the position, he continued to cover advancing riflemen until their objective had been gained and the wounded evacuated. Later, when forward elements of his unit were brought again under direct automatic fire, he fired his automatic rifle from an exposed position in order that his unit might destroy the enemy emplacement. While performing this outstanding act of courage and loyalty, Private TURNER was killed by enemy machine gun fire. Next of kin: Mrs. Alva Turner, Mother, 502 Kewson Avenue, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

SECTION II

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin No. 6, WD, 1926) and pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 6, AR 600-45 (Awards and Supply of Decorations for Individuals) 8 August 1932, as amended by change 1, 6, 29 October 1943, and paragraph 3g, USAF's Regulations 10-50, dated 17 August 1943, Subject: "Award of Decorations", a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO to the following named enlisted man:

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Sergeant ALBERT L. NORGARD, 36302579, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism at San Fernando, Luzon, P.I. While traveling in a convoy on 13 February 1945, Sergeant NORGARD saw a Carabao which was pulling a cart loaded with several women and children, bolt and start running when an armored column approached. The cart was being drawn rapidly down a narrow street swinging from side to side endangering the lives of pedestrians as well as the passengers. With disregard for his own safety, Sergeant NORGARD leaped from his vehicle and succeeded in halting the frightened animal in time to avert the injury or possible death of many civilians. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Norgard, Mother, 10353 S. Prospect Street, Chicago, Illinois.

SECTION III

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin No. 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order 9242 - A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin No. 49, WD, 1942) an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Major EUGENE M. ORTON, 0301880, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over enemy territory on Luzon, P.I., from 26 February 1945 to 1 March 1945. In the capacity of air coordinator and observer, he flew both bombing and strafing missions, often under enemy ground fire. He skillfully spotted many profitable targets during this period. His efforts in coordinating the air activity were responsible for the closest possible support of our ground forces. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth R. Orton, Wife, Cassville, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade LAWRENCE E. SAMPSON, 37045779, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights at Urdaneta, Luzon, P.I., on 18 January 1945. Acting in the capacity of radio operator and observer, Technician SAMPSON directed artillery fire against a concentration of enemy tanks and personnel. His accurate conduct of fire neutralized many of the tanks and enabled our forces to accomplish their mission. Home address: Mr. Wilson A. Sampson, Father, Clearmont, Iowa.

Technician Fourth Grade RICHARD W. SPARROW, 34113955, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights at Urdaneta, Luzon, P.I. Acting in the capacity of radio operator and observer Technician SPARROW directed artillery fire on enemy concentrations of tanks and personnel. His accurate conduct of fire and observation resulted in the neutralization of several enemy tanks and greatly aided our forces in the accomplishment of their mission. Home address: Mrs. Frances W. Sparrow, Wife, Box #105, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

By command of Brigadier General HUENDIS:

BRUCE PALMER, JR.,
Colonel, C.S.C.,
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SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918) a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

Second Lieutenant NORMAN W. COOPER, 02037046, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Lieutenant COOPER led his rifle platoon against stubborn enemy resistance to capture a high ridge from which the enemy was delivering heavy mortar, automatic and small arms fire. After gaining the ridge, he, by his personal display of courage, inspired his men to hold the ridge against great odds for six hours while the remainder of his company made an encircling movement to reach their objective. During these six hours, his platoon was under artillery and small arms fire constantly. Lieutenant COOPER personally assisted with the evacuation of his dead and wounded men from the position. Lieutenant COOPER'S intrepidity was a great inspiration to all his men and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Charles O. Satterfield, Uncle, 222 Jarrigan Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Sergeant EVERETT E. FULLER, 37065945, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Luzon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945. When his company was pinned down by intense machine gun fire and 47mm gun fire from dug-in enemy tanks, Sergeant FULLER volunteered to lead M-7 mounts into position and point out profitable targets. In order to locate the enemy pill boxes, it was necessary for him to climb on top of the M-7 mounts, exposing himself to great personal danger. After the M-7's had ceased firing, he led his squad into the network of pill boxes and emplacements to mop up remaining enemy resistance. Sergeant FULLER'S cool courage and outstanding leadership reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Maxine Fuller, Wife, Union Hill, Arkansas.

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Sergeant JAMES E. HANVEY, 20821280, Cavalry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 February 1945. When a terrific enemy artillery barrage was laid down on the area occupied by his troop, Sergeant HANVEY was painfully wounded along with many of his comrades. Though enemy shells rained in at the rate of three or four every five minutes, Sergeant HANVEY, disregarding his own wounds, left the safety of his entrenched position and, voluntarily, rushed to the aid of the stricken men who were lying in the open exposed to additional fire. He moved aggressively from one casualty to another, hurriedly rendering first aid, bolstering the spirits of the wounded men with words of encouragement, and assisting in their removal to a place of safety. He refused medical attention until he was certain that all other casualties had received care. Sergeant HANVEY'S heroic action was a great inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Naoma Hanvey, Wife, 4214 Travis Street, Dallas, Texas.

Private First Class EDWARD J. HENLY, 34152121, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Central Luzon Agricultural School, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. An infantry company was being held up in its advance by heavy enemy machine gun and artillery fire. Private HENLY, a member of the company, volunteered to attempt to knock out a steel pill box by using his rifle grenades. He crawled fifty yards forward of our lines, under intense enemy fire, to a point from which he could see the pill box. From this position he fired his grenades and, by scoring direct hits, destroyed the enemy installation. Private HENLY'S courage and skill reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Elroy Henly, Brother, 402 Elmira Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sergeant HARRY V. LUTER, 36178246, Cavalry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Batong Uling, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 February 1945. Sergeant LUTER was in charge of a machine gun position when a number of enemy foot troops attempted infiltration through our lines. He obeyed his instructions to hold his fire except in the event of a concerted attack and to engage the enemy with small arms fire or in hand-to-hand combat. Knee mortar fire was directed at his position to cover the enemy's advance and, after a brief but terrific exchange of fire at close quarters, an enemy hand grenade was hurled into his machine gun position landing in the midst of his men. Immediately, the sergeant grabbed the grenade in an attempt to throw it clear of the position but, before he could dispose of it, the grenade exploded blowing off his hand and wounding him in the foot. Despite excruciating pain, Sergeant LUTER refused to leave his men and continued to direct them in defending his position. Only after the enemy had been repulsed did he order his men to withdraw and consolidate with another gun section. After the consolidation he made his way without assistance to the aid station for medical treatment. Sergeant LUTER'S courage and unselfish devotion to duty were a great inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Ruth M. Luter, Wife, 116 Mary Day Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan.

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SECTION II

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Captain JOHN C. BEGLEY, 01298420, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 12 January 1945 to 12 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen M. Begley, Wife, 1511 Lexington Avenue, New York City, New York.

First Lieutenant ARTHUR H. COLLINS, JR, 01291077, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Lieutenant COLLINS led his platoon against heavy mortar and automatic fire in order to secure a ridge which was tactically necessary for the accomplishment of his battalion's mission. Under his courageous leadership his platoon advanced to the top of the ridge and wiped out the enemy positions. Lieutenant COLLINS' intrepidity reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ruth B. Collins, Wife, Erie Street, Linesville, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM, 37075532, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Albert Cunningham, Father, Warsaw, Missouri.

Private First Class RAMSEY DAUGHERTY, 34142395, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Home address: Mr. John B. Daugherty, Father, General Delivery, Charley's Branch, Tennessee.

Private First Class JUNIOR L. HOFFMAN, 35390580, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Hoffman, Mother, West Liberty, West Virginia.

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* Staff Sergeant HENRY M. HUNKINS, 37065728, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Returning from a patrol his unit encountered an enemy ambush which was located in a small ravine. With disregard for his own safety, Sergeant HUNKINS exposed himself to enemy fire in order to locate the enemy firing positions. He then remained to guard the rear until his patrol had passed through the danger area. Home address: Mr. Sargent Hunkins, Father, Star Route, Chester, Arkansas.

Private First Class BENIGNO M. OMBELAS, 39160938, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Enriqueta Eustamante, Mother, 1335 Fifth Street, San Bernardino, California.

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Lieutenant Colonel DONN R. PEPKE, 025188, General Staff Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 18 January 1945 to 21 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Caroline B. Pepke, Mother, Minot, North Dakota.

Private First Class DAVID J. SNAER, JR, 36651729. Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. During an attack on enemy positions, our troops encountered heavy enemy mortar and sniper fire which wounded several men. With disregard for his personal safety, Private SNAER worked his way through this field of fire to a wounded soldier and rendered first aid. While administering treatment, the wounded man was hit again by enemy fire. Private SNAER remained at his side and succeeded in evacuating him to a place of safety thereby saving his life. Private SNAER'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. David J. Snaer, Sr, Father, 6527 Vernon Street, Chicago, Illinois.

SECTION III

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class BRADLEY H. HACKLER, 37030951, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 10, Section III, General Orders No. 33, dated 22 August 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class BRADLEY H. HACKLER, 37030951, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the hills above Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. Private HACKLER, First Scout of his platoon, led his men in attack against a hill which was being defended by dug-in enemy positions. Armed with a sub-machine gun, Private HACKLER crept upon an enemy pill box, sprayed the inside with lead killing several of the enemy and then proceeded with his men in a charge on the final objective. He was seriously wounded while taking the final objective but refused to be evacuated until the entire area had been taken. Home address: Mr. Herman L. Hackler, Father, Roger, Minnesota.

SECTION IV

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So much of Section I, General Orders, No. 30, Headquarters 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, dated 21 March 1945, as pertains to Captain GUY H. JOHNSTON, 0417283, Corps of Engineers, as reads: "a Bronze Star Medal is awarded" is deleted and the following substituted therefor: "in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain GUY H. JOHNSTON, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders, No. 51, Headquarters 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, dated 18 September 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded".

By command of Brigadier General HUMMIS:

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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant ARTHUR C. ANDERSON, 17017501, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 January 1945. During a fierce battle with the enemy, several men were seriously wounded and were in immediate need of first aid and evacuation to a place of safety. Voluntarily, Sergeant ANDERSON went forward of our front lines under intense enemy fire to rescue the wounded men. Sergeant ANDERSON'S courageous service beyond the call of duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anne Anderson, Mother, Hatton, North Dakota.

First Lieutenant EDWIN C. ANDERSON, 01303826, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. An infantry rifle company, to which Lieutenant ANDERSON and his section of heavy machine guns were attached, was forced to withdraw. Lieutenant ANDERSON had the mission of covering the riflemen as they withdrew from the area. In order to neutralize completely the enemy fire, Lieutenant ANDERSON exposed himself constantly to enemy small arms fire. He did this unhesitatingly and with disregard for his own safety. His courage and unselfish devotion to duty were an inspiration to all his men. Home address: Mrs. Rose Anderson, Mother, 446 East 55th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant JAMES P. BRYANT, 33094800, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Sergeant BRYANT led his squad in a charge against an enemy strong point which was located under a small shack. He threw grenades on the pill box and then, with his sub-machine gun, sprayed the position with lead killing several of the enemy and destroying the installation. Though wounded during this encounter, he reorganized his squad and held the objective until ordered to leave the front lines for medical treatment. Sergeant BRYANT'S courageous act was a great inspiration to all his men. Home address: Mrs. Inez D. Bryant, Mother, 1301 Savannah Street, S.E., Washington, D.C.

Private First Class LESTER D. DIETRICH, 36547100, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cataguintingan area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 18 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marceil Dietrich, Wife, Route No. 4, Box 193, Napoleon, Ohio.

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Private First Class CHARLES P. GALLAGHER, JR., 36256498, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 January 1945. Private GALLAGHER volunteered to go forward of our front lines to reach his platoon leader who was seriously wounded and lay in an area exposed to enemy cross fire. Disregarding the personal danger from sniper fire which was directed at him, he brought the wounded man back to safety. Later, under the cover of darkness, he assisted in evacuating him across enemy territory to an aid station. Private GALLAGHER'S courage and outstanding service beyond the call of duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Clara W. Gallagher, Wife, 237 North 36th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade PAUL C. GEORGES, 39327650, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On the night of 15 January 1945, an enemy artillery shell landed in the battalion command post area where Technician GEORGES was performing duty, killing four men and wounding several others. After the first shell landed, all personnel were removed from the area except one man who was so severely wounded he could not be moved. Technician GEORGES, voluntarily, remained with his wounded comrade. He administered treatment to the wounded man throughout the night and, as a result of his skillful aid, the wounded soldier's life was saved. Home address: Mrs. Daisy P. Georges, Mother, 6248 S. W. Hamilton Street, Portland, Oregon.

Private First Class ROBERT R. MARSHALL, 37009329, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cataguintingan area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marcella Raymond, Sister, 711 Ohio Street, Joplin, Missouri.

Private First Class GEORGE A. SHARP, 37009070, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cataguintingan area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Charley A. Sharp, Father, Cabool, Missouri.

Private First Class ALFRED SMART, 37065959, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Private SMART crawled forward of our front lines under intense enemy machine gun fire in order to evacuate three wounded men who had fallen in an area exposed to fierce enemy fire. Disregarding his personal safety, he managed to move the three men back to our lines where proper medical treatment could be administered. Private SMART'S courageous service far beyond the call of duty was a great inspiration to all his comrades. Home address: Mr. John H. Smart, Father, Route #3, Batesville, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant DERRYL D. SNEED, 37065645, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Sneed, mother, Route #5, Harrison, Arkansas.

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Private First Class GEORGE STRAIT, 37030945, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Private STRAIT crawled forward of our front lines, under heavy sniper and machine gun fire, in order to evacuate a wounded soldier. At great personal risk, he succeeded in moving the wounded man to a sheltered position behind our lines where proper medical treatment could be administered. Private STRAIT'S courageous act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Josephine Strait, Mother, Route # 3, Foley, Minnesota.

Sergeant EARL L. SUDDARTH, 37075370, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 3 February 1945 while our troops were engaged in fierce combat, Sergeant SUDDARTH, voluntarily, went forward of our front lines to evacuate a seriously wounded soldier. Despite the snipers' bullets which struck about him, he succeeded in administering first aid and moving the wounded man to a place of safety behind our lines. Sergeant SUDDARTH'S courageous act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anna Suddarth, Mother, 402 North Seventh Street, Louisiana, Missouri.

Sergeant ROBERT S. TIMBERLAKE, 35207801, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Artelia Timberlake, Mother, 315 William Street, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Master Sergeant EDDIE J. TORCZON, 17013686, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands for the period from 12 January 1945 to 12 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lennie C. Torczon, Wife, c/o H. Krings, Humphrey, Nebraska.

Private First Class CLARENCE E. WADDALL, 20742209, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cataguntingan area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lorane Waddell, Wife, Portia, Arkansas.

Private First Class PAUL WATTS, 35125560, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cataguntingan area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 18 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Effie Watts, Mother, 4335 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sergeant HAROLD L. WHITLOW, 33217610, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. Sergeant WHITLOW, a machine gunner, was manning a road block when two enemy trucks loaded with troops approached his position. He fired on the first truck

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scoring a direct hit on the gasoline tank. The truck kept rolling forward until it was within ten yards of his gun. At this point the vehicle exploded and burned with such intense heat that troops in the vicinity of it were forced to withdraw. Though he received burns as a result of the explosion, Sergeant WHITLOW remained at his gun and delivered effective machine gun fire on the enemy troops who attempted to escape. Sergeant WHITLOW'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Helen Whitlow, Wife, Denniston, Virginia.

Private First Class RUSSEL E. WELAND, 33371099, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. Home address: Mr Howard E. Wiland, Father, Spinnerstown, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant THURLEW H. WOODARD, 37031063, (then Technician Fifth Grade), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Gauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 January 1945. Sergeant WOODARD, voluntarily, crawled forward of our front lines under intense enemy artillery, machine gun and sniper fire in an attempt to rescue a wounded comrade. While enemy bullets struck the ground about him, he rendered first aid and then started back to our lines with the wounded man. Though his comrade died before reaching an aid station, Sergeant WOODARD'S courageous attempt to save his life at the risk of his own speaks highly for himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Dolph Woodard, Father, Hewitt, Minnesota.

Private First Class STANLEY W. ZIELINSKI, JR., 33398627, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Ziolski, Mother, 710 Sixth Street, Glassport, Pennsylvania.

By command of Brigadier General HURDIS:

BRUCE PALMER, JR.,
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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade NOAH E. ADAMS, 37065929, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bulaoen, Rosario, and Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands between 10 January 1945 and 8 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Jesse Adams, Father, General Delivery, Kingsland, Arkansas.

Private First Class WILLIAM C. BAKER, 37065592, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Robby E. Baker, Wife, Valley Springs, Arkansas.

Private First Class JOHN L. BAUMGARTEN, 39283688, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. During an engagement with the enemy, Private BAUMGARTEN, with complete disregard for his personal safety, rushed forward of our front lines into the face of intense enemy machine gun fire in an attempt to rescue a wounded comrade. He succeeded in moving the fatally wounded man back to the safety of our lines. Private BAUMGARTEN'S courageous conduct reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Shirley Baumgarten, Mother, 1397 Cedar Avenue, San Bernardino, California.

Private First Class RICHARD L. BELOR, 37544771, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Caroline R. Belor, Mother, 116 First Street, W., Duluth, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant JACK M. BURKHOLDER, 01294263, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Buena Vista, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth D. Burkholder, Wife, Marion, Kansas.

Private First Class GEORGE A. CALLAS, 36805752, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. When Private CALLAS' patrol encountered heavy enemy mortar fire, it sustained many casualties. With disregard for his personal safety, Private CALLAS remained in the impact area to render first aid to his wounded comrades. Then, with assistance from other members of his patrol he removed all of the wounded men to a place of safety. Private CALLAS' courage in the face of great personal danger reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anna Callas, Mother, 821 Bales Avenue, Waukesha, Wisconsin.

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Private First Class JOHN W. CHARLES, 39142232, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. When Private CHARLES' patrol encountered heavy enemy mortar fire, it sustained many casualties. With disregard for his personal safety, Private CHARLES remained in the impact area to render first aid to his wounded comrades. Then, with assistance from other members of his patrol, he removed all of the wounded men to a place of safety. Private CHARLES' courage in the face of great personal danger reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Charles, Mother, 7708 Holly Street, Oakland, California.

Staff Sergeant THOMAS H. CRAIG, 37008902, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 12 January 1945 to 12 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie E. Craig, Wife, 1323 E. College Street, Independence, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant NICHOLAS A. CRESS, 20708885, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cauringan area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothea M. Cress, Wife, Adrain, Minnesota.

Sergeant EVAN M. EBY, 37008985, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. During an attack by the enemy, Sergeant EBY, who was manning a perimeter position, exposed himself constantly to enemy machine gun fire in an effort to find a route of evacuation for the men of his company. At great personal risk he returned to the scene of battle, after other personnel had been evacuated, to rescue a wounded man of his squad who had fallen in direct line of the intense machine gun fire. Sergeant EBY'S courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Oliver J. Eby, Father, 423 Leonard Street, Liberty, Missouri.

Private First Class LEE EDSALL, 37076711, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. In the absence of his squad leader, Private EDSALL assumed command of his squad and led the men in an assault against a strong enemy fortification. Though he was wounded during the assault, he remained with his men, skillfully directing their efforts until they had accomplished their mission. Private EDSALL'S courage and outstanding leadership were an inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mr. Frank Edsall, Father, Dexter, Missouri.

Sergeant ORIN D. FEREBEE, 37038924, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 January 1945. Voluntarily, Sergeant FEREBEE went forward of our lines to reach his platoon leader who was wounded and exposed to enemy cross fire. Disregarding the sniper fire directed at him, Sergeant FEREBEE calmly gave first aid to the wounded man and carried him back to safety. Because of Sergeant FEREBEE'S courageous action, the life of his platoon leader was saved. Home address: Mrs. Maxine Ferabee, Wife, Route #2, Edgar, Nebraska.

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Private First Class BERNHARD W. FRIESEN, 39620487, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Jacob J. Friesen, Father, Lusto, Montana.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES V. GAMMILL, 37065621, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Fannie L. Gammill, Wife, Nettleton, Arkansas.

Technician Fourth Grade CLAUDE HARDY, 34142400, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cabaruna, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ophie Hardy, Mother, Route #1, White Pine, Tennessee.

Technical Sergeant EARNEST T. HINRICHS, 37000175, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cauringan area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Frank F. Hinrichs, Father, Route #1, Sycamore, Kansas.

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* Private First Class GILMAN B. HOFSTAD, 37030633, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Private HOFSTAD crawled forward of our front lines under enemy machine gun fire and, with hand grenades and his rifle, neutralized the enemy fire to the extent that our troops were able to move over a ridge and accomplish their mission. Private HOFSTAD'S courage reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Willis Hofstad, Father, 2433a North Sixth Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class JOHN S. HUMPHREY, JR., 11080934, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. Home address: Mr. John S. Humphrey, Sr., Father, RFD #1, Clovis, New Mexico.

Technician Fourth Grade HUGO J. KRAMEER, JR., 37059866, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cabaruna, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nettie Kraemer, Mother, 3705 Iowa Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Technician Third Grade ERNEST F. LEWIS, 37009131, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cabaruna, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Della V. Lewis, Wife, 501 East 9th Street, Fulton, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant ULYSSES L. LITSEY, 37029712, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cabaruna, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Inger Litsey, Mother, Bisbee, North Dakota.

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Technician Fifth Grade ALBERT A. LUND, 37025880, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bulaoen, Rosario, and Muno, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January 1945 to 8 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Stella Lund, Wife, RFD #1, Moorhead, Minnesota.

Captain WILLIAM C. MARR, 0435323, (then First Lieutenant), Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 20 January 1945 to 31 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary W. Marr, Wife, 3929 Cloverhill Road, Baltimore, Maryland.

Private First Class MELVIN G. McCLURE, 37030934, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Albert McClure, Father, Virgil, South Dakota.

Sergeant JORGENSEN N. MEANS, 37065593, (then Technician Fifth Grade), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Thomas N. Means, Father, Hampton, Arkansas.

Private First Class WAYNE MEYER, 35007108, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cataguintangan area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 18 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jane Meyer, Mother, 56 Second Street, Geneseo, New York.

Staff Sergeant JAMES G. MOORE, 37008780, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Sergeant MOORE had led his patrol over rough enemy-held terrain until he had gathered all information desired and was returning to our own lines. Suddenly the patrol was fired upon from enemy ambush positions. One of his men fell wounded at a spot which was covered by machine gun and knee mortar fire. Though his patrol was pinned down by this intense fire, Sergeant MOORE, at great personal risk, exposed himself to enemy fire in order to aid his stricken comrade. With great difficulty the wounded man was removed from the danger area to a place of safety. Subsequently, he led his patrol in a safe withdrawal and return to our lines. Sergeant MOORE'S heroic act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. James E. Moore, Father, Box 28, Bogard, Missouri.

Master Sergeant ROY D. MOORE, 6256111, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 10 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Lillie M. Moore, Wife, General Delivery, Walters, Oklahoma.

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Technician Fifth Grade **ELWIN C. OSBORNE**, 35311857, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Calaruna, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Phyllis J. Osborne, Wife, 1723 East 14th Street, Ashtabula, Ohio.

Private First Class **ACIE PARKER**, 37065994, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aibon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Annie Parker, Mother, Barks, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant **RAYMOND A. PILLSBURY**, 37030991, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Sergeant PILLSBURY, with disregard for his personal safety, crawled forward of our front lines under direct enemy machine gun and sniper fire in order to rescue a wounded member of his squad. He succeeded in administering first aid and evacuating the wounded soldier, thereby saving his life. Home address: Mr. Anton Pillsbury, Father, Holdingford, Minnesota.

Private First Class **CHARLES F. REGAN**, 37214641, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. During an engagement with the enemy, Private REGAN, with complete disregard for his personal safety, rushed forward of our front lines into the face of intense enemy machine gun fire in an attempt to rescue a wounded comrade. He succeeded in moving the fatally wounded man back to the safety of our lines. Private REGAN'S courageous conduct reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Thomas J. Regan, Father, 1118 Lowell Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant **RICHARD A. RICHMEIER**, 37006612, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Agbon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Sergeant RICHMEIER had led his patrol over rough enemy-held terrain until he had gathered all information desired and was returning to our own lines. Suddenly the patrol was fired upon from enemy machine positions. One of his men fell wounded at a spot which was covered by machine gun and knee mortar fire. Though his patrol was pinned down by this intense fire, Sergeant RICHMEIER, at great personal risk, exposed himself to enemy fire in order to aid his stricken comrade. With great difficulty the wounded man was removed from the danger area to a place of safety. Subsequently, he led his patrol in a safe withdrawal and return to our lines. Sergeant RICHMEIER'S heroic act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Frank A. Richmeier, Brother, Morland, Kansas.

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Private First Class CHARLES C. SEBASTIAN, 36077507, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. While on patrol, his squad was attacked by enemy foot troops. Because his squad was greatly outnumbered, Private SEBASTIAN volunteered to delay the enemy while his comrades withdrew to protected positions. After reinforcements had arrived and the enemy had been repulsed, Private SEBASTIAN was found seriously wounded with the remains of his automatic rifle rendered useless by enemy hand grenades held tightly in his hands. Private SEBASTIAN'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lillie Ann Sebastian, Mother, Route # 2, Fort Cage, Illinois.

Private First Class MCGIE S. AZENKO, 35334446, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Andy Szazenko, Father, Route # 2, Paulding, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH P. GREER, 38451238, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bulaoen, Rosario and Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January 1945 to 8 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lilly Lee Speer, Mother, RFD # 1, Box 25, Louann, Arkansas.

Private First Class JOHN L. VAN DYKE, 37009661, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Willard L. Van Dyke, Father, 3615 East 17th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Technician Third Grade WILLIAM VIERROTHER, 37059770, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cabaruna, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Frances Vierrother, Wife, 2428 Charlock Road, Overland, Missouri.

Corporal JAMES A. WILLIAMSON, 37061069, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cabaruna, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Carrie Williamson, Mother, Calvin, Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM F. WILBERRY, 37065647, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nellie M. Wimberley, Mother, 21 Main Avenue, Long Beach, California.

Private First Class GEORGE F. ZAJICKI, 36692467, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lorraine C. Zajicki, Wife, 5243 Winchester Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3 ED, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Corporal CHARLES G. ABRAHAMSON, 36808199, (then Private First Class), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945. Corporal ABRAHAMSON, leader of a litter squad, exposed himself to intense enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire in order to evacuate members of his squad who were wounded and other men who were in dire need of proper medical treatment. He performed this noble service unhesitatingly and with disregard for his personal safety even though it was far beyond the call of duty. Corporal ABRAHAMSON'S heroic act was a great inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Blanche I. Abrahamson, Mother, 279 Jackson Drive, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Private First Class FRANCIS H. AUSK, 37030782, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Urdaneta, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Though wounded in the back by enemy mortar fire during an attack on an enemy-held town, Private AUSK, a rifleman, refused to be evacuated and continued to advance aggressively with his unit. Disregarding his own safety and exposing himself to enemy fire, he successfully eliminated an enemy sniper impeding the advance. Not before his company had accomplished its mission did he return to an aid station for medical attention. His intrepid actions and tenacious devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Marion M. Ausk, Mother, Box No. 4, Cass Lake, Minnesota.

Sergeant BURL C. BAKER, 17023985, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Urdaneta, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. As a rifle squad leader providing flank security for a company in an attack, he spotted two camouflaged and dug-in enemy tanks. Immediately, he returned to the rear and, on foot, guided friendly tanks forward under sniper fire to positions from which they could successfully knock the enemy tanks out of action. Later, when his squad was caught in an artillery concentration, he efficiently kept them under his control and moved them out of the impact area, preventing his men from sustaining severe casualties. Sergeant BAKER'S courage and efficiency under fire reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Barbara E. Baker, Mother, 414 East Hickory, Denton, Texas.

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Private First Class THOMAS J. BAKER, JR., 38416548, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Caurinjan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 January 1945 to 30 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alma Helen Baker, Mother, General Delivery, Pattison, Texas.

Technical Sergeant JACK A. BALDRIDGE, 6744307, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Minden, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. A rifle assault platoon which he was supporting with his light machine gun section was pinned down by withering enemy automatic weapons and rifle fire coming from well-emplaced and camouflaged pill boxes atop small hills. Unhesitatingly, he made an aggressive frontal assault up one of the hills in the face of the enemy fire and, unaided, neutralized four enemy pill boxes with his carbine fire and hand grenades. Sergeant BALDRIDGE'S courageous and aggressive action without regard for his own personal safety undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and greatly aided his company in their advance and the ultimate accomplishment of their mission. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy K. Baldrige, Wife, Box 165, Springfield, Missouri.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH J. BAILE, 02036705, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Torres, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 January 1945. As a rifle platoon leader, Lieutenant BAILE led a patrol of thirty men to reconnoiter advance enemy installations and determine their strength. Immediately thereafter he took up a position on the outside of a friendly tank in order to obtain a better view of the terrain and then proceeded to lead an attack by five of our tanks against enemy strongpoints. By communication wire from the outside of the tank he designated target after target until his M-1 rifle was shot from his hands, his communications severed and the 37mm mount of the lead tank knocked out by a Japanese anti-tank gun. Although wounded by several shell fragments, he continued to lead the attack and, by his determined efforts and leadership, his platoon forced the withdrawal of the enemy, enabling his battalion to advance safely through the area. Lieutenant BAILE'S forceful leadership and aggressiveness contributed to the demoralization of the enemy and reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Baile, Mother, 448 W. Eighth Street, Eugene, Oregon.

Technical Sergeant EARL A. BARTON, 37059662, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ordaneta, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. When his company during an attack on an enemy held town was raked by intense enemy sniper and machine gun fire, Sergeant BARTON, rifle platoon sergeant, scouted well forward and, with disregard for his own safety, successfully maneuvered his platoon into a strategic firing position from which it was possible to neutralize an enemy machine gun emplacement together with its supporting sniper fire. He then led his platoon across a highway under enemy tank and machine gun fire in order to guide and give support to friendly tanks engaged in repulsing an enemy tank attack. As a result of his competent leadership, tactical knowledge and courage, Sergeant BARTON'S platoon suffered only one casualty and the accomplishment of his battalion's mission was materially aided. Home address: Mrs. Earl Jones, Mother, Bigar Springs, Missouri.

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Private First Class ALFRED J. BESKANGY, 36887288, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cabaruna, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen Beskangy, Wife, 229 Waverly, Highland Park, Michigan.

Sergeant CLYDE R. CALLAWAY, 37008401, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. When his machine gun section was fired upon by enemy machine guns, he and one of his gunners were wounded. Sergeant CALLAWAY, squad leader of the section, carried his wounded comrade to cover. Though wounded, he returned under enemy fire, placed a light machine gun in a new firing position and brought effective fire to bear upon a flanking enemy pill box. Before he was evacuated for medical treatment, he had completely neutralized the enemy position. His aggressiveness and courage under fire reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Helen F. Callaway, Wife, Route #2, Montrose, Missouri.

Private First Class JAMES T. CLIFFORD, 37008386, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. When six enemy pill boxes covered by supporting fire were encountered by his rifle platoon, Private CLIFFORD, an automatic rifleman, made an aggressive assault against the most formidable of the enemy positions. Firing from a standing position while under enemy fire, he drove the enemy gunners away from their machine gun and kept them pinned down until the installation could be destroyed with demolitions. Private CLIFFORD'S courageous act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. John P. Clifford, Father, 3311 Bellefontaine, Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class KEITH E. CRESS, 39338247, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by enemy automatic weapons and rifle fire from well-fortified pill boxes, Private CRESS, rifleman and runner, made an aggressive and courageous assault against the fortified positions with hand grenades. As a result of his action, the enemy positions were neutralized and our troops were permitted to advance. Private CRESS' courageous conduct was a great inspiration to the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mr. Douglas A. Cress, Father, 200 East 8th Street, Vancouver, Washington.

Staff Sergeant VANCIL W. DAVIS, 37009206, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Urdaeta, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. As squad leader of a rifle platoon which was pinned down by intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire, Sergeant DAVIS made aggressive forward reconnaissance in order to maneuver his squad into a strategic firing position from which the fortified enemy machine gun emplacement could be neutralized. Though wounded while directing his squad, he refused to be evacuated until the threat to the platoon had lifted. Sergeant DAVIS' display of courage and aggressive leadership in the face of withering enemy fire undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Bonnie Jo Davis, Wife, Reeds Spring, Missouri.

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Sergeant FRANK J. DUFFY, 37030591, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Union, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. When the left flank platoon of his rifle company was pinned down by intense machine gun, mortar and rifle fire from dug-in enemy positions, Sergeant DUFFY, a squad leader from the right flank platoon, rushed forward, on his own initiative and under enemy fire, to a position from which he delivered effective fire upon the enemy emplacements. He personally destroyed two positions in which were found six enemy dead and two machine guns. Sergeant DUFFY'S intrepid action under enemy fire made it possible for the platoon to resume its advance and accomplish its mission. Home address: Mrs. Hilda E. Duffy, Wife, 1603 Johnson Street, La Cross, Wisconsin.

First Sergeant ELVIS DUNN, 6251499, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Nataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 February 1945 to 27 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Walter G. Dunn, Father, Route #4, Stephenville, Texas.

First Lieutenant RALPH M. FINNERTY, 01284312, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 January 1945. When his infantry company was attacking a strongly fortified hill, Lieutenant FINNERTY went forward of our front lines in the face of intense enemy artillery fire and, while sniper bullets struck everywhere about him, rescued two of his men who were seriously wounded. Lieutenant FINNERTY'S courage and devotion to duty throughout the campaign were a great inspiration to all his men and reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Frances R. Finnerty, Wife, 104 Division Street, National City, California.

Captain JOSEPH G. FISHBEIN, 01696225, Dental Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Quez, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. A soldier who had sustained a serious chest wound from enemy fire lay some distance forward of our front lines. Captain FISHBEIN, a dental officer, volunteered to go forward with a litter squad to render first aid and assist with bringing the wounded man back to our lines. The only route to the casualty was through a shallow ravine which afforded very little protection and then across fifty yards of open terrain which was covered by constant machine gun and 47mm gun fire. Despite the enemy fire, he administered first aid and helped move the wounded man to our lines. Captain FISHBEIN'S courage and skill saved the soldier's life and were a great inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Beatrice G. Fishbein, Wife, 14 Jillson Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Staff Sergeant LEO J. GARDNER, 17003378, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Asta, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. During an enemy tank attack, Sergeant GARDNER, a battery motor sergeant, voluntarily left a motor park area to expedite the shifting and placing of a 155mm howitzer in order that artillery fire could be directed at the approaching tanks. The howitzer having been quickly shifted into position, twenty-three rounds of high explosive were fired into the column of tanks scoring a number of direct hits and destroying two tanks. Sergeant GARDNER'S courage and initiative reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Rice, Mother, 1034 East 21st Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Master Sergeant JOSEPH W. GILLUM, 6862343, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 2 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ila Gillum, Wife, 1321 Army Post Road, Des Moines, Iowa.

Sergeant WILLIAM T. HASELHORST, 37075490, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 January 1945 to 30 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Kolb, Sister, Route #4, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Private First Class HERSEL B. HENDERSON, 38598055, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cabaruna, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruby C. Henderson, Wife, Route # 1, Lake Village Arkansas.

Private First Class HAROLD B. HERDA, 37214635, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Blanch Mary Herda, Mother, Linn, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant RUDOLPH A. JACOBSON, 37038478, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. Sergeant JACOBSON, a rifle squad leader, while under intense enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire, directed his squad into positions from which he and his men could bring effective fire to bear upon two well fortified enemy pill boxes. He then, personally, assaulted the enemy positions and neutralized them with hand grenades. Sergeant JACOBSON'S courageous and aggressive action enabled his platoon to reorganize and continue its mission. Home address: Mrs. Esther M. Jacobson, Wife, 1002 Seventh Avenue North, St. James, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM D. KRIEGER, 13071919, Courier Intelligence Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary M. Krieger, Wife, Main Street, Sykesville, Maryland.

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND D. KRUEGER, 6919879, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 2 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Genevieve Krueger, Wife, 1312 Missouri Avenue, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class LAWRENCE A. MAHAR, 37059661, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. As a member of a battalion assault team, Private MAHAR crawled forward under intense enemy automatic weapons and rifle fire to place demolition charges in enemy pill boxes. He accomplished his mission so successfully that five positions were destroyed and an estimated fifteen enemy were killed. Private MAHAR'S intrepid action made it possible for an infantry company to continue its advance and secure its objective. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Mahar, Mother, Calvert and St. Charles, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Private First Class EDWARD W. MAPLES, 6930411, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Urdaneta, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. While his platoon was pinned down during an attack on a small town which was held by the enemy, Private MAPLES exposed himself to enemy machine gun and mortar fire in order to determine the approximate location of a camouflaged machine gun emplacement. After locating an appropriate field of fire, he maneuvered his squad forward and neutralized the emplacement. While scouting the position he was wounded but refused to be evacuated from the field of combat until the mission of capturing the town had been accomplished. Private MAPLES' initiative and courage saved the lives of many of his comrades and reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Laura M. Maples, Mother, Route #1, Owens Cross Roads, Alabama.

Staff Sergeant HARVEY K. MODE, 7081296, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Voluntarily, Sergeant MODE crawled forward of our front lines to rescue two men who were seriously wounded by an enemy artillery shell. He succeeded in evacuating the wounded men through the intense enemy fire back to an aid station. Sergeant MODE'S heroic act saved the lives of his two comrades. Home address: Mrs. Mary Sue Mode, Mother, Lackey Street, Kings Mount, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant LEON MOHR, 12042851, Counter Intelligence Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Pauline Mohr, Mother, 129 Amherst Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class FRANK MOORE, JR., 35440238, Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy between Bengaron and Baler Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 February 1945 to 12 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Essie S. Moore, Mother, Box 237, Route #1, Princeton, West Virginia.

Private First Class GERALD A. MORGAN, 37023191, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. Private MORGAN, a medical aid man, was advancing with an assault rifle platoon when intense enemy machine gun, rifle and mortar fire was encountered. Several men were wounded. With disregard for his own safety, he advanced rapidly and aggressively under the enemy fire and, locating the five wounded men, he skillfully administered medical treatment. He, then, directed the organization of litter teams in order to evacuate the wounded men to a battalion aid station. Private MORGAN'S initiative and courage reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Margaret J. Morgan, Wife, 280 S. Roberson Street, Springfield, Missouri.

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Private First Class WOODRUFF POWELL, 35487991, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Minion, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 January 1945. As an automatic rifleman with a battalion assault team, Private POWELL advanced with his section which was supporting the forward elements of an assault rifle company attacking a series of small wooded hills. Under intense enemy automatic weapons and rifle fire, he moved forward to the enemy positions and covered with automatic rifle fire the actions of a demolition man who was placing charges in the enemy position. Because of his skillfully directed fire the demolition of five enemy positions was successfully accomplished. His courageous act was a great inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Tina Powell, Mother, Garlin, Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade ALEXANDER A. OBIDINSKI, 33457248, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 3 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen Obidinski, Mother, 560 Back Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Corporal ELROD R. OWINGS, 6860528, Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy between Bangaron and Salar Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 February 1945 to 12 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Cecil L. Owings, Father, 4501 Polk Street, Leeds, Sioux City, Iowa.

Sergeant CLARENCE J. REBOULET, 35123983, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 January 1945 to 30 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Carolyn Reboulet, Mother, 1620 Emons Avenue, Dayton, Ohio.

Master Sergeant LEONARD F. ROBB, 6815751, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 1 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Leonard F. Robb, Wife, Box 294, Dysart, Iowa.

Private First Class GEORGE W. SILVA, 39009768, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 January 1945 to 30 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary F. Silva, Mother, Route #3, Box 48, Santa Cruz, California.

Staff Sergeant HOMER SPENCE, 35206190, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Minion, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. In an assault against enemy pill boxes on a small wooded hill, the machine gun section of which Sergeant SPENCE is section leader came under intense enemy automatic weapons and rifle fire. With disregard for his own safety, he led his section forward and placed them in positions from which effective fire could be brought upon two flanking enemy pill boxes. By his cool and efficient fire direction both enemy positions were neutralized and five enemy killed. His courageous performance of duty under intense enemy fire and at the risk of his life reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Tennessee Spence, Mother, Stillner, West Virginia.

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Private First Class GRANT STRANGE, 15057597, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Urdaneta, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Voluntarily and alone, Private STRANGE, an automatic rifleman, maneuvered fifty yards under enemy fire to a vantage point. From this position he killed two enemy snipers who were at the base of a coconut tree. Private STRANGE'S aggressive conduct, at the risk of his own life, reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Irvin Strange, Brother, Vaughns Hills, Kentucky.

Private First Class RALPH G. SULLIVAN, 35726735, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Binien, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. Private SULLIVAN made a forward reconnaissance under enemy fire and at the risk of his own life in order to obtain information concerning the location and disposition of enemy pill boxes which were holding up our advance. His accurate and detailed report to the battalion intelligence officer provided the necessary information for further planning and the successful accomplishment of the battalion mission. His courageous action reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Sullivan, Wife, Route #1, Bardwell, Kentucky.

Sergeant MIRA TACKETT, 35167098, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Urdaneta, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Sergeant TACKETT, acting assistant squad leader, while his platoon was under intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire from fortified defensive positions exposed himself by crawling over open terrain to effect the rescue of a wounded comrade, who was unable to reach protective cover. He succeeded in evacuating the man to the nearest aid station. Sergeant TACKETT'S courageous action saved the life of his comrade and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Edith H. Tackett, Mother, 1116 High Street, Hamilton, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant LOUIS L. VANDEVENDER, 34130089, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Urdaneta, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Sergeant VANDEVENDER, squad leader in a 37mm anti-tank gun platoon, made personal reconnaissance in front of attacking line troops during an attack on an enemy-held town in order to observe lines of possible approach of enemy tanks. Several enemy tanks made an attack, but by reason of his forward reconnaissance and accurate fire direction to the gun crew, Sergeant VANDEVENDER, though wounded by shrapnel in one arm, caused the destruction of one enemy tank and, with the help of another supporting weapon, a second tank was destroyed. Sergeant VANDEVENDER'S aggressive leadership and tactical skill inspired all his men and contributed greatly to the successful accomplishment of an important mission. Home address: Miss Amanda C. Vandevender, Sister, 1807 Strong Avenue, Greenwood, Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant MERLE H. VANDERWERF, 37071165, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 January 1945 to 30 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lillian Vanderwerf, Mother, Fender, Nebraska.

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Private First Class PHILIP R. ZIMMERMAN, 39139601, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cabaruna, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Tanya Zimmerman, Wife, 1137 Bush Street, San Francisco, California.

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SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918) a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

** Citation amended by HQ 137-15 July 1945*

Private First Class OLLEY D. FOSTER, 34054960, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Cabaruan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Private FOSTER volunteered to accompany an infantry rifle squad on a mission to destroy enemy snipers and machine gunners who were well concealed in a small wooded area. While attempting to locate the enemy, the squad was ambushed sustaining several casualties and was pinned down at a point which was subjected to intense enemy fire. Private FOSTER, with concern only for the safety of his comrades, stood up in an exposed position and sprayed the enemy locations with lead from his automatic rifle. Enemy action was held up long enough by his automatic fire so that the squad members were able to crawl to cover and take up favorable positions. Private FOSTER was ~~hit~~ *hit* by concentrated fire from the enemy guns. His great courage and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mr. Christopher C. Foster, Father, Route #2, Leesburg, Florida.

Private First Class ROBERT C. GILLMAN, 35365574, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. The infantry company to which Private GILLMAN was attached as company aid man was crossing a small ravine when the enemy opened fire with small arms, machine guns and artillery, forcing the company to take cover. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private GILLMAN rushed up the ravine to a point fifty yards forward of where our troops had taken cover to give assistance to a wounded soldier. While administering first aid to his wounded comrade, Private GILLMAN was fatally wounded by enemy fire. His courage and outstanding performance of duty reflect highest credit upon the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Lena Gillman, Mother, Route #3, Harrison, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant HUGH R. HOOPER, 37060499, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 February 1945. During an attack on a strong enemy position, Sergeant HOOPER was seriously wounded by an enemy grenade. Despite the excruciating pains from his wounds, he ordered other members of his squad to withdraw to a covered position while he continued toward an enemy pill box in the face of direct machine gun fire. He crawled to within five yards of the pill box, threw hand grenades and killed its occupants. At this point, Sergeant HOOPER was killed by rifle fire from a supporting enemy emplacement. His heroic act was a great inspiration to all his men and reflects high credit upon the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Vivian Marie Hooper, Wife, 401 North 18th Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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Staff Sergeant MICHAEL H. KANIA, 17006120, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. An enemy force attacked the perimeter of his infantry company with machine gun fire and hand grenades. Sergeant KANIA, realizing that a break through the perimeter was probable, moved his light machine gun from a protected position onto high ground from which he was able to lay down an intense volume of direct fire upon the enemy causing them to withdraw. The enemy again attacked and, remaining at his exposed position, Sergeant KANIA once more broke the attack but in so doing lost his life. Sergeant KANIA'S intrepidity and devotion to duty were a great inspiration to all his men. Next of kin: Mrs. Esther L. Kania, Wife, c/o Mrs. Justina Zundel, Edgely, North Dakota.

Staff Sergeant WILBERN McENTIRE, 37060069, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 27 January 1945, while leading his squad in an advance against fortified enemy positions, his men were attacked suddenly by devastating machine gun and rifle fire and forced to withdraw to cover. With disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant McENTIRE exposed himself to enemy fire in order to destroy a machine gun emplacement with his automatic rifle fire. In so doing, he was killed by fire from an adjacent enemy machine gun. Sergeant McENTIRE'S heroic action made it possible for his men to advance and gain their objective. Next of kin: Mrs. Laverne McEntire, Wife, Bruno, Arkansas.

Private First Class MANUEL R. RANGEL, 39160931, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Private RANGEL, lead scout for an infantry company, located an enemy machine gun nest from which our troops were receiving heavy fire. He made his way forward by crawling under intense machine gun fire in an attempt to reach a point from which he could knock out the emplacement. After reaching a spot which was only a few feet from his goal, he was killed by bullets from the enemy gun. Private RANGEL'S courage and devotion to duty, even at the cost of his own life, were a great inspiration to all the men with whom he served. Next of kin: Mrs. Eusebia Rangel, Mother, 2495 12th Street, Riverside, California.

Sergeant OLE ROD, 37060931, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Central Luzon Agricultural School, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945. Sergeant ROD, a forward observer, found it impossible to direct the fire of our 60mm mortars accurately from his position on the front lines. Although an infantry company was pinned down by machine gun and 47mm gun fire, he exposed himself to this intense enemy fire, voluntarily, by crawling fifty yards beyond our front lines to a point from which he could spot profitable targets more accurately. His order of fire resulted in the destruction of a machine gun nest and a number of enemy dead before a sniper's bullet found its mark, killing Sergeant ROD instantly. His courage and skill were a great inspiration to all his men and reflect high credit upon the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Bertha Rod, Mother, Granite Falls, Minnesota.

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Private First Class JAMES L. STOBIE, 39336943, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. When a member of his squad lay wounded at some distance forward of our front lines, Private STOBIE, voluntarily and at great personal risk, went forward under heavy machine gun and sniper fire to evacuate the wounded man. Though pinned down several times, he succeeded in evacuating his wounded comrade to a position of safety behind our lines. He then returned to the same area to evacuate other wounded and, in so doing, lost his life. Private STOBIE'S heroic act far beyond the call of duty exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mr. John T. Stobie, Father, McKenzie Bridge, Oregon.

Private First Class TONY TRUJILLO, 38352588, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Having located an enemy pill box from which our troops were receiving intense machine gun fire, Private TRUJILLO, armed with an M1 rifle and hand grenades, crawled forward of our front lines in a daring effort to destroy the enemy. With accurate fire from his M1 he killed several snipers and all but one of the enemy occupying the gun emplacement. As he stood to throw a hand grenade into the pill box, he was fatally wounded. Private TRUJILLO'S heroism and devoted service far beyond the call of duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Marie Garcia, Mother, Capulin, New Mexico.

SECTION II

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918) a silver star is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Staff sergeant W. T. BAIN, 38057419, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Sergeant BAIN led his squad over rugged terrain in an assault against enemy strong points which were located at the crest of a hill. At the outset he was wounded by grenade fragments but, disregarding the pain from his wounds, he proceeded with the advance into the face of enemy machine gun and knee mortar fire. He, alone, succeeded in reaching the enemy fortifications at the top of the hill. With unerring accuracy, he threw one hand grenade after another into the enemy positions completely destroying them and their defenders. Sergeant BAIN'S gallant act made it possible for an infantry battalion to secure its objective. Home address: Mrs. Vania Bain, Mother, 905 McIntosh Street, Houston, Texas.

Staff sergeant RICHARD J. COLLINS, 37075644, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Cabaruan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. While attempting to clear a small wooded area of enemy snipers and machine gunners, his squad was ambushed and subjected to such an intense volume of enemy fire that the entire squad was pinned down without cover. Sergeant COLLINS realized the seriousness of the situation immediately and, with complete disregard for his personal safety, stood up, emptied his M1 rifle on the enemy positions and then, dashing back a few steps, seized an automatic rifle from a fallen comrade and laid down such an intense volume of automatic fire upon the enemy positions that his squad was able to withdraw to cover. Sergeant COLLINS' intrepidity saved the lives of many of his men and contributed greatly to the success of an important mission. Home address: Miss Grace Collins, Aunt, 211 N. Woodlawn Avenue, Kirkwood, Missouri.

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Private First Class DELMER C. DILSAVER, 20511077, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Agut, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 January 1945. The infantry company of which Private DILSAVER is a member was given the mission of destroying enemy emplacements which were delaying our advance. Private DILSAVER, who was in the leading platoon, volunteered to accompany his platoon leader and one other man in an assault against the enemy positions. Advancing by leaps and bounds, they reached a point from which they could fire upon the enemy. Private DILSAVER turned an intense volume of fire from his automatic rifle upon the emplacements which, together with rifle grenade fire, silenced the enemy weapons by killing their crews. His courageous act helped to make it possible for our troops to advance without sustaining casualties. Home address: Mrs. Jennie Dilsaver, Mother, 106 South Clinton Street, Richwood, Ohio.

Private First Class WILLIAM L. GABNER, 35493702, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. Private GABNER, armed with a rocket launcher, volunteered to go forward of our lines to destroy an enemy pill box, the fire from which was impeding the advance of his infantry company. After crawling for seventy-five yards, he reached a point from which he fired sufficient rounds to destroy the pill box and kill its occupants. Private GABNER'S courageous act made it possible for his infantry company to continue its advance and successfully complete its mission. Home address: Mrs. Ida Gabner, Mother, 806 Mohr Street, Steelton, Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant THOMAS D. INGLE, 02037063, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. The advance of an infantry company was being impeded by intense fire from dug-in enemy tanks, machine guns and a number of pill boxes. Lieutenant INGLE, with two men, crawled forward to the pill boxes and threw white phosphorous grenades into them. He succeeded in destroying seven of the strong points, killing an undetermined number of enemy personnel. Lieutenant INGLE'S gallant action cleared the entire left flank and made it possible for the company to continue its attack and secure its objective. Home address: Mrs. Kathleen C. Ingle, Wife, 11 Exhibition Street, Wendel, Rockhampton, Q'ld, Australia.

Private First Class JACK B. MORRISON, 19043567, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. An infantry company was given the mission of attacking and securing a hill which was steep and the sides of which were covered with thick patches of bamboo. After having reached the crest of the hill, the company was pinned down by withering enemy automatic weapons fire from dug-in hilltop positions. Private MORRISON, a flame thrower operator and member of a battalion assault team, moved into exposed positions unhesitatingly, directing systematic flame thrower fire into the enemy positions. As a result of his aggressive support of the assault team, six strong points were neutralized and the company was able to advance and complete its mission. Home address: Mr. George L. Castle, Stepfather, 1131 18th Street, Eureka Field, California.

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Staff Sergeant CARY M. MURDOCK, 37060000, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Voluntarily, Sergeant MURDOCK assisted two litter squads in evacuating wounded men from the front lines. He crawled forward of the squads under intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire, covering their advance to the wounded men. Before he was seriously wounded by enemy fire, he had killed several snipers and knocked out an enemy machine gun nest, thereby making it possible for the litter squads to work in safety. Sergeant MURDOCK'S courageous conduct reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Daniel R. Murdock, Father, RFD #1, Jefferson, Arkansas.

Private First Class CECIL L. PORTER, 33387009, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Private PORTER, armed with a rocket launcher, volunteered to go forward of our lines to destroy an enemy pill box, the fire from which was impeding the advance of his infantry company. After crawling for seventy-five yards, he reached a point from which he fired sufficient rounds to destroy the pill box and kill its occupants. Private PORTER'S courageous act made it possible for his infantry company to continue its advance and successfully complete its mission. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle George, Mother, 164 Bodford Street, Cumberland, Maryland.

Private First Class CHARLES M. ROGERS, 39466583, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Montalban, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. Private ROGERS was a member of a patrol which was sent out to locate an enemy patrol which was reported to be near his regimental command post. The enemy ambushed his patrol and were firing machine guns and rifles from concealed positions in tall grass which covered a hill. Private ROGERS was hit in the nose by the first volley of enemy fire and was bleeding profusely but, instead of taking cover, he opened fire on the enemy and, in so doing, allowed the remainder of his patrol to withdraw to protected positions. Upon making his own withdrawal, he was hit in the left ear. Though he had lost a great amount of blood from his wounds, he remained with his patrol to direct fire until the enemy positions were silenced. Home address: Mrs. Frances Ann Rogers, Wife, Route #5, Moscow, Idaho.

Private First Class HENRY P. SHORT, 35413727, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. One of the members of his infantry company was seriously wounded during a charge on an enemy-held hill. The only route of evacuation for the wounded man was across a large clearing which was exposed to intense enemy machine gun fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private SHORT crossed this clearing, administered first aid to his wounded comrade while under enemy machine gun fire and, then, carried him back across the clearing and down a steep ravine for eight hundred yards to a battalion aid station. Private SHORT'S gallant act saved the wounded man's life and was a great inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Emma Householder, Mother 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ East Main Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Private First Class JOHN N. TERRIL, 36475700, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Gabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. An infantry company was given the mission of attacking and securing a hill which was steep and the sides of which were covered with thick patches of bamboo. After having reached the crest of the hill, the company was pinned down by withering enemy automatic weapons fire from dug-in hilltop positions.

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Private TERRIL, a flame thrower operator and member of a battalion assault team, moved into exposed positions unhesitatingly, directing systematic flame thrower fire into the enemy position. As a result of his aggressive support of the assault team, six strong points were neutralized and the company was able to advance and complete its mission. Home address: Mrs. Lola Terril, Wife, Arcola, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT VICTOR, 36463908, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Sergeant VICTOR, a member of an infantry battalion assault team, made his way under intense enemy automatic weapons and rifle fire in order to place prepared demolition charges in enemy positions which were located at the top of a hill. As a result of his efficient individual support to the assault team, six enemy positions were destroyed and the battalion was enabled to complete an essential mission on schedule. Sergeant VICTOR'S courage and devotion to duty are deserving of the highest praise. Home address: Mr. Ned Sockey, Brother, 331 W. Noble Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant WILLARD S. WHITE, 02036722, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. When his rifle platoon was committed as assault platoon in an action against a strongly entrenched enemy hill position, Lieutenant WHITE led his men against intense artillery and small arms fire to accomplish successfully their mission. He maneuvered his men constantly in such a manner as would best protect them from the enemy fire. Though wounded and bleeding profusely, he declined first aid treatment for himself until after he had taken his objective and his men had received necessary care and evacuation. Lieutenant WHITE'S gallant act was a great inspiration to all his men and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ada M. White, Mother, Box 123, Lafayette, Tennessee.

Private First Class CHARLES E. WILLIAMS, 35718156, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Private WILLIAMS, unarmed and carrying a stretcher, crawled across rice paddies and irrigation ditches in the midst of bursting enemy artillery and mortar shells in order to reach a wounded comrade. Upon reaching the spot where the wounded man lay, he found that an aid man who had been giving treatment to the wounded man was also wounded. Private WILLIAMS administered first aid to both men while sniper bullets and shrapnel landed about him. When litter bearers arrived, he directed the evacuation of the two wounded men. On the way back to our lines the litter bearer who was working with Private WILLIAMS was killed and Private WILLIAMS alone carried the wounded man. He had carried the wounded man but a short distance when the wounded man was again hit and killed. Private WILLIAMS' gallant act far beyond the call of duty exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lee A. Williams, Mother, Star Route, Elkton, Kentucky.

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Sergeant OKEY WILLIAMSON, 35206276, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Pinnilpil, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On the night of 20 January 1945 a strong enemy counter-attack was brought against the infantry company of which Sergeant WILLIAMSON is a member. The enemy had zeroed in on one of our machine gun positions with mortar fire causing the entire squad to become casualties. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant WILLIAMSON crawled forward under intense artillery and mortar fire in order to reach the idle machine gun and put it back into action. Sergeant WILLIAMSON'S courageous act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ida H. Williamson, Mother, Kermit, West Virginia.

SECTION III

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Staff Sergeant ZUEL S. YARBERRY, 35488009, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 4, Section III, General Orders No. 17, dated 4 March 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant ZUEL S. YARBERRY, 35488009, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Agat, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. The infantry company of which Sergeant YARBERRY is a member was given the mission of destroying enemy emplacements which were delaying our advance. Sergeant YARBERRY, who was in the leading platoon, volunteered to accompany his platoon leader and one other man in an assault against the enemy positions. Advancing by leaps and bounds, they reached a point from which they could fire upon the enemy. Sergeant YARBERRY placed rifle grenade fire on the emplacements which, together with an intense volume of automatic rifle fire directed against the strong points by his companion, silenced the enemy weapons and killed their crews. His courageous act helped to make it possible for our troops to advance without sustaining casualties. Home address: Mrs. Edna Yarberry, Mother, Absher, Kentucky.

SECTION IV

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant WAYNE A. DILLE, 37075416, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Gauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. The enemy was crawling through high grass in an attack on our positions. Voluntarily, Sergeant DILLE placed two of his light machine guns in an exposed position on the right flank of our positions. From this point he directed intense fire upon the enemy causing them heavy casualties and breaking the counter-attack. Although his guns drew heavy fire from the enemy, Sergeant DILLE held his position until he was fatally wounded. His heroic act was a great inspiration to all his men and reflects high credit upon the military service. Next of kin: Mr. John R. Dille, Father, Route #2, Excello, Missouri.

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Staff Sergeant JOHN A. HUMPHREYS, 34134031, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Abar, and Agat, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 January 1945 to 4 February 1945. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary M. Humphreys, Mother, 1119 Walnut Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES R. SCARBOROUGH, JR., 58069413, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Agat, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. Technician SCARBOROUGH, acting as an artillery forward observer with an infantry assault platoon, was wounded by enemy mortar fire during a fierce attack against enemy installations. He refused to be evacuated and, after applying bandages to his own wounds, remained by his radio transmitting fire direction to his artillery battalion enabling them to bring unerring artillery fire upon enemy positions. Technician SCARBOROUGH died while in the act of calling his battalion for a concentration of fire. His courage and unselfish devotion to duty were a source of great inspiration to all the men with whom he served. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna L. Scarborough, Mother, Route #2, La Rue, Texas.

By command of Brigadier General HLRDIS:

BRUCE PALMER, JR.,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

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SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by one Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class JULIUS ABRAHAM, 32224206, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Betty Abraham, Wife, 507 West 173d Street, New York City, New York.

Technical Sergeant TOM E. ATCHLEY, 37065976, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. While attacking an enemy 47mm gun position and dug-in machine gun emplacements, Sergeant ATCHLEY, after his platoon leader and platoon sergeant were wounded, took command of his rifle platoon and maneuvered his men in such a way that they were able to knock out the 47mm gun position immediately. While engaged in destroying the gun position, his men were brought under intense fire from the enemy machine guns. Sergeant ATCHLEY withdrew his men and made a flanking attack which came as a complete surprise to the enemy and made them a vulnerable target for our troops. Sergeant ATCHLEY'S courage and outstanding ability reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle Atchley, Mother, General Delivery, Dierks, Arkansas.

Private First Class RAYMOND BELLSTEIN, JR., 33101704, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. While engaged in combat with the enemy, the leader of an assault team fell seriously wounded at a spot which was covered by intense enemy automatic fire. Private BELLSTEIN, a member of the assault team, voluntarily, left his protected position and ran across twenty-five yards of open terrain in order to give aid to his stricken comrade. After moving the wounded man to a nearby ditch, he rendered first aid and then assisted in evacuating the wounded man, moving across the exposed area to the safety of our lines. Sergeant BELLSTEIN'S heroic act saved his comrade's life and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Matilda Bellstein, Mother, 341 Welsh Avenue, Wilberding, Pennsylvania.

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Sergeant JESSE M. BRIGHT, 37065620, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 February 1945. During the early hours of 25 February 1945, the enemy attacked his company using machine guns, grenades, fixed bayonets and swords. Sergeant BRIGHT, a squad leader, was manning a machine gun. Although he was wounded by the first volley of enemy fire and despite the intense fire directed at his position, he remained at his gun and succeeded in repulsing the enemy attack. Sergeant BRIGHT'S heroic act was a great inspiration to all his men and saved the lives of many of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Lorraine Steele, Sister, Caraway, Arkansas.

Sergeant JESSE H. CARTER, 37065875, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Adole Carter, Mother, 260 College Avenue, Conway, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant ROY C. EKLUND, 37031521, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hedvig Eklund, Mother, 310 Seventh Street, Cloquet, Minnesota.

Private First Class JAMES M. FOSTER, 37679693, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 31 January 1945. When a patrol from Private FOSTER'S platoon was pinned down by cross-fire from two enemy machine gun positions, he secured several white phosphorous grenades and proceeded by the most direct route across open terrain in the face of heavy enemy fire to a position from which he could throw the grenades in front of the two enemy machine guns. Private FOSTER'S courage in subjecting himself to enemy fire permitted the patrol to return safely to our lines. Home address: Mrs. Nina Stump, Mother, 507 East 7th Street, Mascatine, Iowa.

Private First Class RALPH W. FOX, 37065687, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Man, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bertie Fox, Mother, Route #3, Rector, Arkansas.

Private First Class WILLIAM L. FRIDERICH, 37375190, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. The infantry company to which Private FRIDERICH was attached as a member of a battalion assault team was pinned down by enemy mortar, artillery, machine gun and small arms fire while attempting to secure its objective. With one other enlisted man, Private FRIDERICH crawled fifty yards forward of our front lines and destroyed with a rocket launcher three enemy pill boxes, one heavy machine gun and killed seven enemy. His courage and outstanding ability reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Beulah A. Friderich, Wife, 1808 East Prairie Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Private First Class WILLIAM FULLER, 35365516, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. With disregard for his own safety, Private FULLER, voluntarily, went forward of our front lines under intense machine gun and sniper fire in order to rescue a wounded soldier. He succeeded in returning the wounded man to the safety of our lines, thereby saving his life. Private FULLER'S heroic act was a great inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Josephine Fuller, Wife, Route #2, Liberty, Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade MURREY J. GRIDER, 37066029, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Miss Janice Sue Grider, Sister, Box 216, Ozark, Arkansas.

Private First Class WILLIAM M. HARRISON, JR., 34106688, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. With disregard for his own safety, Private HARRISON, voluntarily, went forward of our front lines under intense machine gun and sniper fire in order to rescue a wounded soldier. He succeeded in returning the wounded man to the safety of our lines, thereby saving his life. Private HARRISON'S heroic act was a great inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mr. William M. Harrison, Sr., Father, Greenville, Alabama.

Sergeant DONALD Q. HOLLOWAY, 37065585, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Naomi Holloway, Wife, 401 S.W. 4th Street, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Private First Class ELBERT JONES, 37066021, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. With disregard for his own safety, Private JONES, voluntarily, went forward of our front lines under intense machine gun and sniper fire in order to rescue a wounded soldier. He succeeded in returning the wounded man to the safety of our lines, thereby saving his life. Private JONES' heroic act was a great inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Anna Jones, Mother, Gid, Arkansas.

Technical Sergeant SILVESTER F. KUJAWA, 36024201, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. While leading his men into enemy territory, his patrol was attacked by the enemy whose machine gun fire wounded one of his men and pinned down the other men of his patrol. Exposing himself fearlessly to the enemy fire, Sergeant KUJAWA went to the aid of the wounded man and carried him to a place of safety. Sergeant KUJAWA'S courageous act was a great inspiration to all his men and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Pearl M. Kujawa, Mother, 5017 W. 32d Place, Cicero, Illinois.

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Private First Class LAWRENCE E. MAAK, 31050276, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 February 1945. During the early hours of 25 February 1945, the enemy attacked his company using machine guns, grenades, fixed bayonets and swords. Private MAAK, a machine gunner, was manning a machine gun and, although he was wounded by the first volley of enemy fire and despite the intense fire directed at his position, he remained at his gun and succeeded in repulsing the enemy attack. Private MAAK'S heroic act was a great inspiration to all the men with whom he serves and saved the lives of many of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Ora Maak, Mother, 44 West Street, West Springfield, Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant BEN MAGZALIN, 17011652, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. During an attack on an enemy strong point which was located at the top of a steep hill, Sergeant MAGZALIN led his platoon against heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire in order to secure the left flank and move into position to attack the enemy installation. Sergeant MAGZALIN led the charge and, after destroying the enemy guns and killing six enemy soldiers, secured the objective. His courage and fearless leadership were a great inspiration to all his men. Home address: Mrs. Mary Magzamin, Wife, 901 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Private First Class RALPH J. MATLACK, 39335266, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Luella J. Matlack, Mother, Jacksonville Star Route, Box 37, Medford, Oregon.

First Sergeant LEE C. McCUNE, 37089267, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 25 January 1945 to 28 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Glenna L. McCune, Wife, 818 E. Coal Avenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Technician Fifth Grade OLYPIO A. MINOGGI, 39009744, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 3 February 1945 to 6 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Pete Minoggi, Father, Boulder Creek, Box 65, California.

Technician Fourth Grade CARLESLE A. MONTET, 34152242, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manos, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. An enemy tank attack upon our positions inflicted a large number of casualties on our troops within a very few minutes. Upon a call for litter bearers, Technician MONTET went forward to locate the casualties and direct the litter squads. Though the entire area was covered by enemy machine gun fire and 47mm fire from the tanks, he remained forward of our troops searching for the wounded and directing the litter squads to them until all the casualties had been evacuated. His courage and initiative under intense enemy fire were responsible for saving the lives of many of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Estelle C. Montet, Mother, Fardoche, Louisiana.

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Technician Third Grade LYNTON PALMER, 37057633, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lanoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. When a soldier was wounded about thirty yards forward of our lines directly in the lane of enemy machine gun fire, Technician PALMER volunteered to go forward to assist in evacuating the casualty. He waited for the enemy machine guns to be silenced, but when there was no let-up in the firing, he and another man crawled out through the lane of fire to where the casualty lay and succeeded in bringing him back safely. Home address: Mrs. Gladys I. Palmer, Wife, 608 Huntington Avenue, Sheridan, Wyoming.

Private First Class ROY L. PETTRY, 35206242, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. When his infantry company was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Private PETTRY, with one other man, crawled to the flank of the company and set up his machine gun. Despite the sniper fire which was directed at him, he laid down such a heavy volume of fire that the enemy emplacements were neutralized and his company was able to continue its advance. Mrs. Ruby M. Pettry, Wife, 1306 East Market Street, Akron, Ohio.

Private First Class LOUIS W. POLLACK, 33267892, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lanoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. Acting as a scout and observer with his battalion observation group, Private POLLACK noticed that one company which was in the attack was stopped by fire from an enemy tank. On his own initiative he secured fifteen rounds of 37mm anti-tank gun ammunition and carried it over fire-swept terrain to a forward gun position which was receiving direct fire from the tank. He remained at this gun position until a direct hit had been scored on the tank. Private POLLACK then advanced forward of the gun and killed the tank crew as they attempted to escape. Home address: Mrs. Violet Pollack, Wife, 249 Calhoun Street, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade GARLAND C. RICKS, 37066016, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Kitty Ricks, Mother, South Route, Star City, Arkansas.

Private First Class JOHN W. SCHAFFER, 37075763, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Warren B. Schaffer, Father, 9821 Clyde Avenue, Lamay, Missouri.

Sergeant WILFORD F. SCHIFSKY, 37030933, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 January 1945. When his squad leader became a casualty, Sergeant SCHIFSKY assumed command of the men and led his squad in the face of enemy fire to take a dug-in enemy tank emplacement. Though he was wounded he refused to be evacuated and remained at his post throwing grenades into the entrenched enemy, thereby making it possible for an infantry platoon to advance and secure its objective. Home address: Mrs. Dorthy Schifsky, Mother, White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

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Captain WILLIAM S. SHARPE, 01291181, (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipanoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. Captain SHARPE observed a wounded man who was lying at a distance of approximately seventy-five yards in front of his position. With disregard for his own safety, Captain SHARPE, personally, led a litter squad across terrain which was exposed to enemy fire and evacuated the wounded soldier. His courage was a great inspiration to all his men. Home address: Mrs. Sarah Ellen Sharpe, Mother, 2405 Jackson Avenue, Waudser, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class WILLIAM N. WISE, 37075495, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipanoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. The infantry company to which Private WISE was attached as a member of a battalion assault team was pinned down by enemy mortar, artillery, machine gun and small arms fire while attempting to secure its objective. With one other enlisted man, Private WISE crawled fifty yards forward of our front lines and destroyed with a rocket launcher three enemy pill boxes, one heavy machine gun and killed seven enemy. His courage and outstanding ability reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Dela Mae Wise, Wife, Centertown, Missouri.

SECTION II

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Third Grade JOHN AMICARELLA, 33101742, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 7, Section I, General Orders No. 23, dated 20 July 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9414, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technician Third Grade JOHN AMICARELLA, 33101742, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipanoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. When a soldier was wounded about thirty yards forward of our lines directly in the lane of enemy machine gun fire, Technician AMICARELLA volunteered to go forward to assist in evacuating the casualty. He waited for the enemy machine guns to be silenced, but when there was no let-up in the firing, he and another man crawled out through the lane of fire to where the casualty lay and succeeded in bringing him back safely. Home address: Mrs. Chiarina Amicarella, Mother, Box #85, Blythedale, Pennsylvania.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain ROBERT J. HALL, 0418055, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, Section III, General Orders No. 55, dated 29 September 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9414, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

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Captain ROBERT J. HLEARN, 0418055, Chaplain Corps, United States Army. For mer achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cebu area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. As regimental chaplain, Captain HLEARN accompanied an assault company into the combat area where they were pinned down by intense enemy machine gun, rifle, and mortar fire from well camouflaged and entrenched enemy positions. Voluntarily, and without regard for his own safety, he went forward under the continuous enemy fire and for more than two hours administered last rites to seriously wounded and dying men. He, also, personally assisted in the evacuation of nine wounded men during this period. His intrepidity and devotion to duty greatly inspired the entire company and reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. John Hoarn, Mother, 88 Francis Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts.

SECTION III

Under the provisions of paragraph 1, War Department Circular No. 245, dated 23 August 1944, a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the 6th Quartermaster Company by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6.

6th Quartermaster Company, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, is awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for superior performance of duty and outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks in connection with operations in the S.P.A. From 30 July 1944 to 27 December 1944 the 6th Quartermaster Company, operating at Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea, performed in a superior manner duties normally performed by a Base Quartermaster establishment, including the warehousing, stocking and issuing of 90 days maintenance supplies of all quartermaster items for a large task force. From 1 December 1944 to 27 December 1944, a period of increasing activity and frequent change in orders in preparation for an operation in the Philippines, the 6th Quartermaster Company proved itself a highly flexible organization, making immediate adjustments and operating efficiently without loss of time in furnishing the troops at Sansapor to participate in this operation. From 9 January 1945 to 1 February 1945, after arrival in the Luzon area, the 6th Quartermaster Company, in addition to establishing and operating dumps servicing all 6th Infantry Division units and many attached GHQ, Army and Corps troops, established forward supply points in three separate localities, keeping supplies for the combat troops always within 15 miles of the forward elements of the tactical units. At all times during the six-month period referred to, the 6th Quartermaster Company maintained a high standard of discipline and military courtesy; the execution of orders under difficult conditions was efficient and enthusiastic; and the appearance of all personnel, installations and equipment was superior despite the increased tasks that kept the 6th Quartermaster Company operating on a 24-hour basis during the greater part of this period.

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SECTION IV

So much of Section I, General Orders No. 34, Headquarters 6th Infantry Division APO 6, dated 25 March 1945, as pertains to Private First Class GILMAN E. HOFSTAD, 37 0633, Infantry, as reads: "a Bronze Star Medal is awarded" is deleted and the following substituted therefor: "in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class GILMAN E. HOFSTAD, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 7, Section VI, General Orders No. 46, Headquarters 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, dated 5 September 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded".

By command of Brigadier General MURDIS:

BRUCE PALLEN, JR.,
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SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

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* Staff Sergeant JOHN F. BECKER, 6863137, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. After sighting an enemy machine gun emplacement, Sergeant BECKER led his squad in an advance to destroy it. As his men advanced, they encountered heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire and one of the squad members fell wounded. Because there were no medical men available, Sergeant BECKER, despite the enemy fire directed at him, went forward to render first aid and rescue the wounded man. He was ~~hit~~ *hit* by machine gun fire before he was able to reach his stricken comrade. Sergeant BECKER'S great courage and unselfish act far beyond the call of duty, exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mr. Jacob Becker, Father, 112 West "G" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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* Private First Class GLEN BARNETT, 36692441, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Next of kin: Mrs. Ina M. Barnett, Mother, 204 West Locust Street, Summer, Illinois.

Private First Class JOHN S. JEFFERS, 38553992, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Next of kin: Mrs. Evie Mac Huckoby, Mother, Route #1, Box 129, McFarland, California.

Sergeant THOMAS L. JOHNSON, 37065648, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Next of kin: Mr. Thomas W. Johnson, Father, Box 268, Crossett, Arkansas.

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Private First Class **GLENN A. TRIPP**, 37071646, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. With disregard for his own safety, Private TRIPP, voluntarily, went forward of our front lines under intense machine gun and sniper fire in order to rescue a wounded soldier. He succeeded in returning the wounded man to the safety of our lines, thereby saving his life. Private TRIPP'S heroic act was a great inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary L. Tripp, Mother, Route #5, Cameron, Missouri.

SECTION II

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class **GEORGE BENTZ**, 37038754, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rebecca Bentz, Mother, Route #3, Dallas, South Dakota.

Private First Class **RICHARD L. BROVOLD**, 37549514, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. In an attack upon an enemy fortified position, Private BROVOLD, along with ten of his comrades, came abruptly upon an enemy artillery emplacement containing two 77mm guns. Though armed only with hand grenades, rifles and submachine guns, Private BROVOLD and his comrades attacked the emplacement inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and prevented the 77mm guns from being fired until they could be destroyed by our own artillery fire. Private BROVOLD'S courageous act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Jeanne Brovold, Wife, 1413 Belknap Avenue, Superior, Wisconsin.

Private First Class **MAX L. BUCKLEY**, 35390537, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. In an attack upon an enemy fortified position, Private BUCKLEY, along with ten of his comrades, came abruptly upon an enemy artillery emplacement containing two 77mm guns. Though armed only with hand grenades, rifles and submachine guns, Private BUCKLEY and his comrades attacked the emplacement inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and prevented the 77mm guns from being fired until they could be destroyed by our own artillery fire. Private BUCKLEY'S courageous act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Nettie Buckley, Mother, Thompson Lane & Third Street, East Liverpool, Ohio.

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Private First Class RUSSEL CHIPPEWA, 36410702, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Private CHIPPEWA, a runner in a machine gun platoon, exposed himself to enemy sniper and machine gun fire continually in order to aid his platoon leader in coordinating the efforts of his machine gunners so that the most effective fire could be directed against enemy strong points. Often, he exposed himself in order to present a target for the enemy, and thus, established their location by the direction of their fire. Private CHIPPEWA'S daring acts contributed greatly to his battalion's success in securing an important objective. Home address: Mrs. Eliza Jane Chippewa, Mother, Route #1, Box 22, Omena, Michigan.

Private First Class CHESTER D. CLARK, 37065921, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lucy Clark, Mother, Route #6, Box 360, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Technician Fourth Grade BERNARD C. DEFORD, 36158145, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 February 1945. Technician DEFORD, a battalion radio operator accompanying a combat patrol into enemy held territory, volunteered to move within close range of a concentration of approximately three hundred and fifty enemy troops to direct artillery fire upon them. With disregard for his own safety, he remained at his radio while artillery fire which he ordered fell within one hundred yards of his observation post. Technician DEFORD'S courage and skillful direction of fire reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Miriam B. Deford, Wife, 544 W. West Street, Sturgis, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade OSCAR R. DUMAS, 37029624, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Oliver Dumas, Father, Valhalla, North Dakota.

Staff Sergeant DILLAND H. EPPS, 34584273, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. In an attack upon an enemy fortified position, Sergeant EPPS, along with ten of his comrades, came abruptly upon an enemy artillery emplacement containing two 77mm guns. Though armed only with hand grenades, rifles and submachine guns, Sergeant EPPS and his comrades attacked the emplacement inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and prevented the 77mm guns from being fired until they could be destroyed by our own artillery fire. Sergeant EPPS' courageous act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary O. Epps, Wife, Route #1, Epsom, Alabama.

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Private First Class JOSEPH FERRIER, 33473444, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. In an attack upon an enemy fortified position, Private FERRIER, along with ten of his comrades, came abruptly upon an enemy artillery emplacement containing two 77mm guns. Though armed only with hand grenades, rifles and submachine guns, Private FERRIER and his comrades attacked the emplacement inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and prevented the 77mm guns from being fired until they could be destroyed by our own artillery fire. Private FERRIER'S courageous act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Bessie Ferrier, Mother, 122 Josephine Avenue, West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant J. F. GABLE, 34088745, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. After losing its leader during an engagement with the enemy, the infantry rifle squad of which Sergeant GABLE is a member was left disorganized and under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Voluntarily, Sergeant GABLE assumed command of the squad immediately and, with disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to reorganize his men and lead an assault which destroyed an enemy machine gun emplacement. Sergeant GABLE'S courage, initiative and tactical ability contributed greatly to the success of an important mission. Home address: Mrs. Lattie J. Gable, Mother, Route #1, Felton, Georgia.

Sergeant RUSSELL G. GILBERT, 37009368, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 January 1945 to 5 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Henry Gilbert, Father, Oldfield, Missouri.

Captain VIRGIL W. GILLENWATER, 01234320, (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Clarine E. Gillenwater, Wife, 158 East Madison Street, Ashville, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant FRANCIS G. GRAY, 33411595, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edith Gray, Mother, 1416 Elm Street, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant FRED J. HARMON, 34088426, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Lynn, Sister, 27 Clinton Street, Macon, Georgia.

Private First Class HAROLD J. HARTMAN, 36475556, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 January 1945. Under concentrated enemy fire Private HARTMAN crawled forward of our front lines in order to evacuate a seriously wounded comrade. Despite the enemy fire which struck about him, he succeeded in bringing the wounded man back to a place of safety, thereby saving his life. Private HARTMAN'S heroic act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Hartman, Mother, 225½ West Main Street, Independence, Kansas.

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Private First Class DALLAS H. MALCOMB, 35366640, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Voluntarily, Private MALCOMB went forward of our front lines exposing himself to enemy fire in order to render first aid and evacuate two of his comrades who were seriously wounded. Because he succeeded in moving the two men back to the safety of our lines, their lives were saved. Private MALCOMB'S heroic act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Isabelle Malcomb, Mother, Sprule, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant WILLELM C. HARTMAN, 38043529, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. In an attack upon an enemy fortified position, Sergeant HARTMAN, along with ten of his comrades, came abruptly upon an enemy artillery emplacement containing two 77mm guns. Though armed only with hand grenades, rifles and submachine guns, Sergeant HARTMAN and his comrades attacked the emplacement inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and prevented the 77mm guns from being fired until they could be destroyed by our own artillery fire. Sergeant HARTMAN'S courageous act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Hilda Stevens, Mother, 205 Huron Street, Cleburne, Texas.

Technical Sergeant HUGH C. HOLLNSTEINER, 37075378, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. During fierce combat with the enemy, Sergeant HOLLNSTEINER made repeated trips across mountainous, fire-swept terrain in order to rescue wounded men who had fallen forward of our lines. Sergeant HOLLNSTEINER performed this heroic service unhesitatingly and with disregard for his own safety. His courageous efforts saved the lives of many of his comrades and were a great inspiration to all men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Margaret M. Hollensteiner, Wife, Buell, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant RAY C. JEFFERSON, 37065564, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. In an attack upon an enemy fortified position, Sergeant JEFFERSON, along with ten of his comrades, came abruptly upon an enemy artillery emplacement containing two 77mm guns. Though armed only with hand grenades, rifles and submachine guns, Sergeant JEFFERSON and his comrades attacked the emplacement inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and prevented the 77mm guns from being fired until they could be destroyed by our own artillery fire. Sergeant JEFFERSON'S courageous act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Vivian D. Jefferson, Mother, 215 "C" Street, Bentonville, Arkansas.

First Sergeant PAUL L. JENSEN, 37003115, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. When an infantry column was brought under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire, Sergeant JENSEN, voluntarily, organized groups of men from several units which were near him in order to form a base of fire with which to repulse the attack. In so doing, he exposed himself many times to enemy fire and was wounded, but succeeded in repulsing the enemy attack. Sergeant JENSEN'S courage and tactical ability reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Hans A. Jensen, Father, Lincoln, Kansas.

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Private First Class PAUL KURTH, 37071641, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cauringan area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Private KURTH, a member of a forward observation party for a 81mm mortar platoon, voluntarily, worked his way through intense enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire in order to repair communication lines which were severed by enemy fire. Private KURTH'S initiative and unselfish devotion to duty made it possible for the combat troops to receive proper support at all times. Home address: Mr. William Kurth, Father, Carroll, Iowa.

Private First Class RICHARD J. LARSON, 16115445, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 January 1945. With disregard for his own safety, Private LARSON crawled forward of our front lines under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire in order to rescue his platoon leader who was seriously wounded. He succeeded in evacuating the wounded man to a place of safety and proper medical treatment. Private LARSON'S heroic act and courageous service beyond the call of duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Pearl Larson, Mother, 303 South Page Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant JAMES MARCHETTA, 34055003, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. In an attack upon an enemy fortified position, Sergeant MARCHETTA, along with ten of his comrades, came abruptly upon an enemy artillery emplacement containing two 77mm guns. Though armed only with hand grenades, rifles and submachine guns, Sergeant MARCHETTA and his comrades attacked the emplacement inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and prevented the 77mm guns from being fired until they would be destroyed by our own artillery fire. Sergeant MARCHETTA'S courageous act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Alfonso Marchetta, Father, 1506 Tampa Street, Tampa, Florida.

Technician Fifth Grade AMON MARTIN, 35487812, (then Private First Class), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. During a fierce engagement with the enemy, Technician MARTIN with disregard for his own safety, went forward of our lines under intense enemy fire to evacuate wounded comrades. Repeatedly, he administered first aid and without assistance carried the wounded back to a place of safety. Technician MARTIN'S heroic acts were a great inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Martin, Mother, Forkton, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant CHRISTIAN A. MATHIASSEN, 39009764, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near the hills north of Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Carl Mathiasen, Brother, Route 3, Box 697, Watsonville, California.

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Staff Sergeant JAMES E. McMAHON, JR., 37010691, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Sergeant McMAHON noticed that one of his men had been seriously wounded and was being left behind during a withdrawal to a prepared defensive perimeter. Disregarding personal danger from heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire, Sergeant McMAHON administered first aid to the wounded man and carried him a distance of five hundred yards to the safety of our lines. Sergeant McMAHON'S heroic act saved the life of his comrade and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mr. James McMahon, Sr., Father, Rural Route #1, Frances Road, Kansas City, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant FRANK B. MILLER, 17018506, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. In an attack upon an enemy fortified position, Sergeant MILLER, along with ten of his comrades, came abruptly upon an enemy artillery emplacement containing two 77mm guns. Though armed only with hand grenades, rifles and submachine guns, Sergeant MILLER and his comrades attacked the emplacement inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and prevented the 77mm guns from being fired until they could be destroyed by our own artillery fire. Sergeant MILLER'S courageous act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lillie Hart, Mother, Route #3, Windsor, Missouri.

Private First Class SALVATORE A. MOSI, 32843425, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Private MOSI, a platoon runner, was in front of his company, continually, during an attack against hills which were well fortified by the enemy. With disregard for his own safety, he exposed himself to enemy machine gun and mortar fire by crossing open terrain in order to deliver messages to squad leaders. Upon making a charge against the final objective, Private MOSI destroyed an enemy pill-box with grenades, killing two of the enemy personnel. His courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Jennie Mosi, Mother, 406 Seventh Street, Buffalo, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade PAUL A. MITCHELL, 32843483, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Abar, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Technician MITCHELL, a chaplain's assistant, volunteered to go forward of our front lines to assist a litter squad in bringing back wounded men. Upon approaching one of the wounded men, enemy snipers opened fire on the litter bearers seriously wounding two of them. Although Technician MITCHELL was pinned down for more than an hour by enemy fire, he succeeded in evacuating two of his wounded comrades back to a battalion aid station. Home address: Mrs. Isabel H. Mitchell, Mother, 206 First Street, Niagara Falls, New York.

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Private First Class ARTHUR A. MOORE, 37011016, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. In an attack upon an enemy fortified position, Private MOORE, along with ten of his comrades, came abruptly upon an enemy artillery emplacement containing two 77mm guns. Though armed only with hand grenades, rifles and submachine guns, Private MOORE and his comrades attacked the emplacement inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and prevented the 77mm guns from being fired until they could be destroyed by our own artillery fire. Private MOORE'S courageous act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Annie F. Moore, Mother, Route #2, Galena, Kansas.

Sergeant JOHN W. RICHARDS, 35045819, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Sergeant RICHARDS crawled forward of our front lines under direct enemy sniper and artillery fire in order to rescue three wounded soldiers. With disregard for his own safety, Sergeant RICHARDS, together with another man of his squad, evacuated the wounded men over hazardous terrain to the safety of our lines. His heroic act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Richards, Mother, 2951 Harrisburg Road, North East, Canton, Ohio.

Private First Class GEORGE T. ROBINSON, 37065960, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Private ROBINSON crawled forward of our front lines under direct enemy sniper and artillery fire in order to rescue three wounded soldiers. With disregard for his own safety, Sergeant ROBINSON, together with another man of his squad, evacuated the wounded men over hazardous terrain to the safety of our lines. His heroic act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Beoley, Sister, Route #2, Moro, Arkansas.

Private First Class ALBERT A. ROUSH, 37010985, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. In an attack upon an enemy fortified position, Private ROUSH, along with ten of his comrades, came abruptly upon an enemy artillery emplacement containing two 77mm guns. Though armed only with hand grenades, rifles and submachine guns, Private ROUSH and his comrades attacked the emplacement inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and prevented the 77mm guns from being fired until they could be destroyed by our own artillery fire. Private ROUSH'S courageous act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. John H. Roush, Father, Route #1, Moran, Kansas.

Private First Class GEORGE R. TROXALL, 35487729, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Private TROXALL, company aid man, went forward of our front lines under direct enemy mortar and sniper fire to rescue a seriously wounded soldier. Although wounded himself, Private TROXALL continued to administer first aid to his comrade and refused medical treatment until after the wounded man had been evacuated to a place of safety. Private TROXALL'S heroic act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lucy Troxall, Mother, Route #4, Glasgow, Kentucky.

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Private First Class JAMES W. WHITE, 37009313, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. In an attack upon an enemy fortified position, Private WHITE, along with ten of his comrades, came abruptly upon an enemy artillery emplacement containing two 77mm guns. Though armed only with hand grenades, rifles and submachine guns, Private WHITE and his comrades attacked the emplacement inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and prevented the 77mm guns from being fired until they could be destroyed by our own artillery fire. Private WHITE'S courageous act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. James White, Father, Hollister, Missouri.

Private First Class SAMUEL C. VALENTINE, 32843528, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Josephine Valentine, Mother, 627 Main Street, Dunkirk, New York.

Private First Class GASTLER W. ZAWISTOWSKI, 36644733, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 January 1945. Private ZAWISTOWSKI, first scout in an infantry platoon, led his platoon in the face of heavy enemy fire against strongly fortified hill position. Though seriously wounded, he continued the advance, exposing himself to enemy machine gun fire and throwing hand grenades into enemy pillboxes. Private ZAWISTOWSKI'S courageous action allowed his men to advance up a ridge and secure their objective. Home address: Mrs. Helen Zawistowski, Mother, 1937 Evergreen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

SECTION III

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant HUNTON P. ELMORE, 01686160, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders, No. 44, dated 2 September 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant HUNTON P. ELMORE, 01686160, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Lieutenant ELMORE and his platoon were subjected to such intense enemy fire that they were forced to withdraw, leaving three wounded men on the line. Though wounded himself and bleeding profusely, Lieutenant ELMORE crawled through enemy fire to the wounded men and dragged them back to a place of safety from which they could be evacuated. He refused medical treatment for his own wounds until he had reorganized his men and completed the mission. Lieutenant ELMORE'S heroic act was a great inspiration to all his men and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ruby R. Elmore, Wife, Franklin, Missouri.

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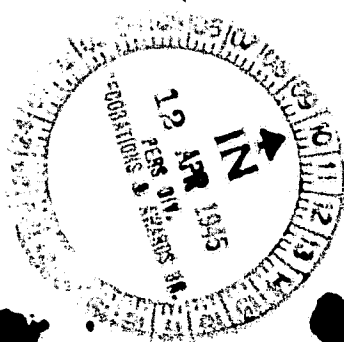
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SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918) a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

Captain EDGAR C. BOGGS 024060, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action during military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. When Captain BOGGS, an infantry company commander, learned that his first platoon was being held up by two enemy tanks which were fifty yards to the front of the platoon, he moved his observation post across open ground to the first platoon front line and established his observation post in a former enemy dug-in emplacement. Seeing that there was little protection for his troops, he moved them fifty yards to the rear and called for 4.2 mortar fire to knock out the tanks. A direct hit destroyed one tank. While Captain BOGGS was directing his 4.2 mortar observer to put fire on the second tank, a large number of enemy troops came out of their concealed positions around the tanks and started a counterattack. At the same time the second tank moved out of its dug-in position and headed directly towards Captain BOGGS' observation post. He remained in his position, firing a rifle at the approaching enemy and giving the location of the tank by radio to the 4.2 mortar observer. Under the cool and efficient direction of Captain BOGGS, the enemy attack was halted, many of the enemy killed, and the remainder retreated in disorder. During the last phase of the attack, Captain BOGGS was killed by a direct hit on the observation post from the enemy tank. Next of kin: Mrs. Valerie Boggs, Wife, Cheswold, Delaware.

Sergeant GENE D. SMITH, 35002779, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action during military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. At the head of a volunteer patrol, Sergeant SMITH led his men across an open field one hundred yards wide to higher ground for the purpose of gaining information and locations of enemy strong points in the area. While endeavoring to flank an enemy pillbox twenty-five yards to their left front, his patrol was pinned down by sniper fire from the rear and machine gun fire from a dug-in tank and its two supporting machine guns located approximately fifty yards to the right front. Sergeant SMITH, who was in the lead, killed three enemy snipers and then, crawling forward, destroyed two machine guns with hand grenades and rifle fire, killing seven of the enemy. When he started to move his patrol back to better cover, another enemy machine gun seventy-five yards to their front opened up pinning the patrol down again. Ordering his men back, Sergeant SMITH remained in place and covered their retreat with rifle fire. During this last action, he was killed by enemy rifle fire from a nearby house. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna M. Smith, Mother, 533 West Auburn Avenue, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

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SECTION II

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918) a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer:

Captain CHARLES A. FIGLEY, JR., O337130, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action during military operations against the enemy at Ianoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 February 1945. Upon learning that an enemy tank was located one hundred yards to the left and rear of his position, Captain FIGLEY crossed over open terrain under enemy small arms fire to a ditch within twenty yards of the tank. With rifle fire from the ditch, Captain FIGLEY killed two of the enemy who were firing upon his riflemen from the outside of the tank and then, by using rifle grenades, he set the tank afire destroying it together with its crew. Upon investigation of the destroyed enemy tank, it was found that six of the enemy had been killed by rifle and grenade fire. Captain FIGLEY'S gallantry reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Figley, Mother, Jacksonia, Arkansas.

SECTION III

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Corporal JAMES O. ALTMAN, 34093806, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Camp Abar #2, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Corporal ALTMAN volunteered to go forward of our front lines to assist in the rescue of several wounded men who were in dire need of medical treatment. With disregard for his own safety, Corporal ALTMAN administered first aid to the wounded men while under heavy enemy sniper fire and assisted with their evacuation back to an aid station. Corporal ALTMAN'S heroic act saved the lives of many of his comrades and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Sullie Altman, Mother, Route #3, Andrew, South Carolina.

Private First Class MANUEL CAUDILLO, 36743695, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Caudillo, Mother, 731 Wallace Street, Sterling, Illinois.

Private First Class BARTON A. CIVITELLO, 31052401, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Carmine Civitello, Father, 121 Thomas Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

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Private First Class RAYMOND A. DAVIS, 39468259, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Camp Abar #2, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Private DAVIS volunteered to go forward of our front lines to assist in the rescue of several wounded men who were in dire need of medical treatment. With disregard for his own safety, Private DAVIS administered first aid to the wounded men while under heavy enemy sniper fire and assisted with their evacuation back to an aid station. Private DAVIS' heroic act saved the lives of many of his comrades and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Albert E. Davis, Father, 1426 Main Street, Walkerville, Montana.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN F. ENRIGHT, 37044302, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Clara M. Enright, Wife, Box 151, Elma, Iowa.

Private First Class EVANER D. EVANS, JR., 31815711, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Camp Abar #2, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Private EVANS volunteered to go forward of our front lines to assist in the rescue of several wounded men who were in dire need of medical treatment. With disregard for his own safety, Private EVANS administered first aid to the wounded men while under heavy enemy sniper fire and assisted with their evacuation back to an aid station. Private EVANS' heroic act saved the lives of many of his comrades and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Allie C. Evans, Mother, Route #1, Brewton, Alabama.

Staff Sergeant ORVILLE R. HAUGE, 17005613, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Agat, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 25 January 1945 to 27 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Carvel Hauge, Father, Route #1, Roslyn, South Dakota.

Technical Sergeant TOM R. HENDRIX, 37009090, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nettie Hendrix, Mother, Route #1, Waynesville, Missouri.

Private First Class HUBERT M. HENSLEY, 37065068, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Camp Abar #2, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Private HENSLEY volunteered to go forward of our front lines to assist in the rescue of several wounded men who were in dire need of medical treatment. With disregard for his own safety, Private HENSLEY administered first aid to the wounded men while under heavy enemy sniper fire and assisted with their evacuation back to an aid station. Private HENSLEY'S heroic act saved the lives of many of his comrades and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ruthie J. Jones, Mother, Tupelo, Arkansas.

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Private First Class DOUGLAS HETHERINGTON, 32843479, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Linoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 February 1945. When his squad encountered heavy enemy artillery, machine gun and rifle fire, several men were wounded while attempting to move toward a more covered position. Private HETHERINGTON advanced forward seventy-five yards across open terrain and opened fire on the enemy positions, keeping the enemy machine gunners and riflemen pinned down until the wounded men could be evacuated. Private HETHERINGTON'S courage and skill were a great inspiration to all the men with whom he served. Home address: Mrs. Jean Hetherington, Mother, 1259 Stanford Street, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

Private First Class HORACE HIPSHIRE, 34142409, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Camp Abar #2, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Private HIPSHIRE volunteered to go forward of our front lines to assist in the rescue of several wounded men who were in dire need of medical treatment. With disregard for his own safety, Private HIPSHIRE administered first aid to the wounded men while under heavy enemy sniper fire and assisted with their evacuation back to an aid station. Private HIPSHIRE'S heroic act saved the lives of many of his comrades and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Nettie Hipsire, Mother, Route #2, Morrisville, Tennessee.

Major THOMAS J. LARKOVCIK, 0303230, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 23 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie Larkovcik, Wife, 342 N. William Street, River Forrest, Illinois.

Private First Class WAYNE G. MCKEE, 37076748, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Camp Abar #2, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Private MCKEE volunteered to go forward of our front lines to assist in the rescue of several wounded men who were in dire need of medical treatment. With disregard for his own safety, Private MCKEE administered first aid to the wounded men while under heavy enemy sniper fire and assisted with their evacuation back to an aid station. Private MCKEE'S heroic act saved the lives of many of his comrades and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Charles F. McKee, Father, Malta Bend, Missouri.

Sergeant BOYD MIDDLETON, 38032794, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Agat, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. A member of his company fell seriously wounded at a distance of fifty-yards from the line of the company's perimeter. Unhesitatingly, and with disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant MIDDLETON rushed forward in the face of enemy machine gun fire to rescue his wounded comrade and, alone, carried him back to safety. Sergeant MIDDLETON'S heroic service beyond the call of duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Cecil G. Middleton, Brother, Rockdale, Texas.

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Private First Class WALTER S. MOYER, 33832416, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Camp Abar #2, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Private MOYER volunteered to go forward of our front lines to assist in the rescue of several wounded men who were in dire need of medical treatment. With disregard for his own safety, Private MOYER administered first aid to the wounded men while under heavy enemy sniper fire and assisted with their evacuation back to an aid station. Private MOYER'S heroic act saved the lives of many of his comrades and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lillie Moyer, Mother, Alburtis, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant EVERETT H. NESBITT, 37030970, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 February 1945. During an enemy artillery concentration on the infantry battalion command post of which Sergeant NESBITT is a member, a soldier was seriously wounded and was lying helpless at a spot which was some distance from the command post. In spite of shrapnel wounds which he had received, Sergeant NESBITT went forward under the heavy enemy fire, administered first aid to the wounded man and, alone, evacuated him to an aid station where proper medical treatment saved his life. Sergeant NESBITT'S heroic act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Leona M. Nesbitt, Wife, Richfield Station, Route #4, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private First Class GEORGE T. PHILLIPS, 37065066, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Charlie F. Phillips, Father, Route # 5, Monticello, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant MARSHALL L. SWIFT, 37076558, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Camp Abar #2, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Sergeant SWIFT volunteered to go forward of our front lines to assist in the rescue of several wounded men who were in dire need of medical treatment. With disregard for his own safety, Sergeant SWIFT administered first aid to the wounded men while under heavy enemy sniper fire and assisted with their evacuation back to an aid station. Sergeant SWIFT'S heroic act saved the lives of many of his comrades and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. James M. Swift, Father, RD #1, Hayti, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant WALLACE A. TENGGUIST, 37269857, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cape Opmerai, Dutch New Guinea from 30 December 1944 to 15 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Luriel Tengquist, Wife, 3822 West Fourth Street, Duluth, Minnesota.

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Private First Class STANLEY H. TURNBULL, 36546972, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Camp Abar #2, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Private TURNBULL volunteered to go forward of our front lines to assist in the rescue of several wounded men who were in dire need of medical treatment. With disregard for his own safety, Private TURNBULL administered first aid to the wounded men while under heavy enemy sniper fire and assisted with their evacuation back to an aid station. Private TURNBULL'S heroic act saved the lives of many of his comrades and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Martha E. Turnbull, Mother 214 Going Street, Pontiac, Michigan.

Major WILBUR D. VINCENT, 03261146, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 23 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dora Vincent, Wife, 1206 Lincoln Street, Boise, Idaho.

Private First Class ALAN W. WILLARD, 39243633, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lamon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 February 1945. When his assistant squad leader was wounded in front of our lines, Private WILLARD crawled forward over open terrain in order to reach his wounded comrade. After giving emergency first aid to the man, he retraced his steps, bringing the man back to the safety of our lines. During this successful achievement, Private WILLARD was under enemy rifle and machine gun fire from enemy positions one hundred yards to his front and right flank. His courageous act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Hattie W. Willard, Mother, 2312 Blanchard Drive, Glendale, California.

By command of Brigadier General HURDIS:

BRUCE PALLEN, JR.,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

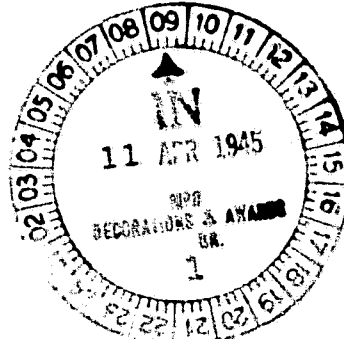
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6 December 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

1. [Illegible] Under the provisions of [Illegible] [Illegible] [Illegible] dated 27 October 1945, an amended [Illegible] is [Illegible] by the [Illegible] in [Illegible] with [Illegible] to the following [Illegible] list:

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A. J. [Illegible]
Capt., 2nd [Illegible]
Personnel Officer.

[Illegible]
[Illegible]
[Illegible]
[Illegible]

James E. Fickels
[Illegible]
1st Lt., 2nd [Illegible]
Personnel Officer.

(See attached GO 39, dated
30 Nov 45)

*Approved by the
AG/AG/AG*

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HEADQUARTERS 6TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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31 March 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 40)

ORIGINAL ORDER 5 *414E*

SECTION I - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR - POSTHUMOUSLY
SECTION II - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR
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SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918) a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant PIERRE FERRAN, JR., 01284310, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 February 1945. During an attack against strongly defended enemy positions, the platoon leader of one of Lieutenant FERRAN'S rifle platoons was seriously wounded and was evacuated, leaving his men without a leader at a time when enemy resistance in their sector was increasing. Lieutenant FERRAN left his company command post immediately and, after crawling one hundred yards forward over open terrain in full view of enemy machine gunners, actively took command of the platoon. Though seriously wounded, he continued to encourage the men and pressed the attack until they had taken considerable ground and were in a position to hold their gains. Later, Lieutenant FERRAN died from the wounds received in this engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Lois W. Ferran, Wife, 276 Randolph Street, Napa, California.

Staff Sergeant ENFORD H. GAGE, 39708156, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. During a night counterattack Sergeant GAGE located the position of an enemy knee mortar twenty-five yards to his front. Armed with hand grenades, he, voluntarily, crawled forward to destroy the enemy position. In his advance through rifle and knee mortar fire, Sergeant GAGE was wounded but continued on to a position only a few yards from the enemy location. He succeeded in killing the enemy and destroying the knee mortar. On his return to his squad's position, Sergeant GAGE was killed by enemy rifle fire. Sergeant GAGE'S courage and outstanding devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Nel King Gage, Wife, 6206 Temple Hill Drive, Hollywood, California.

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Private First Class EUGENE A. MELLENHALL, 37019434, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Ipanos, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. When several men in his company had been wounded in the front lines but could not be evacuated due to intense enemy fire, Private MELLENHALL, with complete disregard for his own safety, began working his way toward the area where the wounded men lay. Knowing that at any movement the enemy might direct fire upon him from their positions which were approximately one hundred yards to his front, his plan was to get forward as far as possible without being observed, then dash into the open and drag one casualty at a time back into a defiladed position. Following this plan of action, Private MELLENHALL was immediately cut down by enemy machine gun fire when he started his run toward a wounded comrade. His gallant act was a source of great inspiration to all the men with whom he served. Next of kin: Mrs. Lilly S. Londonhall, Mother, 715 25th Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

SECTION II

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918) a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class CLIFFORD R. CHAMBLEE, 38564052, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. During a night counterattack, several mortar rounds were received by Private CHAMBLEE'S machine gun squad. Private CHAMBLEE observed a soldier lying on the ground approximately ten yards away where he had fallen seriously wounded. He also observed that a white phosphorous grenade which the wounded soldier had been carrying in his belt had been ignited by mortar fragments and was starting to burn. Private CHAMBLEE rushed from his fox-hole, immediately, and threw the burning grenade away. In so doing, he received first degree burns on his hand and face. Although he was still under enemy fire, he carried the soldier to a safe position and administered first aid. Private CHAMBLEE'S gallant act reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Victoria Chamblee, Mother, Route 79, Box 324, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Sergeant ELMER A. VECHES, 37030119, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Layambayan, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945. When one gunner in his machine gun squad was killed and another injured during a night attack by the enemy, Sergeant VECHES, although seriously wounded by a hand grenade, took over the gun and succeeded in repulsing the enemy who had approached to within ten yards of his position. Only after the wounded's wounds were treated did Sergeant VECHES permit himself to be taken from the position and given first aid. His courage, determination and calm direction were instrumental in repulsing the enemy attack. Sergeant VECHES' gallantry was a great inspiration to all his men. Home address: Mr. Tony A. Veches, Father, Maple Lake, Minnesota.

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SECTION III

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Sergeant GLENN F. BALLARD, 36117172, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Sergeant BALLARD, battalion wire chief, was given the mission of establishing wire communication to assault companies of his battalion at a time when the companies were engaged in a heavy fire fight with the enemy. Without regard for his personal safety, Sergeant BALLARD led members of his wire section in laying wire through intense enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire and, in so doing, lost his life. Sergeant BALLARD'S courage and outstanding leadership were an inspiration to all his men and were responsible for excellent wire communications throughout the attack. Next of kin: Mrs. Betty Ballard, Wife, Route #1, Stryker, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND BOUVIA, 37045515, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. As squad leader of a 81mm mortar platoon attached to an assault rifle company, he was acting as forward observer for the advance elements. When intense enemy fire pinned down our forward elements and inflicted several casualties, the evacuation of the seriously wounded became a critical problem. With disregard for his own safety, Sergeant BOUVIA volunteered to go to the aid of a wounded comrade who was being subjected to deadly enemy sniper fire. Fearlessly he went forward and succeeded in reaching the wounded man. While attempting to place him on a stretcher, Sergeant BOUVIA was killed by an enemy sniper. His intrepidity at the cost of his own life reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna O. Bouvia, Mother, 527 East Sutter Street, Pocatello, Idaho.

Private First Class LELAND E. EDWARDS, 35442411, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Private EDWARDS, voluntarily and with disregard for his own safety, successfully withheld a group of enemy from infiltrating into our lines. When several enemy attempted to infiltrate, Private EDWARDS killed two and held off the others, making it possible for the other men of his squad to maneuver into better positions. His initiative and courage under fire and in the face of great odds were largely responsible for the success of his platoon's mission. Private EDWARDS died of wounds received in this engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret V. Edwards, Wife, 1422 Primrose Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia.

First Lieutenant TED L. EGBERT, 0407262, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 January 1945 to 15 January 1945. Next of kin: Mrs. Rita D. Egbert, Wife, 318 Second Street, Sausalito, California.

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Staff Sergeant PETER GOSTOVICH, 37031142, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Novaliches, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 February 1945. The leader of a rifle platoon of which Sergeant GOSTOVICH was a member fell seriously wounded in a spot which was directly in front of an enemy pillbox. Voluntarily, Sergeant GOSTOVICH, at great personal risk, went forward under heavy enemy fire and, alone, carried the wounded officer to a position of safety. Sergeant GOSTOVICH'S heroic act saved the life of the wounded officer and exemplifies the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Gostovich, Mother, 102 Sixth Street, Chisholm, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM J. ROEMER, 37021352, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Gauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 25 January 1945 to 28 January 1945. Next of kin: Mrs. Judith Roming, Mother, 4025 Stinson Blvd., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

SECTION IV

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, M.D. 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class RUSSELL M. BERGH, 37031248, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Santa Tomas, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. Private BERGH, with two of his comrades, upon seeing an anti-tank position knocked out by attacking enemy tanks, moved a 50 caliber machine gun into a position directly in the path of the oncoming enemy. Private BERGH, with two other enlisted men, succeeded in knocking out one enemy maintenance truck, one tracked prime mover and a 105mm field piece that had penetrated our forward defensive positions. His act greatly contributed to the success of the company mission. Home address: Mrs. Esther Berch, Mother, Gully, Minnesota.

Corporal ROBERT E. CROOK, 37007390, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Torres, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 January, 1945. Heavy enemy machine gun fire was sweeping the ground near the reconnaissance vehicle in which Corporal CROOK was riding. A friendly infantryman was seen to fall seriously wounded by the intense fire at some distance from the vehicle. Corporal CROOK, with disregard for his own safety, dismounted and rushed through the machine gun fire to aid the wounded man. He succeeded in evacuating his stricken comrade to a place of safety and proper medical treatment. Home address: Mrs. Helen L. Crook, Wife, Route #1, Maple, Missouri.

Corporal FREDERICK G. DEAS, 10069182, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Minion, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 January 1945. The scout platoon of which Corporal DEAS is a member was brought under intense artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire from well-camouflaged enemy positions and forced to withdraw. One member of the platoon was seriously wounded and was lying helpless in the area covered by enemy fire. Corporal DEAS, with disregard for his own safety, voluntarily, crawled

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back to his wounded comrade under intense fire and evacuated him to a protected position. His heroic act was a great inspiration to all the men with whom he serves and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Frederick G. Dyas, Sr., Father, 611 Country Line Rd., Hinsdale, Illinois.

Private First Class WILLIAM J. EUBANKS, 38519224, Infantry, United States Army for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hobe Eubanks, Mother, Box 681, Bastrop, Louisiana.

Technical Sergeant LEO C. FERGUSON, 6329238, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Santa Tomas, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. Sergeant FERGUSON, with two of his comrades, upon seeing an anti-tank position knocked out by attacking enemy tanks, moved a 50 caliber machine gun into a position directly in the path of the oncoming enemy. Sergeant FERGUSON, with two other enlisted men, succeeded in knocking out one enemy maintenance truck, one cracked prime mover and a 105mm. field piece that had penetrated our forward defensive positions. His act greatly contributed to the success of the company mission. Home address: Mrs. Mary A. Ferguson, Mother, 5950 Page Blvd, St. Louis, Missouri.

Corporal STEVE R. FUSH, 35318255, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Corporal FUSH volunteered to lead a patrol over open terrain to reconnoiter the flank of an enemy installation. After proceeding some distance, the patrol was pinned down by heavy automatic fire coming from positions seventy-five yards to their front. Corporal FUSH maneuvered to a position from which he could observe the source of enemy fire and forced them to withdraw by returning their fire. After locating a dug-in tank he returned to his patrol and led them back to our lines. He then assisted in directing mortar fire on the observed installation causing its destruction. Home address: Mrs. Anna O. Fush, Wife, 1552 East 31st Court, Lorain, Ohio.

Private First Class ALVA L. GAMBLE, 38472903, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Julog bridge crossing, Licab River, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. Private GAMBLE, with disregard for his own safety, dismounted from a vehicle in which he was riding and advanced under enemy fire in order to rescue a wounded soldier. He succeeded in carrying his wounded comrade across sixty yards of soft earth and through water to a place of safety where he administered first aid. Private GAMBLE'S courage reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Georgia L. Gamble, Mother, RR #1, Checotah, Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant BERTRAM C. GIRE, 37026717, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 10 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Bert C. Gire, Father, Parkers Prairie, Minnesota.

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Sergeant THEODORE G. HARRIS, 35026066, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 January 1945. The scout platoon of which Sergeant HARRIS is a member was brought under intense artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire from well-camouflaged enemy positions and forced to withdraw. One member of the platoon was seriously wounded and was lying helpless in the area covered by enemy fire. Sergeant HARRIS, with disregard for his own safety, voluntarily, crawled back to his wounded comrade under intense fire and evacuated him to a protected position. His heroic act was a great inspiration to all the men with whom he serves and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, Mother, 3415 East 149th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class RALPH D. HODGES, 39057528, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ava L. Hodges, Mother, 29 Spring Canyon, Bisbee, Arizona.

Technician Fourth Grade ARTHUR J. KROETSCH, 37028879, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rachell Kroetsch, Mother, RR 32, Walco, North Dakota.

Technical Sergeant LYLE C. KROGH, 37031054, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. Sergeant KROGH assumed command of his infantry platoon and, over rugged terrain, led his men in a night attack against strong enemy positions. With disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant KROGH exposed himself to enemy fire constantly in order to maneuver his platoon in such a way as to best protect his men and to accomplish their mission in the most expeditious manner. His courage and outstanding ability were a great inspiration to all his men. Home address: Mrs. Ida J. Krogh, Mother, Pingree, North Dakota.

Sergeant WILLIAM T. MILLER, 38431258, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. Fire from an enemy machine gun emplacement was impeding the advance of the left flank of his infantry company. Sergeant MILLER volunteered to advance and destroy the emplacement even though to do so meant exposing himself to intense enemy fire. Armed with a machine gun he advanced and delivered such a devastating volume of fire on the enemy that his company was able to proceed with the accomplishment of its mission. Home address: Mrs. Lela Miller, Mother, Route #4, Terrell, Texas.

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Staff Sergeant JOHN LINDEK, 35317647, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945. While repelling an enemy counterattack directed against Sergeant LINDEK'S platoon, the supply of ammunition for machine guns and rifles became depleted. His company area was subjected to heavily concentrated fire from enemy knee mortars. Despite this hazard, Sergeant LINDEK left his foxhole and crawled to a part of the perimeter where the ammunition was stored, and, upon his returning with the ammunition, distributed it immediately among his men. He made a second trip over the same fire-swept area and returned safely with more ammunition. He then crawled to a position where two wounded men lay and administered first aid to them. Sergeant LINDEK'S courage reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Lindek, Wife, 4012 Sackett Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Sergeant MANUEL POLANCO, 38067063, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. Sergeant POLANCO moved from the right flank of his company with his machine gun toward an enemy emplacement which was holding up our advance. As he continued on his mission he was constantly fired on by intense machine gun and sniper fire. Near his objective he opened up with his machine gun with fire that was so effective that the enemy had to abandon their position. Our troops were thus enabled to advance and destroy the gun. His courageous action greatly contributed to the completion of the company mission. Home address: Mrs. Basiliso Polanco, Wife, Box 715, Marfa, Texas.

Private First Class SALVATORE G. RINALDI, 31056868, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Santa Tomas, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. Private RINALDI, with two of his comrades, upon seeing an anti-tank position knocked out by attacking enemy tanks, moved a 50 caliber machine gun into a position directly in the path of the oncoming enemy. Private RINALDI, with two other enlisted men, succeeded in knocking out one enemy maintenance truck, one tracked prime mover and a 105mm field piece that had penetrated our forward defensive positions. His act greatly contributed to the success of the company mission. Home address: Mrs. Maria Rinaldi, Mother, 21 John Street, Johnston, Rhode Island.

Private First Class LOUIS J. RIZZO, 32843573, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Private RIZZO crawled forward under direct enemy fire to administer first aid and evacuate several seriously wounded men. Hearing the wounded men, Private RIZZO was hit by enemy sniper fire, but, with disregard for the safety of his own life, he continued to crawl forward to the wounded men and succeeded in administering first aid and in evacuating them to a safe place. Private RIZZO'S heroic act saved the lives of many of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Theresa Rizzo, Mother, 214 South Beaver Street, Dunkirk, New York.

Chief Warrant Officer TONY W. ROWLEY, W2118119, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 10 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Beatrice E. Rowley, Wife, 2701 E., RR #4, Lawton, Oklahoma.

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Private First Class LUTHER L. SEEL, 37059750, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. During an engagement with the enemy on 5 February 1945, two soldiers were seriously wounded by sniper fire. Private SEEL, company aid man, with no thought of his personal safety, rushed to them and, while under intense small arms fire, administered medical treatment to their wounds. While still under enemy fire, he successfully evacuated the wounded men to a place of safety. Private SEEL'S courage and ability saved the lives of the two men and were a great inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Alma D. Seel, Wife, 1216 South 7th Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class JOSEPH S. SHALMOUB, 36880034, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 2 February 1945 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise Shalmoeb, Mother, 8539 Quincy, Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class GEORGE J. SMOLICH, 39468726, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. While attacking an enemy emplacement consisting of a tank, a 105mm howitzer and three machine guns, our troops were forced to withdraw leaving a casualty lying in an open field which was exposed to enemy fire. Though near exhaustion from having evacuated casualties for two days under fire, he, voluntarily, followed his squad leader forward of our lines for a distance of one hundred yards to bring the wounded man back to safety. Home address: Mrs Mandy Smolich, Mother, 1533 Valley Avenue, Baker, Oregon.

Private First Class HOUSTON C. TAUL, 35487959, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Torres, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 January 1945. Voluntarily, Private TAUL exposed himself to intense enemy fire in order to keep the enemy pinned down while a wounded comrade was being evacuated from the field. His volume of fire was so effective that the casualty was loaded in a vehicle safely and evacuated to an aid station. Private TAUL'S courageous act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Cornelia Taul, Mother, Route 1, Hardinsburg, Kentucky.

SECTION V

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant CURTIS V. O'CONNOR, 37030561, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 5, Section I, General Orders No. 23, dated 20 July 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant CURTIS V. O'CONNOR, 01690778, (then Staff Sergeant), Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. While in command of a litter squad he rendered life-saving treatment and evacuated a casualty in the face of enemy fire. Though pinned

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dam by fire from the enemy and cross-fire from friendly troops, he succeeded in evacuating the wounded man in spite of these obstacles. Acting with disregard for his own safety, his courage, resourcefulness and leadership was a great inspiration to the men who were with him. Home address: Mrs. Lorraine M. O'Connor, Wife, 116 19th Avenue NE, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class GEORGE D. THOMPSON, 38307850, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, Section III, General Orders No. 26, dated 23 July 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class GEORGE D. THOMPSON, 38307850, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Matuba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 March 1945. While the Infantry company to which he was attached was subjected to heavy fire from enemy 6.4 inch mortars, a tree burst severely wounded three men about twenty yards to his front. Although the enemy had full observation of the area and were registering their mortars accurately, Private THOMPSON left the protection of his foxhole to crawl forward and render first aid to the wounded men. Mortar fire continued to fall in the area, but he stayed with the casualties, making them as comfortable as possible until they could be evacuated. Home address: Mrs. Lola T. Thompson, Mother, General Delivery, Troup, Texas.

SECTION VI

Pursuant to authority contained in War Department Circular No. 345, 23 August 1944, a meritorious Service Plaque is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division to the following named unit:

706th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company. For superior performance and outstanding devotion to duty from 8 October 1944 to 25 March 1945. Through the untiring efforts of the officers and men of the 706th Ordnance (Li) Company, the 6th Infantry Division was fully equipped and its ordnance materiel placed and maintained in a high degree of combat serviceability for the Luzon operation. These standards were accomplished under the most difficult weather and terrain conditions and with a minimum of extra equipment.

In the operation, forward elements of the 706th Ordnance (Li) Company landed with the assault waves and were soon followed by the main body of the Company which was set up and in operation near the beach by H plus six hours. This Company has rendered invaluable service to the Division throughout the entire operation. In spite of most rigorous combat conditions, vehicles and weapons were maintained in a serviceable condition. Replacements were made as promptly as the supply from higher echelons permitted. Ammunition and other Ordnance supplies were provided to the maximum degree. Long and difficult supply routes, shortages of critical material, frequent displacements of the company and dumps and repeated exposure to enemy fire have required the utmost expenditure of energy, ingenious resourcefulness and outstanding initiative for the successful accomplishment of the Company's assigned mission.

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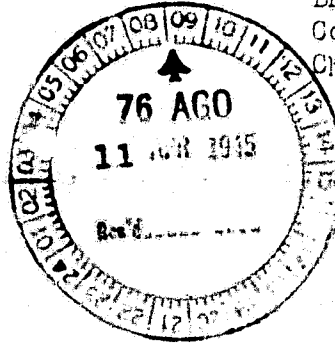
Such outstanding performance of duty in addition to exemplary standards of discipline, morale, military courtesy and appearance are deserving of fullest credit and are highly commendable.

By command of Brigadier General HURDIS:

BRUCE PALMER, JR.,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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Lt Col, A.G.D.,
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SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918) a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant HAROLD W. BIERAUGEL, (ASN: not yet assigned), (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Muno, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 February 1945. Three dug-in enemy tanks were holding up the advance of his infantry company. Lieutenant BIERAUGEL, with the assistance of two men, knocked out one tank with rifle grenades and then moved in to kill the crew and supporting infantrymen with hand grenades and bayonets. Seeing a Jap about to shoot one of his men, Lieutenant BIERAUGEL lunged at the Jap throwing him in a position to be bayoneted by one of our infantrymen. Lieutenant BIERAUGEL'S superb courage and outstanding leadership were a great inspiration to all his men. Home address: Mrs. Anna Bieraugel, Mother, 916 N. Washington Street, New Ulm, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant DURWARD P. BRANDT, 37029440, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Muno, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant BRANDT volunteered to crawl through the enemy lines to locate enemy tanks and field pieces which had held up the advance of his battalion for three days. After crawling two hundred yards through the enemy positions, he returned to the battalion commander and reported the location of two enemy tanks and a 47mm gun. He then directed mortar fire against the enemy weapons knocking them out and enabling his unit to continue its advance. Home address: Mrs. Etta Brandt, Mother, Perth, North Dakota.

Private First Class WILLIAM F. CURTIS, 39466948, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. While in an attack at Mount Baytangan on 19 March 1945, Private CURTIS, with complete disregard for his personal safety, crawled seventy-five yards under heavy enemy small arms fire to the front of his platoon and killed eleven enemy who were halting the advance of his platoon. This action enabled his platoon to move forward and capture two enemy field pieces. Home address: Mrs. Flora H. Curtis, Mother, Box 184, Cashmere, Washington.

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Private First Class TROY F. EVINS, 37007661, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Muno, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. Private EVINS, with utter disregard for his personal safety, moved forward of his platoon's front line into direct fire from enemy machine guns, 47mm guns and advancing enemy tanks in order to hold off enemy troops who were supporting the tanks. By firing his automatic rifle, Private EVINS held off the enemy troops, held his platoon's front line, and broke up a counterattack. Throughout this action he showed the highest degree of leadership and soldierly qualities. Home address: Mr. Cleve Evins, Father, Route #1, Pomona, Missouri.

Private First Class ADAM L. HAUCK, 36694490, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Muno, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. In plain view and only fifty yards from an enemy tank which was moving its turret in his direction, Private HAUCK, on his own initiative, advanced over open ground to within thirty-five yards of the tank to destroy it with his rocket launcher. A few minutes later, he made another direct hit on a tank seventy-five yards in front which was charging the company line. Private HAUCK'S gallantry saved his company and the adjacent front line company many casualties and cleared the area for his battalion to advance. Home address: Mrs. Marguerite F. Hauck, Mother, 18028 North Park Avenue, Lansing, Illinois.

Captain ROBERT E. PHELPS, 024165, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Upon starting an attack an infantry company under the command of Captain PHELPS was almost immediately engaged by the strongly entrenched enemy. Despite the severe opposition, Captain PHELPS, always at the front of his company, succeeded in leading his men across one thousand yards of extremely rough terrain under enemy machine gun, mortar and small arms fire. The company was pinned down at the base of a high ridge. Observing one particularly strong pillbox, Captain PHELPS crawled toward it in the face of intense fire. He threw a grenade into the embrasure, but it was tossed back at him, severely wounding both his legs. In spite of the gravity of his wounds, Captain PHELPS refused to be evacuated, choosing to remain with his men in order to direct their efforts. Only after another officer ordered the litter bearers to take him back, forcibly if necessary, did Captain PHELPS consent to be evacuated. His men were so inspired by his great courage and gallantry that they rapidly pushed on to take the ridge. Home address: Mrs. Jeanita Phelps, Wife, 426 South Fourth Street, Corballis, Oregon.

SECTION II

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant CHARLES W. ALLEN, 01303998, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 29 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Robert W. Allen, Father, Route #2, Box 44, Montrose, Colorado.

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Private First Class CLARENCE O. ANDERSON, 37019346, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 February 1945. When his assault platoon was pinned down by fire from a well-concealed enemy tank, Private ANDERSON, with complete disregard for his own safety, continued to advance using the dike of a rice paddy as his only cover. After reaching a point fifty yards from the tank, he exposed himself to enemy fire in order to fire three grenades accurately. His heroic action disabled the tank to the extent that he was able to assault and complete the destruction of the tank and its occupants thereby permitting his company to resume its advance. Home address: Mrs. Winnie Anderson, Mother, La Porte, Minnesota.

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A Captain JOHN P. ARNTZ, 0410586, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. While his infantry battalion was making an attack against enemy positions on Mount Mataba, Captain ARNTZ went forward to the battalion observation post which was located in an exposed area. Enemy mortars were firing on the battalion observation post and, also, on a leading assault company. Although the mortar fire was coming within five yards of his position, Captain ARNTZ remained at the post directing friendly 81mm mortar fire until the enemy was silenced and his battalion was able to take its objective. Home address: Mrs. J. P. Arntz, Mother, 623 North Lincoln Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Private HAROLD BROWNING, 6276168, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 February 1945. When the advance of his squad was temporarily impeded by enemy fire from a well-concealed position, Private BROWNING, voluntarily, crawled over open terrain to within fifteen yards of a dug-in enemy tank and hurled two smoke grenades. With the visibility of the tank completely obstructed by smoke, the squad was able to close in and reduce the enemy fortification and continue the advance. Private BROWNING'S heroic act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Florence E. Browning, Mother, Route #1, Medara, Indiana.

Private First Class ROBERT L. BURETT, 37539270, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. Private BURETT was leading scout in his platoon which was under heavy enemy small arms fire. Hearing an enemy machine gun firing from a concealed position on his left flank, he crawled up to the position in the face of concentrated enemy fire, killed four enemy and captured the machine gun thereby greatly assisting in the continued advance of his platoon. Home address: Mrs. Blanche F. Burnett, Mother, 1109 S. Hight Street, Kirksville, Missouri.

Captain GEORGE O. BURT, 0410589, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 27 March 1945. Home address: Mr. George K. Burt, Father, 120 Second Street, S.D., Watertown, South Dakota.

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Second Lieutenant GEORGE A. CARLSON, 02037202, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 27 March 1945. Home address: Mr. John S. Carlson, Brother, 2540 S. Delaware, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Private First Class RAY B. CARNER, 37625259, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manos, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Private CARNER, a litter bearer, was posted about fifty yards behind a battalion outpost. When an infantry company commander directed mortar fire on some dug-in tanks, the tanks started moving and firing 47mm shells into the area causing several casualties in a very few minutes. With enemy fire still raining down on the battlefield, Private CARNER went forward with his litter squad and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded men to a place of safety. Home address: Mrs. Jewell Carner, Mother, Route #2, Kennett, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant CLIFFORD B. CHRISTIANSON, 37028937, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manos, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. Sergeant CHRISTIANSON, voluntarily, planned and laid a mine field which was successful in repulsing an enemy tank counterattack and directly responsible for the destruction of three enemy tanks. After the attack Sergeant CHRISTIANSON went forward of our front lines, exposing himself to enemy fire, in order to mark the limits of the mine field so that advancing friendly troops would not be endangered. Home address: Mrs. Bernie Christianson, Wife, Hillsboro, North Dakota.

Technical Sergeant RICHARD S. DROWN, 37029590, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Partangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. At approximately 2400 hours on the night of 21 March 1945, the infantry company of which Sergeant DROWN is a member was counterattacked by the enemy. With disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant DROWN ran from one of his mortars to another encouraging his men and directing fire so effectively that the enemy was repulsed immediately. His mortar section alone accounted for thirty-five of the enemy dead. Sergeant DROWN'S courage and cool efficiency under fire reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Betsie Drown, Mother, Route #2, Sharon, North Dakota.

Captain JAMES E. EMANUEL, 0410537, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Partangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 March 1945. When his company was pinned down by enemy fire while making an attack against enemy positions, Captain EMANUEL, personally, led his company on a flanking movement through a thickly wooded area and, unassisted, killed five enemy and knocked out one machine gun. Because of this successful flanking movement, his company and battalion were able to reach and secure their objective. Home address: Mr. Edward E. Emanuel, Father, Milbank, South Dakota.

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Technical Sergeant ROGER S. FOUNTAIN, 37027888, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Quimba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Sergeant FOUNTAIN led a five-man patrol seven miles across country, under cover of darkness, to reconnoiter the area and gain information concerning enemy activity. Upon reaching the outskirts of the town, he heard enemy talking and trucks moving about. He left his patrol under cover and, with complete disregard for his personal safety, entered the town. He succeeded in locating the positions of many enemy tanks and guns and returning with very valuable information for his battalion commander. Home address: Mrs. Clare Fountain, Mother, Cresbard, South Dakota.

Second Lieutenant CARROLL L. GREGORY, (ASN: not yet assigned), (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy enroute to and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 25 December 1944 to 29 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Louise Gregory, Wife, 751 East Harrison Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant LEONARD L. HOFFMAN, 37038239, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Balor, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Sergeant HOFFMAN volunteered to lead a platoon patrol to reconnoiter an area from Guyapo to Bunal to Santo Rosario, over which area a proposed offensive move was anticipated. Arriving in the vicinity of Balor, two enemy machine guns opened up on the patrol. Sergeant HOFFMAN immediately dispersed his patrol to secure an observation point from which he could sketch the enemy position. Working by moonlight, he skillfully outlined enemy positions and carefully observed enemy motorized columns. Reorganizing his patrol, Sergeant HOFFMAN returned from the enemy territory and delivered a complete and accurate report to his battalion commander which report was instrumental in formulating the plans for a successful drive through the area. Home address: Mrs. Ruth L. Hoffman, Wife, Oxford, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant SETH G. HUNTINGTON, 37019455, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 23 March 1945. Home address: Mr. George Huntington, Father, Mora, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant CLARK K. KIRKER, 35206486, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 27 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen J. Kirker, Wife, 6655 Chestnut Street, Mariemont, Ohio.

First Lieutenant BERNARD F. KUKULKA, 01302989, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. Lieutenant KUKULKA went forward while his platoon was being counterattacked in order to direct his men in laying effective fire on the enemy. He evacuated several casualties to the rear, returning from each trip with ammunition and water for his platoon. His calm instructions and words of encouragement were an inspiration to all his men. Home address: Mrs. Helen Kaminski, Sister, 262 Shumway, Buffalo, New York.

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Second Lieutenant FRANK H. MESOJEDOC, (ASN: not yet assigned), (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 27 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Joseph Mesojedoc, Father, Box 22, Aclind, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant SHERWOOD L. OLSEN, 37037975, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Payangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. During a severe counterattack against his company on the morning of 18 March 1945. Sergeant OLSEN left the security of a dug-in position to take over the duties of platoon sergeant, immediately upon learning that the regularly assigned platoon sergeant had been wounded. Without regard for his own safety, he moved from gun to gun under heavy small arms and mortar fire to reassign men to positions where the enemy had inflicted casualties. Because of his initiative and courage, all heavy machine guns were kept in action until the enemy counterattack repulsed. Home address: Mr. Andrew Olsen, Father, Route #3, Westbrook, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant RAYMOND B. OVERTON, 01316450, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bance, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and artillery fire, Lieutenant OVERTON crawled forward to within fifty yards of a tank which was being defended by its crew armed with rifles and a machine gun. Lieutenant OVERTON then directed mortar fire on the tank and crew with such accuracy that they were destroyed, permitting his platoon to advance. Lieutenant OVERTON'S courage and skillful leadership were a great inspiration to all his men. Home address: Mrs. Edith B. Overton, Mother, 3003 East Grand Blvd., Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class HAROLD PENWELL, 33407394, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bance, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Private PENWELL volunteered to go with a patrol to reconnoiter the right flank of an infantry company. While advancing over difficult terrain, the patrol was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire coming from a point seventy-five yards to their front. Private PENWELL killed two of the enemy and then maneuvered to higher ground from which he spotted two emplacements and a dug-in tank. After returning to our lines he helped direct mortar fire on these positions, resulting in their neutralization. Home address: Mr. Jay T. Penwell, Father, P.O. #1, Edinburg, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant CHARLES S. RHODES, 01234765, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bance, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 3 February 1945 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary S. Rhodes, wife, 3321 Montview Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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Captain HUBERT B. SCHMERBAUCH, 01295091, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. While his company was making an attack against the enemy on Mount Baytangan, Captain SCHMERBAUCH came under intense enemy rifle fire which was pinning down his leading platoon. The enemy had commanding high ground and were entrenched in dug-in positions and caves. He, personally, led the support platoon of the company around the flank and directed 60mm mortar fire on the enemy positions, knocking them out and enabling his company and battalion to advance and take their objective. Home address: Mrs. Margaret D. Schmerbauch, Wife, RFD #4, Box 142, Mavco Road, Mobile, Alabama.

Private First Class SHIRLEY T. SKIDMORE, JR., 37033609, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Private SKIDMORE volunteered to go with a patrol and investigate the source of enemy fire which had been delaying his company's advance for four days. The patrol reached a point seventy-five yards in front of the enemy before fired upon by an enemy machine gun. By taking advantage of the little concealment available, the patrol managed to reach and destroy the emplacement. Unaccompanied, Private SKIDMORE, then, went fifty yards farther from which point he spotted a dug-in tank and two pillboxes. After returning to our lines, he directed mortar fire on the tank and pillboxes, completely demolishing them. Home address: Mr. Ben W. Skidmore, Father, Box 111, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Sergeant LEWIS L. STENSETH, 37025138, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On the night of 7 February 1945, when his unit was subjected to an enemy counterattack by tanks and supporting troops, Sergeant STENSETH advanced forward for a distance of seventy-five yards in front of our lines and, by firing his automatic rifle, kept enemy troops from infiltrating or rushing our positions. At the same time he adjusted 4.2 mortar fire on an enemy half-track which was towing a 105mm howitzer. The mortar fire destroyed the vehicle and howitzer along with its crew. Sergeant STENSETH'S courage and outstanding ability reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Tina Stenseth, Mother, Route #4, Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant ROBERT A. STROM, 37268343, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 23 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Frida Strom, Mother, 1714 Fremont Avenue, North, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private First Class DAVID W. WIDMER, 39921708, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Private WIDMER, a litter bearer, was posted about fifty yards behind a battalion outpost. When an Infantry company commander directed mortar fire on some dug-in tanks, the tanks started moving and firing 47mm shells into the area causing several casualties in a very few minutes. With enemy fire still raining down on the battlefield, Private WIDMER went forward with his litter squad and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded men to a place of safety. Home address: Miss Margaret W. Widmer, Sister, Geneva, Idaho.

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Private First Class CALVIN D. WILLIS, 39340868, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 February 1945 to 4 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lillian M. Willis, Mother, Alsea, Oregon.

Private First Class CALVIN C. WRIGHT, 39142283, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Private WRIGHT, a litter bearer, was posted about fifty yards behind a battalion outpost. When an infantry company commander directed mortar fire on some dug-in tanks, the tanks started moving and firing 47mm shells into the area causing several casualties in a very few minutes. With enemy fire still raining down on the battlefield, Private WRIGHT went forward with his litter squad and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded men to a place of safety. Home address: Mrs. Lola D. Wright, Mother, Route #1, DeQueen, Arkansas.

Private First Class LAWRENCE YANEZ, 37579514, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Private YANEZ, a litter bearer, was posted about fifty yards behind a battalion outpost. When an infantry company commander directed mortar fire on some dug-in tanks, the tanks started moving and firing 47mm shells into the area causing several casualties in a very few minutes. With enemy fire still raining down on the battlefield, Private YANEZ went forward with his litter squad and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded men to a place of safety. Home address: Mrs. Olivia Yanez, Wife, 234½ E. Indiana Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class EUGENE J. YOUNG, 39339536, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 February 1945 to 4 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Wilma Young, Mother, 520 N. Nonmouth Avenue, Nonmouth, Oregon.

SECTION III

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class ERNEST H. DIGBY, 17180033, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 7, Section III, General Orders No. 33, dated 22 August 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, MD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class ERNEST H. DIGBY, 17180033, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 February 1945. Private DIGBY moved forward of his platoon about seventy-five yards across and along an open road to rescue a seriously wounded member of his squad. His movement forward and his return were along a concentrated lane of enemy machine gun and 47mm fire from an enemy tank located at a distance of one hundred and twenty-five yards. His heroic act was a great inspiration to all men with whom he serves. Home address: Mr. Thomas C. Digby, Father, 1938 South Main Street, Carthage, Missouri.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant ANTON T. LENZ, 37007531, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 5, Section I, General Orders No. 23, dated 20 July 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technical Sergeant ANTON T. LENZ, 37007531, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lanoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. Sergeant LENZ, on his own initiative and under heavy enemy machine gun and 47mm gun fire, moved forward to contact an outpost which was located two hundred yards in front of his platoon. From this position, the men were able to deliver effective fire upon enemy troops and tanks and to hold the front line of the platoon intact. Four enemy tanks and an undetermined number of enemy were destroyed. Sergeant LENZ' courage and outstanding devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Peter J. Lenz, Father, RFD #1, Hartsburg, Missouri.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fourth Grade ALLEN W. LONG, 37057669, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 5, Section I, General Orders No. 24, dated 21 July 1944, ~~a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster~~ is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

award to read "Silver Star" by Ho 165 - Aug 16, 1945
Technician Fourth Grade ALLEN W. LONG, 37057669, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lanoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. While attacking an enemy emplacement consisting of a tank, 105mm howitzer and three machine guns, our troops were forced to withdraw leaving a casualty lying in an open field. Technician LONG rushed out into the field of fire and rescued the casualty. He then assisted his squad in carrying the wounded man over one hundred yards of open terrain to a place of safety. Home address: Mrs. Lou Ader Long, Mother, Route #2, Senath, Missouri.

By command of Brigadier General HURDIS:

BRUCE PALMER, JR.,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

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- SECTION I - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR - POSTHUMOUSLY
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SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918) a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant ANSEL W. ALFORD, 01299365, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. As a rifle company commander he skillfully planned and organized an attack upon heavily fortified enemy positions which were strategically located on high ground. With utter disregard for his own safety, he, personally, led the assault and directed the attack from a position among his foremost elements. His daring leadership and courage under fire, at the cost of his own life, greatly inspired the men he commanded and resulted in the successful accomplishment of his company's mission. Lieutenant ALFORD'S courageous actions reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Sarah E. Alford, Wife, Nokomo, Mississippi.

Citation amended by Ho 165 - Aug 16, 1945

* Private First Class ROBERT L. COST, 35413790, Cavalry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 January 1945. An enemy force, estimated to have been a battalion reinforced, was disposed along a road in expertly camouflaged positions. The terrain was flat and visibility excellent. A friendly patrol, of which Private COST was a 37mm gunner in an armored car, pushing eastward along this road was suddenly brought under intense artillery, machine gun and small arms fire from the enemy positions. It was necessary that the patrol withdraw. The armored car in which Private COST was gunner suffered repeated hits by enemy shell fire. Private COST continued to place fire upon the enemy, enabling his patrol to withdraw. While so engaged in covering the withdrawal of the patrol his own vehicle was demolished and burned by enemy artillery fire. Private COST'S gallantry, at the sacrifice of his life, was great inspiration to all the men with whom he served. Next of kin: Mr. Kenneth S. Cost, Father, Route #2, Liberty, Ohio.

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Second Lieutenant WILLIAM J. DRISCOLL, 02037049, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Cabaruan Village, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. As a rifle platoon leader, he personally, led his platoon in an assault over difficult terrain against well-entrenched enemy positions. When his men were pinned down by intense enemy fire from two pillboxes, he, without regard for his personal safety, assaulted one of the positions and neutralized it with fire from his sub-machine gun. He then efficiently deployed one of his squads in a flanking attack on the remaining position, enabling his unit to continue their advance. When his platoon had gained their objective, he gallantly covered with fire the evacuation of his wounded comrades, and, in so doing, was mortally wounded. His daring leadership and courage under fire was an inspiration to the men under his command. Next of kin: Mrs. Marcella Driscoll, Wife, 624 Millmore Road, Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ORVILLE L. HALLAN, 6823909, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Intense enemy fire from a well-concealed emplacement was seriously impeding the advance of an infantry platoon of which Private HALLAN was a member. Voluntarily, Private HALLAN made his way forward under the intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire in a gallant attempt to destroy the enemy position. After he had succeeded in killing several of the enemy and weakened the position to the extent that his platoon was able to advance and secure their objective, Private HALLAN was killed by enemy sniper fire. His gallantry was a great inspiration to all the men with whom he served and reflects highest credit upon the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mr. Oscar Hallan, Father, Box 104, Bagley, Minnesota.

Private First Class JAMES D. KENNEDY, 39214237, Cavalry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Manion, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. An enemy force, estimated to have been a battalion reinforced, was disposed along a road in expertly camouflaged positions. The terrain was flat and visibility excellent. A friendly patrol of which Private KENNEDY was machine gunner, pushing eastward along the road, was suddenly brought under intense artillery, machine gun and small arms fire from the enemy positions. It became necessary for the patrol to withdraw while under fire. Private KENNEDY, ordered to abandon his vehicle, had reached the cover of a ditch. But, upon seeing the danger to other members of his patrol, he returned to the vehicle and dismounted a machine gun in order to cover the withdrawal of the patrol by returning fire upon the enemy. While so doing, he was wounded by shell fragments from enemy artillery and later died as a result of the wounds. Next of kin: Mr. James F. Kennedy, Father, Box 217, Snoqualmie, Washington.

Captain DANIEL S. LASHELLE, 024276, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. As an adjutant of an infantry battalion engaged in combat, Captain LASHELLE, on his own initiative, organized and personally led Filipino and American litter teams into the enemy fire to evacuate our casualties. The battlefield was being raked by intense enemy automatic weapons and sniper fire. Gallantly he directed the evacuation of his wounded comrades-in-arms until he fell mortally wounded. Because of his courage and skillful leadership, many lives were saved. Captain LASHELLE'S actions were far beyond the call of duty and are deserving of the highest praise. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Jane Lashelle, Wife, 435 South Clinton, Wichita, Kansas.

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SECTION II

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918) a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant EVERETT H. HANVEY, 2082127F, Cavalry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 February 1945. Sergeant HANVEY, voluntarily, risked his own life to administer first aid to casualties sustained during a terrific enemy artillery barrage. Enemy shells fell on our positions at the rate of three or four shells every five minutes and, because the guns were being fired at point-blank range, many casualties were suffered. The wounded were lying in open terrain, fully exposed to the shelling which continued unabated for twenty-five minutes. Disregarding the danger to himself, Sergeant HANVEY left the safety of an entrenched position and dashed through the murderous fire to the aid of his stricken comrades. He moved from one casualty to another, hurriedly rendering first aid, bolstering the spirits of the wounded men with words of encouragement, and assisting in their removal to a place of safety. Sergeant HANVEY'S intrepidity set an inspiring example for all our troops. Home address: Mrs. Theresa Hanvey, Wife, 1122 South Mont Clair, Dallas, Texas.

Private First Class HENRY A. HOPPER, 34142340, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Private HOPPER, a machine gunner, was advancing with an infantry platoon in an assault against the enemy, when they were suddenly brought under intense machine gun and small arms fire from an enemy emplacement, making further advance impossible. Voluntarily, Private HOPPER, disregarding his own safety, worked his way forward armed with a rifle to find a position from which he could fire into the emplacement. Upon reaching the enemy position, Private HOPPER, by firing from the hip, killed all the enemy in the emplacement and thereby made the rapid advance of his platoon possible. Private HOPPER'S courage and daring initiative reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Roxie Hopper, Mother, Speedwell, Tennessee.

Private First Class MATHEW B. JACOBS, 37009118, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Santa Tomas, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. Four enemy medium tanks, one truck and a prime mover towing a 105mm howitzer attempted to move through the area of his anti-tank platoon. One of the tanks swerved to overrun the 37mm gun which was manned by Private JACOBS. With great tenacity and bravery, Private JACOBS stayed with his gun firing at the oncoming tank until it was within fifteen yards of his position. The tank was damaged by the last round of ammunition leaving his gun to the extent that it moved forward only far enough to demolish the 37mm anti-tank gun, wounding Private JACOBS by pinning his arm on the right trail of his gun. The tank having been knocked out of action, its engine was immediately killed. Home address: Mr. Nick Jacobs, Father, 512 East Asaley Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

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Corporal PHILIP E. LANGIN, 37119240, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Novaliches, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. When his field artillery battalion area was brought under enemy artillery fire estimated to be caliber 105mm or larger, the first round of the enemy artillery concentration hit the battalion gasoline and oil dump, setting about thirteen drums of fuel on fire, thus endangering the battalion personnel installations and equipment as well as furnishing the enemy artillery a large and definite aiming point. Corporal LANGIN realized the need for a bulldozer, and, although not regularly assigned as a driver, quickly secured and drove a bulldozer to the fuel dump and began to embank the burning dump. The enemy shelling lasted twenty-five minutes with approximately twelve rounds falling inside the battalion area in the immediate vicinity of the fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Corporal LANGIN worked continuously and gallantly through the dangers of flying shrapnel and burning gasoline and oil drums which threatened to explode during the entire action. He succeeded in extinguishing the fire before damage occurred to the surrounding area. Home address: Mrs. Violette Iola Langin, Wife, Imperial, Nebraska.

Private First Class JOHN R. LEONG, 39863167, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private LEONG, a medical aid man attached to a rifle company which was charging up a difficult mountainside, administered medical aid to casualties while under intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Throughout the night he made countless trips up and down the steep slopes and through wooded ravines searching for the wounded and administering medical attention where needed. When several attempts by others had failed to reach and evacuate a wounded comrade, he crawled under withering enemy fire to the wounded man's side and gave him much needed medical aid. He successfully assisted with the evacuation of this wounded man and numerous other casualties down a tortuous route, thereby saving many lives. His courageous action under direct enemy fire bolstered the morale of the surrounding troops and is deserving of highest praise. Home address: Mr. Ng Hook Leong, Father, 617 First Street, Yuma, Arizona.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES L. NOWER, 17076590, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Novaliches, Rizal, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. When his field artillery battalion area was brought under enemy artillery fire estimated to be caliber 105mm or larger, the first round of the enemy artillery concentration hit the battalion gasoline and oil dump, setting about thirteen drums of fuel on fire, thus endangering the personnel installations and equipment as well as furnishing the enemy artillery a large and definite aiming point. Technician NOWER, a bulldozer operator, together with another man, worked fearlessly through flying shrapnel and the threat of explosion from the burning fuel drums, embanking the fire with a bulldozer. The fire was extinguished before serious damage resulted to the surrounding area. Technician NOWER'S gallantry reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Alfred Alvia Nower, Father, Route #1, Weston, Missouri.

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Technician Fifth Grade JOHN F. POTTEIGER, 33504600, (then Private First Class) Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. During an attack on enemy positions on a high ridge along the Damortis-Rosario line, our troops encountered strong enemy resistance. Technician POTTEIGER, with complete disregard for his personal safety, made his way forward through a heavy artillery barrage in order to reach wounded soldiers who were members of an adjacent platoon and render first aid. Then, dashing across a ridge in the face of grenade and sniper fire, he carried wounded men of his own platoon who had fallen directly in front of an active enemy pillbox back to a protected position where he administered life-saving treatment. Technician POTTEIGER'S superb courage and untiring efforts saved the lives of many of his comrades and reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Ella Potteiger, Mother, Adamstown, Pennsylvania.

Corporal LESLIE G. STREIBLE, 35104553, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Santa Tomas, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. Four enemy medium tanks, one truck and a prime mover towing a 105mm howitzer attempted to move through the area of his anti-tank gun platoon. One of the tanks swerved to overrun the 37mm gun which was manned by Corporal STREIBLE. With great tenacity and bravery, Corporal STREIBLE stayed with his gun firing at the oncoming tank until it was within fifteen yards of his position. The tank was damaged by the last round of ammunition leaving his gun to the extent that it moved forward only far enough to demolish the 37mm anti-tank gun. The tank having been knocked out of action by this last shot at point-blank range, its crew was immediately killed. Home address: Mr. Joseph Streible, Father, PeeWee Valley, Kentucky.

SECTION III

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Sergeant HARVEY B. BUNGARD, 6297398, by the Commanding General, 1st Cavalry Division as published on page 1, Section II, General Orders No. 5, dated 12 January 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Sergeant HARVEY B. BUNGARD, 6297398, Cavalry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 February 1945. Sergeant BUNGARD, voluntarily, risked his own life to administer first aid to casualties sustained during a terrific enemy artillery barrage. Enemy shells fell on our positions at the rate of three or four shells every five minutes and, because the guns were being fired at point-blank range, many casualties were suffered. The wounded were lying in open terrain, fully exposed to the shelling which continued unabated for twenty-five minutes. Disregarding the danger to himself, Sergeant BUNGARD left the safety of an entrenched position and dashed through the murderous fire to the aid of his stricken comrades. He moved from one casualty to another, hurriedly rendering first aid, bolstering the spirits of the wounded men with words of encouragement, and assisting in their removal to a place of safety. Sergeant BUNGARD'S intrepidity set an inspiring example for all our troops. Home address: Mrs. Bonnie Bee Bungard, wife, Henryetta, Oklahoma.

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SECTION IV

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 1119, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Captain FRANK L. BAIR, 01293884, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mababa, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945. Captain BAIR was ordered to disengage and withdraw his rifle company down a steep and extremely hazardous mountainside which was under constant enemy observation and fire. Communications being out of order, he exposed himself to withering fire from enemy automatic weapons and mortars in order to contact his platoons and organize their descent. Under cover of darkness he returned with a patrol to the mountain in an attempt to evacuate the wounded. Over a period of many hours, his unceasing and untiring efforts were devoted to rescuing members of his beleaguered unit and, because of his tenacious efforts all his wounded men were successfully evacuated. His cool efficiency and courage under enemy fire greatly inspired the men under his command and reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Miss Elizabeth Bair, Sister, 1186 Lincoln Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class WALTER T. BRAZASKI, 36410708, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Hanoz area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Private BRAZASKI, a machine gunner in an infantry company, exposed himself constantly to enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire in order to gain advantageous positions from which he could deliver effective covering fire for advancing riflemen of his company. His courage and outstanding devotion to duty contributed greatly to the successful accomplishment of his company's mission. Home address: Mrs. Anna Brazaski, Mother, Auburn, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade EUGENE V. DRINAN, 36040598, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. During an attack on strongly defended enemy positions located in the highlands near Rabon, Technician DRINAN volunteered to go forward from a battalion aid station to an area immediately behind our fighting troops. Though litter squads were pinned down by enemy fire, he fearlessly dashed across a ridge to reach the wounded men and, under fire, administered first aid and made preparations for their evacuation. Technician DRINAN'S great courage and cool efficiency saved the lives of many of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Drinan, Mother, RFD #1, Blackstone, Illinois.

Private First Class ROBERT T. FLOYD, 37626002, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Ettaloe Floyd, Mother, Hermitage, Missouri.

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SECTION V

So much of Section I, General Orders No. 38, Headquarters 6th Infantry Division APO 6, dated 29 March 1945, as pertains to Private First Class GLEN BARNETT, 36692441, Infantry, as reads: "a Bronze Star Medal is awarded and the following substituted therefor: "in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private GLEN BARNETT, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, Section III, General Orders No. 33, Headquarters 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, dated 22 August 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded".

By command of Brigadier General HURDIS:

OFFICIAL:

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Lt Col, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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So much of Section I, General Orders No. 38, Headquarters 6th Infantry Division APO 6, dated 29 March 1945, as pertains to Private First Class GLEN BARNETT, 36692441, Infantry, as reads: "A Bronze Star Medal is awarded" is deleted and the following substituted therefor: "in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private GLEN BARNETT, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, Section III, General Orders No. 33, Headquarters 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, dated 22 August 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded".

By command of Brigadier General HURDIS:

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- SECTION I - AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL
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SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Major JOSEPH J. GRANDONE, 0303356, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary M. Grandone, Wife, 212 Henry Street, Gillespie, Illinois.

Sergeant FLOYD M. HESSE, 37031221, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Sergeant HESSE and his heavy machine gun section were attached to a rifle platoon which was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. The enemy gun could not be located because of its expertly camouflaged position. Sergeant HESSE worked his way forward and, at great personal risk, definitely located the machine gun in a pillbox and then signaled his section to take a covered route of approach to a firing position he had chosen. After working his way back to the firing position, he zeroed the guns on the target and directed effective fire which destroyed the enemy emplacement, enabling the rifle platoon to advance and accomplish its mission. Home address: Mr. George Hesse, Father, Route 41, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD KIRCHMEIER, 37032730, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Otto Kirchner, Brother, Route #3, Box 560, Olympia, Washington.

Sergeant CALVIN C. KOHLER, 36547085, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Sergeant KOHLER, a machine gunner in an infantry company, exposed himself constantly to enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire in order to gain an advantageous position from which he could deliver effective covering fire for advancing riflemen of his company. His courage and outstanding devotion to duty contributed greatly to the successful accomplishment of his company's mission. Home address: Mr. Charles Kohler, Father, 412 Scott Street, Monroe, Michigan.

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Major LLOYD L. LEONARD, 0346757, Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Goodenough Island, New Guinea from 3 December 1943 to 14 December 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marie G. Leonard, Wife, 707 Newell, Dallas, Texas.

Second Lieutenant OTHAR T. MORPHIS, (ASN: not yet assigned), (then Staff Sergeant), Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands. At 0400 hours on 28 January 1945, Lieutenant MORPHIS, voluntarily and with disregard for his personal safety, rushed through enemy mortar fire in order to rescue two wounded comrades. By moonlight, he assisted in giving blood plasma to the two wounded men and remained with them, in spite of enemy fire, administering first aid until daylight at which time the wounded men were evacuated. Lieutenant MORPHIS' heroic act saved the lives of his comrades and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ellna A. Morphis, Wife, Box 1290 Merced, California.

Private First Class VERNON R. NOELTING, 36712680, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 January 1945. When the normal evacuation route became too dangerous for use by litter bearers because of heavy enemy artillery fire, Private NOELTING, on his own initiative, reconnoitered the area and opened up an alternate evacuation route. While helping with the evacuation of wounded men, Private NOELTING was pinned down by sniper fire. By taking advantage of the little concealment available, he crawled forward and killed the enemy sniper with a hand grenade. Because of his initiative, bravery and untiring efforts, many lives of his comrades were saved. Home address: Mr. Walter Noelting, Father, 2064 Campbell Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Captain HARVEY E. POCHARD, 01170141, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Amoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. During a counterattack by enemy tanks and infantry, Captain POCHARD remained in an advanced position bringing artillery fire to within one hundred yards of his observation post in order to break up the attack. Captain POCHARD'S heroic service far beyond the call of duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Julia M. Pochard, Wife, 438 Second Street, Aurora, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant FREDERICK T. SAUCEDA, 37010722, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. While his infantry company was advancing against stiff enemy resistance, Sergeant SAUCEDA, seeing one of his comrades walk into the lane of enemy machine gun fire and fall seriously wounded, asked the assistance of a member of his squad and carried the wounded man to safety. Sergeant SAUCEDA'S initiative and bravery saved the wounded man's life. Home address: Mr. Lauro Saucedo, Father, 1429 South 25th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

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Private First Class THOMAS C. SEABORN, 37056178, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. The infantry assault platoon to which Private SEABORN was attached as an aid man was subjected to fierce enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Several of the men were wounded and the remainder of the platoon were pinned down. Despite the direct enemy fire, Private SEABORN, at great personal risk, crawled from one wounded man to another, administering first aid. His heroic action saved the lives of many of his comrades. Home address: Mr. John Seaborn, Father, Cardwell, Missouri.

Sergeant LLOYD H. SIECK, 37018363, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. Under heavy enemy artillery fire, Sergeant SIECK went to the rescue of a fellow squad member who was seriously wounded. Because of murderous fire from enemy snipers, it was necessary for Sergeant SIECK to carry the wounded man to the protection of a nearby embankment in order to administer first aid. Though wounded himself, Sergeant SIECK succeeded in saving the life of his comrade. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Sieck, Mother, Solby, South Dakota.

Captain PHILIP W. SLOAN, 01755181, Dental Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Label A. Sloan, Mother, 1211 Harvard Road, Crosse Pointe, Michigan.

Private First Class HARLAND D. WORRA, 37564101, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Torres, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 January 1945. Enemy fire was sweeping across the ground to the reconnaissance truck of which Private WORRA was driver. He, together with the crew, immediately abandoned the truck for the protection which ditches along the road offered. A friendly infantryman was soon to fall seriously wounded at some distance from the truck. Private WORRA, at great personal risk, crawled under the enemy fire to his vehicle, mounted and expertly backed the vehicle to the spot where the wounded man lay. He succeeded in placing the casualty in his truck and evacuating him to a place of safety. Home address: Mrs. Louise J. Worra, Mother, 601 Carroll Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class LOUIS T. ZOSKY, 36692409, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Private ZOSKY crawled forward under intense enemy mortar fire in order to administer blood plasma to a wounded comrade. Though exposed to the murderous enemy fire constantly, he succeeded in giving the life-saving plasma and evacuating the wounded man to a place of safety. Private ZOSKY'S courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Frank H. Zosky, Father, 600 First Street, Peoria, Illinois.

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SECTION II

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant LUNDIE L. SPARKS, (ASN: not yet assigned), Infantry, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 4, Section I, General Orders No. 23, dated 20 July 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1945 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant LUNDIE L. SPARKS, (ASN: not yet assigned), (then First Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. When point-blank fire from Japanese field guns wounded the remaining officer of his company and threatened to stall its advance. Lieutenant SPARKS, disregarding his own safety, worked his way to within a few yards of the enemy guns. After making a reconnaissance, he sent a sketch to his commanding officer showing the exact location of four enemy dug-in tanks, enabling fire to be directed against them. Crossing and recrossing the area through enemy fire, Lieutenant SPARKS regained control of the company and led them forward. Through his efforts, coordinated action was maintained and the attack carried to a successful conclusion. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruby E. Sparks, Wife, General Delivery, Flagler, Colorado.

SECTION III

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Sergeant OWEN R. BUSHNELL, 37070084, Corps of Engineers, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 52, dated 22 September 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

First Sergeant OWEN R. BUSHNELL, 37070084, (then Staff Sergeant), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Baler Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 February 1945 to 14 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Bushnell, Mother, Route #2, Great Bend, Kansas.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Major ARNDT L. MUELLER, 0410607, Infantry, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 18, Section III, General Orders No. 33, dated 22 August 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Major ARNDT L. MUELLER, 0410607, (then Captain), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 January 1945 to 30 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edith I. Mueller, Wife, Anoka, Minnesota.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class FRED B. ORTIZ, 38400268, Infantry, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 5, Section III, General Orders No. 45, dated 3 September 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class FRED B. ORTIZ, 38400268, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. As a rocket-launcher operator, he advanced aggressively with his assault team under direct enemy automatic weapons and rifle fire coming from cleverly camouflaged enemy pillboxes. Disregarding his personal safety, he secured a position from which he could bring effective fire to bear upon the enemy, thus enabling demolition teams to move in and destroy the emplacements. His intrepid action was a material aid in the success of the attack and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. P. B. Martinez, Mother, Route #1, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant JAMES E. ROBBINS, 02007305, Infantry, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, Section III, General Orders No. 53, dated 24 September 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant JAMES E. ROBBINS, 02007305, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. As leader of a battalion assault team, he was assigned the mission of supporting an assault rifle company in an attack. When the company encountered intense enemy fire which momentarily halted the attack, Lieutenant ROBBINS made an aggressive reconnaissance under heavy enemy fire to locate the pillboxes which were impeding the advance. He located their position and then, with disregard for his own safety, led one section of his team forward to a position from which they could employ flame-thrower and demolition teams. Five enemy positions were completely destroyed and fifteen enemy killed. His courageous efficiency under enemy fire is deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Marie G. Robbins, Wife, 816½ Main Street, Joplin, Missouri.

SECTION IV

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin No. 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order 9242 - A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin No. 49, WD, 1942) an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers:

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First Lieutenant JACK M. BURKHOLDER, 01294263, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over enemy territory on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 25 January 1945 to 30 January 1945. Lieutenant BURKHOLDER performed outstanding service as regimental liaison officer observing from a field artillery observation plane over a target area. By maintaining constant radio communication with forward observers who were with assault units on the ground, Lieutenant BURKHOLDER gave timely warning of enemy machine gun positions, enemy groups observed forming for counterattacks, and enemy reinforcements moving up reverse slopes of hills. Many times, the plane in which he was riding was under fire from enemy ground troops. Home address: Mrs. Ruth D. Burkholder, Wife, Marion, Kansas.

Major WELDON A. RIPPY, 01284939, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over enemy territory on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 25 January 1945 to 30 January 1945. Major RIPPY performed outstanding service as regimental liaison officer observing from a field artillery observation plane over a target area. By maintaining constant radio communication with forward observers who were with assault units on the ground, Major RIPPY gave timely warning of enemy machine gun positions, enemy groups observed forming for counterattacks, and enemy reinforcements moving up reverse slopes of hills. Many times, the plane in which he was riding was under fire from enemy ground troops. Home address: Mrs. Ruth P. Rippy, Apt No. 1, 719 Buford Street, Corpus Christi, Texas.

First Lieutenant ROBERT D. SWENSON, 01172307, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over enemy territory on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 22 January 1945 to 15 March 1945. Lieutenant SWENSON as a field artillery liaison pilot observer exhibited a high degree of professional skill in conducting artillery fire and in obtaining information of enemy movements and dispositions. In order to accomplish his mission, it was often necessary for Lieutenant SWENSON to fly at very low altitude over enemy installations from which he was subjected to enemy fire. At all times he displayed great initiative and highest technical ability. Home address: Mr. J. O. Swenson, Father, 151 Sixth Avenue, Moline, Illinois.

First Lieutenant JOHN J. ZIRKLE, Jr., 0413815, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over enemy territory on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 March 1945. Lieutenant ZIRKLE a field artillery liaison pilot and observer performed exceptional service by flying daily missions over enemy territory in order to adjust artillery fire and secure information concerning disposition of enemy troops and installations. His missions were flown regardless of adverse weather conditions or danger from enemy fire. At all times Lieutenant ZIRKLE displayed a high degree of professional skill and initiative. Home address: Mrs. Frances B. Zirkle, Jr., Wife, Walsenburg, Colorado.

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SECTION V

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to First Lieutenant TELFORD L. PEDERSON, 01821003, Field Artillery, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 29, dated 18 August 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin No. 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order 9242 - A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin No. 49, WD, 1942). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant TELFORD L. PEDERSON, 01821003, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over enemy territory on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 March 1945. Lieutenant PEDERSON displayed exceptional initiative and technical ability in daily operational flights at low altitude over enemy installations. He carried out every mission with excellent results even though it was necessary at times for him to fly through fire from enemy ground positions. His accurate adjustment of artillery fire upon the enemy contributed greatly to the success of our infantry and artillery. Home address: Mrs. Ruth E. Pederson, Wife, 107 E. 4th Street, Morris, Minnesota.

By command of Brigadier General HURDIS:

BRUCE PALMER, JR.,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
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SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918) a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Sergeant CHARLES R. ADRIAN, 3700/253, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. The infantry company of which Sergeant ADRIAN is a member was advancing over a series of small ravines toward enemy positions. A member of Sergeant ADRIAN'S platoon fell wounded in both legs at a spot which was just below a ridge line defended by two enemy machine guns and several supporting riflemen. Immediately after the man fell, enemy fire began to sweep the area about him. Concerned only with the rescue of his wounded comrade, Sergeant ADRIAN rushed one hundred yards over broken terrain through the hail of enemy bullets to the man's side and administered first aid. Sergeant ADRIAN stayed with the seriously wounded man until he could be placed on a stretcher and removed for medical treatment. Home address: Mr. Charles R. Adrian, Father, Route #1, Emmett, Idaho.

Private First Class LOUIS ARNOLD, 34379649, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Marikina Watershed, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 March 1945. While leading his patrol through enemy territory, Private ARNOLD, acting as first scout, saved his patrol from being ambushed. When he was making a reconnaissance far ahead of his patrol, he observed the enemy setting up four artillery pieces. Upon finding enemy soldiers situated between him and his patrol, he abruptly rose to a crouching position and zig-zagged around the enemy's left flank over a thirty-five yard stretch of open terrain, braving rapid machine gun and sniper fire. He relayed the information to the mortar observer accompanying his patrol and helped direct the fire which knocked out the four field pieces before the enemy was able to fire a shot. Continuing on his mission, Private ARNOLD aggressively pushed forward under continuous sniper fire, succeeded in killing three of the enemy, and led the entire patrol back to safety. Home address: Mrs. Mattie M. Arnold, wife, 412 Cedar Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES J. BAKER, 36122386, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. During an attack against well-entrenched enemy positions, Sergeant BAKER and his mortar squad was pinned down by enemy fire in an area which was under excellent observation by the enemy and within one hundred and fifty yards of their entrenched positions. Sergeant BAKER, received a request for mortar fire on the enemy. He dispersed his men so they would not be

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endangered by enemy fire and alone operated a 60mm mortar. He laid down such a terrific volume of mortar fire on the enemy that his company was able to maneuver into advantageous positions. Home address: Mrs. Zaidee Baker, Mother, Route #1, Bayden, Michigan.

First Lieutenant PAUL A. BECKEMEYER, 01316121, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at the Marikina watershed, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 March 1945. Before and during enemy suicide attacks which lasted more than one and a half hours, Lieutenant BECKEMEYER, acting as commanding officer of an infantry company, worked until almost exhausted in preparing the perimeter for the battle. He continually exposed himself to frontal sniper fire in order to inspect positions and give advice to his men. Because of his determined and successful efforts to bring forward necessary equipment, ammunition and food, Lieutenant BECKEMEYER made an otherwise untenable position into a tight and compact perimeter, and convinced his men that their high ground could be defended successfully. Even though suffering from a serious head wound when an enemy mortar shell burst nearby, he continued to carry on his duties. Finally shock and the loss of blood compelled him to relinquish his command to another officer. Home address: Mrs. Edna Beckemeyer, Wife, 250 East Franklin Street, Carlyle, Illinois.

Private First Class SOL BLUMENTHAL, 34764969, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Private BLUMENTHAL, who was suffering from heat exhaustion, learned that his company commander had been wounded while moving forward with an assault team. Unhesitatingly, he left his protected position and rushed through intense enemy fire to give assistance to the wounded officer. In full view of the enemy, Private BLUMENTHAL, with the assistance of another soldier, administered first aid. After rendering first aid treatment, Private BLUMENTHAL returned to guide a litter team to the spot where the wounded officer lay and assisted with his evacuation. Home address: Mrs. Lena T. Blumenthal, Mother, Royston, Georgia.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD C. COMMERS, 38254728, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Sergeant COMMERS saw his company commander fall wounded by enemy fire. Fire from two enemy machine guns was sweeping slowly but steadily toward the wounded officer. Without hesitation, Sergeant COMMERS dashed forward putting himself between the officer and the murderous fire. While bullets tore up the earth about him, he administered first aid and moved the officer to a depression which offered some protection. He then secured a stretcher and assisted with the evacuation of his wounded commander. Sergeant COMMERS' gallant act exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. John Commers, Mother, 19 Shiland Street, Helena, Montana.

Private First Class WILLIAM KEZELE, 37030123, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. An enemy force approached to within a few yards of his company's defense positions. Because of darkness the enemy was able to set off a tremendous demolition charge which seriously injured four men and left a machine gun position unmanned. Private KEZELE, realized that the defense position with an automatic weapon out of action could be easily penetrated. He ran to the emplacement despite intense small arms and grenade fire and operated the gun alone. His continuous firing was a determining factor in repulsing the attack. After the enemy

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Assault was driven off, Private KEZBLE initiated the administration of first aid and the evacuation of the wounded. His personal courage reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. George Kezele, Father, Washbank, Minnesota.

Private First Class CLAUDE D. POOLE, 38554999, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. When his rifle company was pinned down by heavy volume of enemy mortar, anti-tank and small arms fire, Private POOLE, with utter disregard for his personal safety, ran through the heavy enemy fire to a disabled tank, nearby, and put its mounted 75mm gun into action. He succeeded in destroying an enemy field piece and killing an undetermined number of enemy personnel, and enabled his company to maneuver into a favorable position. Private POOLE'S intrepidity reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Viola Poole, Mother, 702 Springdale Road Austin, Texas.

Staff Sergeant HAROLD E. SMITH, 37029718, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. When the advance of his company was halted by machine gun fire, Sergeant SMITH crawled forward to a point from which he was able to throw hand grenades into two enemy positions thereby silencing them. At the same time, he located two other enemy machine guns which were pinning down his company. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant SMITH worked his way to the enemy flank and hurled grenades into both positions, thus permitting his company to advance and secure their objective. Home address: Mrs. Harold E. Smith, wife, Clarkfield, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant LELAND C. TURNER, 35487806, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Lanoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. The advance of his company was being held up by enemy fire from tanks and surrounding machine gun emplacements. Sergeant TURNER, with complete disregard for his own safety, advanced under cover of a smoke screen to within five yards of an enemy tank which was protected by a machine gun emplacement and supporting snipers. Advancing so close that the tank could not depress its guns to fire on him, he moved around the tank and with automatic rifle fire knocked out an enemy machine gun which was dug in killing two of the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Nellie Turner, mother, Rt #1, Flippin, Kentucky.

SECTION II

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 7652, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class CARLISLE BANKS, 3467229, (then Private), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945. During a night attack against a strong enemy position, Private BANKS, a company aid man, crawled forward under intense rifle fire to render first aid to the wounded and to evacuate casualties. He repeated his heroic efforts on four separate occasions. His bravery and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the men with whom he serves and reflects high credit upon the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lula Banks, mother, Van Cleve, Kentucky.

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Staff Sergeant MARVIN F. BROWN, JR., 6284773, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Sergeant BROWN displayed exceptional courage and initiative when he stopped two enemy soldiers from destroying one of our tanks supporting the operation. On his own initiative, Sergeant BROWN crawled to high ground, exposing himself to direct enemy observation and small arms fire in order to deliver accurate rifle fire. From this position he succeeded in killing one of the enemy at approximately fifty yards from the friendly tank and wounding the second. Sergeant BROWN'S courageous action and initiative prevented the destruction of a very vital piece of equipment which was essential to the success of the operation. Home address: Mr. Marvin Brown, Father, Route #1, Flint, Texas.

Private First Class ROY L. COULTER, 35743436, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Private COULTER, while advancing with his company against concealed enemy position, voluntarily, moved forward under heavy enemy fire to a position from which he could bring automatic rifle fire on the enemy. Under his covering fire a wounded comrade was evacuated to our lines. Later he assisted with the evacuation of three wounded men under the cover of darkness despite the necessity of moving over terrain which was being heavily shelled by enemy artillery and mortars. Home address: Mrs. Sarah M. Coulter, mother, Persinger, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT M. CRAIG, 6928702, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 1 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Florence Craig, Mother, Route #6, Athens, Alabama.

Private First Class EDWARD J. DEAL, 32843554, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. Private DEAL, a scout in a rifle platoon, exposed himself to enemy fire from several enemy pillboxes in order that his platoon might move forward in an assault. He remained in this exposed position all day, rejoining his organization under cover of darkness. His courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Sophia Deal, wife, 1816 North Wilton Place, Hollywood, California.

Private First Class WARREN A. DELOR, 36576316, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. Private DELOR'S platoon was subjected to enemy machine gun fire from an expertly camouflaged enemy position. Private DELOR, after spotting the enemy gun, fired upon it until his rifle jammed. He then leaped to his feet and, under observed fire from the enemy, crawled fifty yards to secure an automatic rifle. Upon returning with his new weapon, he continued firing until the enemy soldiers were forced to abandon their position. Home address: Mrs. Dorn Delor, mother, 2310 S. Riverside Street, St. Clair, Michigan.

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Private First Class JESSE L. DeLOZIER, 37008053, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. Private DeLOZIER, a light machine gunner, suffered severe burns on his hands caused by an overheated gun barrel. Despite the excruciating pain, Private DeLOZIER continued advancing with his company in their attempt to cross an open field commanded by a ridge on which the enemy were strongly emplaced. Seeing that the intense Jap small arms fire would take a heavy toll of his comrades, he moved to the company flank, found a position for his gun, and sprayed the ridge. Under the protection of his fire, his company moved across the field suffering only two minor casualties. Home address: Mrs. Ruth V. McKean, Sister, 21 W. Southside Blvd, Independence, Missouri.

Private First Class TRINIDAD J. DIAZ, 38454553, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Private DIAZ volunteered to take a rocket launcher which was regularly operated by another member of his patrol and attempt to knock out an enemy field piece which was slowing up the advance of his battalion. Crawling along a shallow ditch which afforded only limited concealment, he approached to within thirty yards of an enemy emplacement. He fired three rounds from the rocket launcher which demolished the field piece and killed several of its operators. Home address: Mrs. Petra S. Diaz, mother, 1716 San Edwards Avenue, Laredo, Texas.

First Lieutenant FRANK J. DIXON, 013204, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at the Cabaruan Barrio, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. The rifle company to which Lieutenant DIXON was attached as an 81mm mortar observer was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire. Seeing the vital need for accurate mortar fire, Lieutenant DIXON ran and crawled across sixty yards of open terrain in order to occupy a small knoll. From this vantage point he detected an enemy heavy machine gun. By his precision adjustments, the mortar platoon was able to bring fire to bear on this weapon and destroy it thereby allowing our assault companies to continue their advance. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Dixon, Mother, 8211 South Elizabeth Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant DONALD R. DOBSON, 37030140, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Sergeant DOBSON led a small patrol for a distance of five miles into enemy territory and returned with valuable information concerning enemy installations. On five different occasions, he deliberately drew enemy fire in order that his men might check the armament of enemy emplacements. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy V. Dobson, Wife, route #4, Rochester, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant FRANCIS J. EVON, 36525097, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 23 February 1945 to 29 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Doris Evon, Wife, 477 Montcalm, Pontiac, Michigan.

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Staff Sergeant LUDWIG FAST, 37029672, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. Sergeant FAST, a lead scout, led his platoon forward into enemy territory to the reverse slope of a heavily wooded hill. The enemy began dropping mortar shells on the leading elements of his platoon. Sergeant FAST after borrowing an automatic rifle from one of the regular gunners, voluntarily, worked his way forward of the platoon to the very top of the hill. From this position he fired upon two enemy mortars, forcing their crews to abandon their weapons and take cover. His courageous action allowed his platoon to advance rapidly and occupy commanding positions. Home address: Mr. Joseph Fast, Father, Garrison, North Dakota.

Sergeant RAYMOND R. FINN, 32835749, (then Private), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. Sergeant FINN acting as scout for a rifle squad received enemy machine gun fire from positions to his front which immediately pinned down an entire platoon. Despite the fact that there was no cover, Sergeant FINN continued to fire on the enemy thereby drawing attention to his position which enabled the rest of the platoon to maneuver with greater safety. He did not withdraw until the enemy positions had been knocked out by his comrades. His courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Edna E. Finn, Wife, 309 East Union Street, Newark, New York.

Private First Class HOLLAND L. FLEMING, 38342218, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luno, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. When his company was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire, Private FLEMING voluntarily led a small party along an exposed water-filled ditch to within grenade range of a pillbox. He charged the position from the flank and threw a white phosphorous grenade into the opening. Although wounded in this action, he continued to direct his men by signal until the enemy position was completely destroyed. Home address: Mrs. Geneva P. Fleming, Wife, General Delivery, Newport, Oklahoma.

Sergeant OLIVER F. GEORGE, 6291979, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 4 February 1945 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth George, Mother, Box 271, Encinitas, California.

Private First Class STANLEY J. GIEREK, 35124254, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at the Marikina Watershed, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 March 1945. Just prior to daylight the company to which machine gunner, Private GIEREK, was attached, was subjected to an enemy attack. Private GIEREK withheld his fire until the last possible moment. Because of this action the major portion of the enemy presumed this to be the weakest portion of the perimeter. Suddenly, Private GIEREK stood up in the midst of intense machine gun, rifle and knee mortar fire and unleashed the fury of his own machine gun. This sudden burst of heavy automatic fire so surprised the enemy that their attack was immediately repulsed. Home address: Mrs. Dillard Sexton, Sister, 1529 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio.

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Private First Class MATTHEW H. GOETZ, 35697798, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 17 January 1945 to 22 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Victoria L. Goetz, Mother, 323 North 18th Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant IGNATIUS D. HILGER, 37037580, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Marikina Watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 March 1945. The combat patrol to which Sergeant HILGER was attached as an 81mm mortar forward observer was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire. With disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant HILGER crawled forward under the intense enemy fire to a position of observation from which he was able to bring accurate mortar fire upon the enemy. His accurate direction of effective fire made it possible for his patrol to advance and neutralize the enemy positions. Sergeant HILGER'S quick and courageous action saved the lives of many of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Rosella Hilger, Mother, Iona, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade PHILIP J. HOLTS, 39160948, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 February 1945 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Martha Holts, Mother, Route #4, Caribou, Maine.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM R. IVEY, 0540041, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 26 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lucille Middleton, Mother, 2632 Hampton Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Private First Class SULO J. JAAKOLA, 37030132, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 26 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ida Jaakola, Mother, Box 75, Floodwood, Minnesota.

Corporal LUDOW JACKOWSKI, 33119800, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. After overrunning several enemy positions which were located along a ridge line, Corporal JACKOWSKI'S company paused for reorganization. Enemy machine gun and mortar fire immediately opened up on the area from another ridge which was about one hundred and fifty yards to the right flank. Realizing the danger, Corporal JACKOWSKI, gunner on a light machine gun, moved rapidly down the ridge to a point which was close to the enemy positions and laid down a withering fire with his weapon. The well-concealed enemy positions were made untenable forcing the occupants to withdraw. His company, with its flank security provided by the heroic efforts of Corporal JACKOWSKI, was then able to reorganize and advance. Home address: Mrs. Pauline E. Jackowski, Wife, 2209 Venable Street, Richmond, Virginia.

Private First Class LAWRENCE J. KALLSTROM, 37032485, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 10 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Nels Kallstrom, Father, RFD #2, Rosbott, South Dakota.

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Technical Sergeant JOSEPH A. KAY, JR., 35206271, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands. At 1600 hours on 22 January 1945 it became necessary for Sergeant KAY'S platoon to displace to the side for the night to escape ranging enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Sergeant KAY, with disregard for his own safety, stood erect in the face of enemy fire while selecting routes of movement for his platoon. After his own squad had completed this maneuver, he returned to guide and direct the rest of the platoon to the security of their new positions. Home address: Mr. Joseph A. Kay, Sr, Father, Lotart, West Virginia.

Captain JOHN G. KIRSCHNER, 0410475, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayan-bayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. Captain KIRSCHNER successfully organized and led his company in a night attack against well-entrenched enemy positions on commanding ground. Achieving complete tactical surprise, his troops were able to seize the ground with only minor casualties. In spite of enemy mortar and artillery fire delivered on its position, the company repulsed the enemy attack and held the high ground. Captain KIRSCHNER'S tactical ability in organizing the night attack was responsible for keeping casualties to a minimum and contributed greatly to the success of the operation. His great courage was an inspiration to all his men and reflects high credit upon the military service. Home address: Mrs. Eileen Kirschner, wife, 1376 West 112th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant JOHN T. KNIERIM, 37214748, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Marikina Watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 10 March 1945 Sergeant KNIERIM was attached to a combat patrol as an 81mm mortar forward observer. When the patrol became pinned down by heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, Sergeant KNIERIM crawled forward with disregard for his personal safety and directed mortar fire upon the enemy from an exposed position. Because of his accuracy in directing fire, one enemy machine gun was knocked out and his patrol was able to advance. Home address: Mr. John C. Knierim, Father, Montrose, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK V. KOENIG, 37029795, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 8 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Fern V. Koenig, Mother, 925 Chicago Street, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Technical Sergeant MARTIN C. KRUEGER, 37040128, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. Sergeant KRUEGER found it necessary to move his platoon across open terrain which was being swept by enemy fire in order to rejoin his company. He made a personal reconnaissance across the dangerous ground and found a route which was not under enemy fire. He directed his men over this route and succeeded in removing them from their hazardous position with the incurrence of only one casualty. Directly after the move, Sergeant KRUEGER was seriously wounded but refused to leave the field until he was satisfied with the disposition of his platoon. Home address: Mrs. Norma P. Krueger, wife, Hubbard, Iowa.

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Private First Class WASH B. LAYNE, 35771790, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. Private LAYNE observed that his platoon leader had been seriously wounded and lay exposed to direct enemy observation. He crawled over open terrain under heavy rifle and mortar fire to the man and administered first aid. Knowing that his platoon leader's life was still endangered, Private LAYNE returned through heavy mortar fire to a supply road, secured aid and helped to safely evacuate the wounded man. Home address: Mrs. Stella May Wheeler, Sister, 29th Street, Station 2, Ashland, Kentucky.

Captain LEON MARCUS, 0417859, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 23 February 1945 to 1 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Abraham Marcus, Father 4819 14th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant SAM V. MASTRO, 37029878, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. During the early stages of an assault against an enemy position, Sergeant MASTRO severely sprained his ankle. The enemy force counterattacked the platoon's exposed flank. He disregarded instructions to return to the aid station and continued to fight until the attack was repulsed. When the platoon was ordered to establish contact, Sergeant MASTRO remained at his gun, providing covering fire until the maneuver was completed. Home address: Mr. James Mastro, Father, 300 Madison Street, NE, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant JAMES S. MILLS, 02035355, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. Lieutenant MILLS led his platoon in attacking and seizing a company objective. Upon reaching their objective, the platoon was pinned down by heavy automatic weapon and sniper fire which inflicted heavy casualties on our troops. Lieutenant MILLS, disregarding his own safety, left his position to administer first aid to the wounded. He made several trips to remove wounded men to positions of safety while directing his platoon in successfully repulsing an enemy counterattack. Lieutenant MILLS' courage, outstanding leadership, and coolness under fire were an inspiration to his men and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Evelyn Mills, wife, 1108 First Street, La Grand, Oregon.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE E. MOKLER, 37030095, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. While his company was engaged in a battle, Sergeant MOKLER, a squad leader in a rifle platoon, spotted an enemy field piece which was holding up the advance of friendly tanks attached to his company. Although there was intense sniper fire, he deliberately exposed himself in order to direct devastating artillery fire on the weapon. Through Sergeant MOKLER'S heroism the enemy field piece was destroyed and his company was able to accomplish its mission. Home address: Mrs. Ester M. Carlson, Mother, Route #4, Little Falls, Minnesota.

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Private First Class CLARENCE R. NELSON, 37032093, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. The infantry company in which Private NELSON is a machine gunner had stopped momentarily to reorganize after destroying several enemy positions and gaining considerable ground. Enemy machine gun and mortar fire was brought upon the company area from an enemy-held ridge which was about one hundred and fifty yards to the right flank. Private NELSON with another machine gunner, moved toward the enemy strong point. Disregarding his personal safety, Private NELSON assisted in setting up and firing the machine gun. The intense fire caused the immediate withdrawal of the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Julia Nelson, Mother, Route #2, West Concord, Minnesota.

Private First Class ARNOLD NICHOLSON, 37681109, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. Private NICHOLSON, conducted himself in a heroic manner in administering first aid and evacuating a seriously wounded comrade. Private NICHOLSON realizing that no aid man could immediately reach his wounded comrade because of the intense machine gun fire sweeping the terrain. He injected morphine, applied dressings, and remained with his comrade until he could signal a nearby tank and evacuate him to the rear. Home address: Mrs. Martha J. Nicholson, Mother, 803 Woodbury Street, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Sergeant JOE PAFUNDI, 37007205, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. His infantry company was pinned down by heavy artillery, mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire. Seeing an advantageous position overlooking an enemy pillbox, Sergeant PAFUNDI ordered the men in his squad to cover him while he crawled a distance of about forty yards to this new location dragging a machine gun with him. About twenty yards of this distance was across open ground affording no concealment and the remaining stretch was along a shallow ditch about three feet wide. Once in position, he concentrated machine gun fire upon the enemy pillbox and silenced it. Home address: Mrs. Rose Pafundi, Mother, 739 Cherry Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class OLIS L. RHEA, 37721806, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. When his platoon's advance was impeded by intense enemy machine gun fire, Private RHEA voluntarily moved to an exposed point under direct observation and fire, and placed automatic rifle fire on the enemy. His heavy fire kept the enemy down until his platoon could take advantageous positions. Home address: Mrs. Olis Rhea, wife, 793 Mt. Vernon Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Private First Class ANDREW J. SHARPE, 34792624, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Antipolo-Wawa sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 March 1945. Private SHARPE volunteered to lead a litter squad over a thousand yards to the left flank of his battalion in order to evacuate a wounded soldier, although enemy infiltrating groups were observed in the area. While evacuating the wounded man, enemy activity was observed in a ravine about fifty yards from his battalion perimeter; Private SHARPE directed the litter squad to proceed to the protection of the perimeter, while he remained in the rear to provide security. By containing the enemy with hand grenades for approximately one hour, he enabled the men to return safely. Home address: Mrs. Carmen E. Sharpe, Mother, Box 165, Lima, Florida.

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Technical Sergeant RAYMOND S. SHOEMAKER, 37057260, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. A section of heavy machine guns was directed to support an assaulting rifle company which was subjected to enemy artillery and small arms fire. Sergeant SHOEMAKER, volunteering his assistance, led the section forward across a ravine but was brought to a halt by enemy fire. Directing his men to hold their positions, Sergeant SHOEMAKER proceeded forward alone to the shelled area. By exposing himself, he drew small arms fire which revealed the enemy's position. After finding a suitable route of advance, Sergeant SHOEMAKER returned to his section and led them forward without sustaining a casualty. Home address: Mrs. Naomi Margaret Shoemaker, Wife, Route #1, Robertson, Missouri.

First Lieutenant RICHARD J. SHROSBREE, 01303045, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Lieutenant SHROSBREE assumed command of an infantry company when the company commander became a casualty. The company had been attempting to advance up an enemy-held hill all day and had suffered several casualties. Because darkness was approaching and the company was in the worst possible position for a night bivouac, Lieutenant SHROSBREE issued orders for immediate evacuation of the area. Exposing himself to enemy fire he reconnoitered for a good defensive bivouac. By the time he had found a new area and returned, enemy artillery shells were dropping on his company. Lieutenant SHROSBREE remained behind in order to make certain all his men had left for the new area. His courage and initiative were a great inspiration to all his men. Home address: Mrs. Gloria M. Shrosbree, Wife, 185 Willow Road, Elmhurst, Illinois.

Sergeant LUTHER WADE, 37057946, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 19 March 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Luke Wade, Brother, 218 Walnut Street, Muscatine, Iowa.

First Lieutenant RUSSELL R. WADE, 01294395, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at the Marikina Watershed, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. When he learned that his forward observer was wounded, Lieutenant WADE, mortar platoon leader, voluntarily left his position and moved over enemy-observed terrain to reach the forward observation post. He was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire, and subjected to intense enemy mortar concentrations. Upon reaching the forward observation post, Lieutenant WADE skillfully directed fire on the enemy positions forcing them to withdraw with heavy casualties. Home address: Mrs. Florence C. Wade, Wife, 5 Vail Place, Morristown, New Jersey.

Sergeant MURRELL L. WATTS, 35487863, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 17 January 1945 to 22 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth B. Watts, Wife, 503 South Market Street, New Albany, Indiana.

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Private First Class DONALD R. WENZEL, 37680471, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. While attacking the enemy, the advance of an infantry company was stopped by heavy machine gun and mortar fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private WENZEL, an automatic rifleman, worked his way over fire-swept terrain to a position from which he could cover the evacuation of casualties and relieve the pressure on the rest of the company. He remained at this hazardous position until the company was able to move forward. Home address: Mrs. Laura L. Wenzel, Mother, Route #4, Fairmont, Minnesota.

Corporal JOSEPH D. WILSON, 26040543, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 26 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Opal W. Wilson, wife, Shabbon, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant ORVIN E. WITTRIG, 37071895, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Marikina Watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. Sergeant WITTRIG, attached as a 81mm mortar observer to a combat patrol, crawled forward to a position of observation through heavy enemy fire and directed effective mortar fire upon the enemy positions. Through Sergeant WITTRIG'S quick action and his disregard for personal safety, one heavy machine gun, two light machine guns, one knee mortar were knocked out, and fifteen enemy killed. Home address: Mrs. Betty Jean Wittrig, wife, 626 S. Lincoln Street, West Point, Nebraska.

Sergeant WILLIAM B. WYMAN, 39142981, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Faye Wyman, Mother, Silver Creek, Nebraska.

Private First Class CHARLES J. ZDENEK, 34130765, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lunoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945. After his platoon had secured an advanced position, they were immediately pinned down by heavy automatic and 47mm fire from dug-in tanks to their front. An enemy 77mm gun also opened up on the platoon with time fire, inflicting many casualties. Heavy rain made communications with company headquarters by radio impossible. Private ZDENEK volunteered, despite the heavy machine gun and artillery fire, to return to the company command post in order to outline the situation for the company commander. Then he volunteered to go forward with a mortar observer to direct fire on the enemy tanks. His adjustment of mortar fire on the enemy tanks succeeded in neutralizing them, thereby permitting his platoon to maneuver without further casualties. Private ZDENEK'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Frank Zdenek, Father, Quitman, Mississippi.

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SECTION III

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star medal awarded to Technical Sergeant CARL J. HAUSCHILDT, 37019645, Infantry, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 38, dated 27 August 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technical Sergeant CARL J. HAUSCHILDT, 37019645, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Charles F. Hauschildt, Father, 1209 E. Avenue, Red Wing, Minnesota.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star medal awarded to Private First Class DAVID B. MEEK, 35023140, Infantry, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 16, Section III, General Orders No. 33, dated 22 August 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class DAVID B. MEEK, 35023140, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Private MEEK was a member of a 60mm mortar squad attempting to bring fire on enemy machine guns located to the front and flank of the company. Disregarding the enemy fire, Private MEEK eight times moved over a distance of about one hundred yards which separated the mortars from their observer to bring fire data to the guns. Largely through his efforts the mortar fire neutralized the enemy positions. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Meek, Wife, 92 West Clark Street, East Palistine, Ohio.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star medal awarded to Second Lieutenant JOHN H. STONEBRAKER, (ASN: not yet assigned), by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 7, Section I, General Orders No. 23, dated 20 July 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant JOHN H. STONEBRAKER, (ASN: not yet assigned), (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. While the enemy was preparing to counterattack with tanks supported by infantry, Lieutenant STONEBRAKER effectively maneuvered his platoon in to a covered position, established a firing line, and coordinated mortar fire. Working with the artillery forward observer, he assisted in adjusting accurate artillery fire on the enemy which knocked out two tanks. His prompt and skillful direction was instrumental in repulsing the enemy attack. Lieutenant STONEBRAKER'S courage and outstanding devotion to duty was a great inspiration to all his men. Home address: Mr. John Stonebraker, Father, Foley, Missouri.

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SECTION IV

So much of page 1, Section II, General Orders No. 41, Headquarters 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, dated 1 April 1945, as pertains to Captain JOHN P. ARNTZ, OLI10586, Infantry, as reads: "a Bronze Star Medal is awarded" is deleted and the following substituted therefor: "in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain JOHN P. ARNTZ, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 23, Headquarters 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, dated 20 July 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded".

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SECTION I - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR - POSTHUMOUSLY

By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull 43 WD 1918) a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant HELMER J. ANDERSON, 37030629, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. When all attempts to evacuate a wounded comrade had failed, and several additional casualties had been incurred, Sergeant ANDERSON, a rifle squad leader, fully realizing the risks involved, voluntarily made a slow and tedious trip under direct enemy fire to the side of the wounded man. With the assistance of other volunteers, he succeeded in evacuating him to a place of safety. During the process of evacuation Sergeant ANDERSON'S movements were discovered by an enemy machine gunner who opened fire at point-blank range, instantly killing him. His display of gallantry and devotion to duty at the cost of his own life is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mr. Albert Anderson, Father, Wolverton, Minnesota.

Private First Class WILLIAM D. COOK, 35438014, Cavalry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. An enemy force estimated to have been a battalion reinforced was disposed along a road in expertly camouflaged positions. The terrain was flat and visibility excellent. A friendly patrol in which Private COOK was a 1/4-ton truck driver was moving along this road when the enemy suddenly opened fire with artillery machine guns, and rifles. It was necessary that the patrol withdraw while under fire. Voluntarily, Private COOK remained with his vehicle under intense enemy fire in order to assist in the evacuation of wounded members of his patrol. While preparing casualties for evacuation, Private COOK was instantly killed by enemy artillery fire. Next of kin: Mrs. Flora Cook, mother, Box 85, Garlin, Kentucky.

Major JOSEPH W. KEARNS, 01284342, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. Major KEARNS, commanding officer of an infantry battalion, led his battalion in an attack against Mount Pacawagan, heavily defended by the enemy who were well-protected by the rugged terrain. He was with the forward elements of his battalion constantly, advising his officers, and personally directing the action.

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During the attack the forward elements of his battalion were under constant heavy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire making proper control and coordination of the troops extremely difficult. Major KEARNS' courageous conduct and skillful handling of the attack inspired his officers and men to aggressive action which resulted in the taking of the objective with a minimum of casualties. Major KEARNS' intrepidity and devotion to duty even at the cost of his own life exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary A. Kearns, Mother, 4731 North Hermitage Street, Chicago, Illinois.

First Lieutenant CARL H. PARSIOLA, 01686145, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. As a rifle platoon leader he led a five-man volunteer patrol in an attempt to locate the position of reported enemy tanks. The patrol successfully located the tanks and was about one hundred yards from the enemy when it received 47mm artillery, machine gun, and rifle fire. Immediately, Lieutenant PARSIOLA placed his anti-tank rocket launcher team in position and directed an attack against the emplaced enemy tanks. As the enemy attempted to escape from the lead tank, Lieutenant PARSIOLA destroyed them with fire from his sub-machine gun. Utterly disregarding his own safety, he advanced aggressively to within twenty yards of the second enemy tank and hurled a white phosphorous grenade into the open turret causing the tank to burst into flames. His courageous leadership was a great inspiration to his men and because of his gallantry the mission was successfully accomplished. Next of kin: Mrs. Erma B. Parsiola, Wife, 1584 Elmhurst Avenue, Detroit 6, Michigan.

Private First Class WALTER F. ROSEBERRY, 37721699, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. As an automatic rifleman Private ROSEBERRY was a member of a rifle squad assigned the mission of maintaining contact between an assault company and a holding force. When the squad was caught in devastating crossfire from two enemy pillboxes, he fearlessly and aggressively advanced to secure a position from which he could direct effective fire upon the enemy positions. Mortally wounded while advancing, he nevertheless continued to fire upon the enemy positions, and thereby, enabled his squad to fulfill its mission. Private ROSEBERRY'S gallant act under enemy fire saved the lives of many of his comrades-in-arms. Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy L. Roseberry, Wife, 528 $\frac{1}{2}$ Walter Street, Wichita, Kansas.

SECTION II - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull 43 WD 1918) a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class ARTHUR L. ARNOLD, 37060049, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands. At 0500 hours, 2 March 1945 on the Pacawagan Mountain, the infantry company of which Private ARNOLD is a member was counterattacked by a strong enemy force. In preparation for their counterattack, the enemy had laid down a terrific mortar and artillery barrage which had made friendly mortar positions untenable, and were

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moving in under the protection of their shell concentrations. Private ARNOLD, with his mortar squad, moved quickly into the open, set up for operation, and began firing from their dangerously exposed position. So rapid and accurate was the firing of Private ARNOLD and his mortar squad that the enemy were repulsed after they had penetrated to within thirty-five yards of our lines. The initiative and heroic conduct of Private ARNOLD reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Fleecie M. Arnold, wife, Route #4, Paragould, Arkansas.

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~~* Private First Class GLEN S. GRUM, 35324431, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Villasis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. The platoon in which Private GRUM is a rifleman was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun, mortar, and mortar fire delivered from pillboxes and fortified positions at close quarters. Private GRUM, acting on his own initiative, moved forward from his position of security and, with utter disregard for his own safety, assaulted the nearest enemy position. Opening fire with his rifle and throwing hand grenades as he advanced, he destroyed the enemy machine gun position and killed the four-man crew. His courageous and timely action enabled members of his platoon to withdraw and restored freedom of maneuver on the flank. Private GRUM's intrepidity is deserving of the highest praise and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth C. Oakes, Mother, Sebastain, Texas.~~

Private First Class RUEL V. EARNHART, 37009357, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands. At 0500 hours, 2 March 1945 on the Pacawagan mountain, the infantry company of which Private EARNHART is a member was counterattacked by a strong enemy force. In preparation for their counterattack, the enemy had laid down a terrific mortar and artillery barrage which had made friendly mortar positions untenable. The enemy were moving in under the protection of their shell concentrations. Private EARNHART, with his mortar squad, moved quickly into the open, set up for operation, and began firing from their dangerously exposed position. So rapid and accurate was the firing of Private EARNHART and his mortar squad that the enemy were repulsed after they had penetrated to within thirty-five yards of our lines. The initiative and heroic conduct of Private EARNHART reflect credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. James S. Earnhart, Father, Route #4, Harrison, Arkansas.

First Lieutenant WALKER A. GRAHAM, 01168255, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Mount Matuba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. An infantry company had reached a point approximately four hundred yards from the crest of an enemy-held mountain when it was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire coming from positions to its front and flanks. Before the company was able to maneuver into favorable positions, the enemy had succeeded in placing two machine guns and several snipers to the rear of our troops making the company's position untenable. Concerned only with the safety of our troops, Lieutenant GRAHAM, a field artillery forward observer with this infantry company, fearlessly exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to complete adjustments for an artillery smoke concentration under which our troops were able to withdraw from their beleaguered area. Lieutenant GRAHAM'S courage and outstanding ability are deserving of highest praise. Home address: Mr. Vernie F. Graham, Father, Lambert, Mississippi.

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Private First Class VICTOR F. KONYA, 35310301, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands. At 0500 hours, 2 March 1945 on the Pacawagan Mountain, the infantry company of which Private KONYA is a member was counterattacked by a strong enemy force. In preparation for their counterattack, the enemy had laid down a terrific mortar and artillery barrage which had made friendly mortar positions untenable. The enemy were moving in under the protection of their shell concentrations. Private KONYA, with his mortar squad, moved quickly into the open, set up for operation, and began firing from their dangerously exposed position. So rapid and accurate was the firing of Private KONYA and his mortar squad that the enemy were repulsed after they had penetrated to within thirty-five yards of our lines. The initiative and heroic conduct of Private KONYA reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Olga Borso, Sister, 3222 Seneca Avenue, Lorain, Ohio.

Private First Class ROY MATLOCK, 37009076, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands. At 0500 hours, 2 March 1945 on the Pacawagan Mountain, the infantry company of which Private MATLOCK is a member was counterattacked by a strong enemy force. In preparation for their counterattack, the enemy had laid down a terrific mortar and artillery barrage which had made friendly mortar positions untenable. The enemy were moving in under the protection of their shell concentrations. Private MATLOCK, with his mortar squad, moved quickly into the open, set up for operation, and began firing from their dangerously exposed position. So rapid and accurate was the firing of Private MATLOCK and his mortar squad that the enemy were repulsed after they had penetrated to within thirty-five yards of our lines. The initiative and heroic conduct of Private MATLOCK reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lorraine Matlock, Wife, Route #1, Box 47, Kolla, Missouri.

Private First Class RAY W. SALADIN, 37059486, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 March 1945. When his company was ordered to withdraw preparatory to an artillery barrage, Private SALADIN, rifleman and scout of an infantry company, fearlessly made a hazardous reconnaissance for the most feasible route of withdrawal. He led a portion of his platoon out, then remained on the mountainside through the night among enemy positions. The next morning he guided a rescue party to the last known location of a beleaguered group. He led a group of volunteers up the mountain in an attempt to rescue two wounded comrades. Lowering himself by means of communication wire down into a ravine and, within one hundred yards of known enemy positions, he searched out and administered medical aid to the wounded men. The rest of the rescue party having been driven off by enemy fire, Private SALADIN returned through the enemy positions alone with information which proved to be of great value to a group which made a rescue attempt the next night. Private SALADIN's courage reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Emma Sarah Saladin, wife, 2114 Oakdale Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Sergeant JAMES M. WALKER, 37065993, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 4 February 1945, the infantry company of which Sergeant WALKER is a member was being delayed in its advance by fire from an enemy pillbox position. Sergeant WALKER voluntarily crawled forward under heavy mortar and small arms fire to a position from which he was able to throw hand grenades and fire his automatic rifle into the enemy position. He succeeded in completely destroying the enemy pillbox thereby enabling his company to advance and secure its objective. Sergeant WALKER'S gallant act was a great inspiration to all men with whom he serves. Home address: Mr. Jesse W. Walker, Father, General Delivery, Ozone, Arkansas.

SECTION III - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER):

By direction of the President in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Technical Sergeant HARLEY A. PETERSON, 37030702, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 5, section I, General Orders No. 31, dated 20 August 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technical Sergeant HARLEY A. PETERSON, 37030702, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 February 1945 to 4 March 1945. As weapons platoon sergeant of a rifle company ordered to withdraw from an untenable position, he volunteered to contact two beleaguered rifle platoons with messages from the company commander and, at the same time, reconnoiter for routes of withdrawal for these platoons. Over a period of three hours he made four hazardous trips over areas raked by intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire delivered from distances in some cases of not more than twenty-five to thirty yards. Later he led three volunteers back under the enemy fire to evacuate his wounded platoon leader. Though wounded himself, Sergeant PETERSON could have escaped through the enemy positions under cover of darkness, but, instead he gallantly remained with his platoon leader in enemy territory for four days, returning only when the seriously wounded officer had died. His intrepidity under enemy fire and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Edith Petterson, Mother, 3956 Abbott Avenue North, Robbinsdale, Minnesota.

SECTION IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - POSTHUMOUSLY

By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9119, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class ORVILLE BRIGGS, 37007231, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 21 January 1945 to 24 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rose Ann Briggs, Mother, 430 Golden Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

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SECTION V -- AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO C, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private First Class THOMAS M. ADAMS, 37214766, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. During an enemy artillery and mortar barrage on his company area, Private ADAMS made his way through flying shell fragments to aid a wounded soldier who had fallen in an exposed area. Unhesitatingly, Private ADAMS risked his own life to administer first aid to the wounded man and carry him to a place of safety thereby saving the life of his comrade. Home address: Mrs. Irene S. Adams, wife, West Dakota Street, Butler, Missouri.

Private First Class GERALD W. BENTZ, 35797783, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. Private BENTZ, a member of a collecting company litter squad, evacuated four wounded men from a hill upon which our troops were pinned down by enemy fire. The only route of evacuation was over ground which was without cover from the enemy. Many times during the four trips the squad was pinned down for periods of time ranging from five minutes to one-half hour. Private BENTZ' devotion to duty and courage in the face of great personal danger reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Rose Bentz, Mother, 2713 Griffith Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Private First Class JOHN R. BERRY, 37108252, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 1 March 1945 while his unit was engaged in action against the enemy, Private BERRY observed that the gunner of a 50 caliber machine gun had been wounded. With disregard for his own safety, Private BERRY crawled forward across open rice paddies and irrigation ditches, under intense artillery and mortar fire to reach the machine gun position. There being no aid men available, Private BERRY administered first aid to the wounded man and then manned the machine gun during an enemy counterattack. Private BERRY'S heroic act saved the life of his comrade and greatly contributed to the success of his company's mission. Home address: Mrs. Maude Berry, Mother, 1521 Pecon Street, Texarkana, Arkansas.

Private First Class ARTHUR R. BRAGG, 35656434, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 March 1945. Under enemy shelling Private BRAGG exhibited great courage and performed services far beyond the call of duty by driving his ambulance into enemy territory to assist in the evacuation of casualties. His courageous action made it possible to evacuate and treat properly many who would have suffered many hours otherwise, and perhaps have died. Home address: Mrs. Annie M. Bragg, Mother, New, West Virginia.

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Private First Class DAVID E. BROWN, 33110148, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 February 1945. The first shell of an enemy artillery barrage on private BROWN's company, because fell in the company command post area, wounding several men. In spite of the fact that shells continued to fall in the area, private BROWN voluntarily left an entrenched position and went to the aid of the wounded men. He proceeded in moving his wounded comrades to a position of safety and fearlessly administered first aid. Home address: Mrs. Margaret T. Brown, Wife, 1425 30th Street, Easton, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM BROWN, 18027650, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle Dornier, Sister, Hardisty, Oklahoma.

Sergeant DAN J. COMBS, 18027650, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 8 February 1945, when his battery position was attacked by an enemy patrol. Sergeant COMBS exposed himself to the enemy fire and attacked the patrol with his own men. His gallant and heroic action so inspired the men around him that the enemy was repulsed immediately. Home address: Mrs. Theresa E. Combs, wife, 107 So 39th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant JAMES R. COOK, 30021121 (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Posorrucio, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. The infantry company of which Sergeant COOK was a member was receiving a large volume of enemy machine gun, artillery, and small arms fire and had lost contact with two of its platoons. Sergeant COOK, voluntarily, crawled through the heavy barrage of enemy fire in order to locate the position of the platoons and succeeded in establishing contact between the platoons and his company. Home address: Mrs. Mary McLean Cook, wife, Route #2, Owensville, Indiana.

Private First Class RICHARD H. DOVE, 35654559, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. Private DOVE, a member of a collecting company litter squad, evacuated four wounded men from a hill upon which our troops were pinned down by enemy fire. The only route of evacuation was over ground which was without cover from the enemy. Many times during the four trips the squad was pinned down for periods of time ranging from five minutes to one-half hour. Private DOVE's devotion to duty and courage in the face of great personal danger reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Pearl P. Gilpen, Mother, Hinton, West Virginia.

Private First Class HERMAN M. FELDMAN, 32173045, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945.

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Private FELDMAN, a member of a collecting company litter squad, evacuated four wounded men from a hill upon which our troops were pinned down by enemy fire. The only route of evacuation was over ground which was without cover from the enemy. Many times during the four trips the squad was pinned down for periods of time ranging from five minutes to one-half hour. Private FELDMAN'S devotion to duty and courage in the face of great personal danger reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Eva Feldman, Mother, 213 Linden Blvd., Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class MILTON H. FRENCH, 37031876, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 March 1945. Under enemy shelling, Private FRENCH exhibited great courage and performed services far beyond the call of duty by driving his ambulance into enemy territory to assist in the evacuation of casualties. Private FRENCH'S courageous action made it possible to evacuate and treat properly many who would have suffered many hours otherwise, and perhaps have died. Home address: Mrs. Virginia A. French, Wife, 3321 Blaisdell Avenue, Minneapolis, 8 Minnesota.

Private First Class JOSEPH F. GARDNER, 35657478, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 February 1945 to 27 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Stella W. Gardner, Wife, 941 Brook Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

Sergeant JAMES H. GIVENS, 35440443, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Caurigan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. Armed with a machine gun, Sergeant GIVENS, together with another enlisted man, moved out from his company toward an enemy emplacement which had been delaying an advance of our troops. Upon nearing the enemy position, Sergeant GIVENS and his comrade opened up with such effective machine gun fire that the enemy was forced to abandon their position. His company was then able to advance and successfully complete its mission. Home address: Miss Pauline Givens, Sister, Reedy, West Virginia.

Private ALFRED A. GROS, 38498093, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 March 1945. Under enemy shelling, Private GROS exhibited great courage and performed services far beyond the call of duty by driving his ambulance into enemy territory to assist in the evacuation of casualties. His courageous action made it possible to evacuate and treat properly many who would have suffered many hours otherwise, and perhaps have died. Home address: Mrs. May Gros, Wife, 2365 Annunciation Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Private First Class CASIL P. GROTHORN, 37078464, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 March 1945. Under enemy shelling, Private GROTHORN exhibited great courage and performed services far beyond the call of duty by driving his ambulance into enemy territory to assist in the evacuation of casualties. Private GROTHORN'S courageous action made it possible to evacuate and treat properly many who would have suffered many hours otherwise, and perhaps have died. Home address: Mrs. Gladys F. Grotjohn, Mother, 317 South First Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Private First Class BRUCE J. HALLMAN, 36216557, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. Private HALLMAN, a member of a collecting company litter squad, evacuated four men from a hill upon which our troops were pinned down by enemy fire. The only route of evacuation was over ground without cover from the enemy. Many times during the four trips the squad was pinned down for periods of time ranging from five to one-half hour. Private HALLMAN'S devotion to duty and courage in the face of great personal danger reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Helen Hallman, Mother, 1316 South Cicero Avenue, Cicero, Illinois.

Corporal CLARENCE J. HARDEN, JR., 37210449, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Bayangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. When the rifle company to which he was attached as forward observer of a 4.2 chemical mortar platoon was ordered to withdraw under an intense barrage of enemy 150mm mortar fire, Corporal HARDEN, with disregard for his own safety, remained at his observation post until the latest possible moment and directed the friendly mortar fire to cover the withdrawal. He successfully maintained radio contact with his gun positions throughout the action and upon arriving at a new position, he rapidly and efficiently established a new observation post and registered in his mortars for perimeter protection. His courageous devotion to duty under enemy fire is deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Delphine Harden, Mother, Protection, Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade HAROLD B. KNOX, 37076565, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. The infantry company to which Technician KNOX was attached as company aid man sustained several casualties from an enemy artillery and mortar concentration. With disregard for his own safety, Technician KNOX crawled forward under intense enemy shelling in order to administer first aid to the wounded men. He then assisted with moving the casualties to a place of safety. His courageous devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary K. Knox, Wife, Campbell, Missouri.

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Technician Fifth Grade ARVO K. LAMMI, 36254931, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Siina Lammi, Mother, RFD #1, Brantwood, Wisconsin.

Private First Class WILSON A. LERILLE, 34154935, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. The first shell of an enemy artillery barrage on Private LERILLE'S company bivouac fell in the company command post area, wounding several men. Despite the fact that shells continued to fall in the area, Private LERILLE, voluntarily, left an entrenched position and went to the aid of the wounded men. He succeeded in moving his wounded comrades to a position of safety and immediately administered first aid. Home address: Mrs. Earnestine Lerille, Mother, Cut Off, Louisiana.

Private First Class EDWIN F. MAREK, 32843525, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. Armed with a machine gun, Private MAREK, together with another enlisted man, moved out from his company toward an enemy emplacement which had been delaying an advance of our troops. Upon nearing the enemy position, Private MAREK and his comrade opened up with such effective machine gun fire that the enemy was forced to abandon their position. His company was then able to advance and successfully complete its mission. Home address: Mrs. Agnes T. Marek, Mother, 687 Roberts Road, Dunkirk, New York.

First Lieutenant GEORGE W. MARSHALL, 01291850, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. An infantry company while advancing toward its objective was pinned down by enemy machine gun and mortar fire and the only alternate route forward was covered by a strong enemy artillery position. Lieutenant MARSHALL, forward observer for an infantry cannon company, moved forward of the line troops to a point from which he could direct cannon fire upon the enemy artillery position. Though under fire constantly, he remained at his observation post until the enemy guns were destroyed and our troops were able to continue their assault. Home address: Mrs. Jessie W. Marshall, Mother, 744 Interative, University City, Missouri.

Technician Third Grade JACK MARTZ, 37007696, (then Technician Fourth Grade), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. The infantry company to which Technician MARTZ was attached as company aid man sustained several casualties from an enemy artillery and mortar concentration. With disregard for his own safety, Technician MARTZ crawled forward under intense enemy shelling in order to administer first aid to the wounded men. He then assisted with moving the casualties to a place of safety. His courageous devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Alma A. Martz, Wife, Lebanon, Missouri.

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Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND E. McCONNELL, 36303071, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945. Technician McCONNELL, a driver for a field artillery forward observation party, upon receiving word to bring his radio vehicle forward, drove three hundred yards over open terrain through enemy artillery fire in order to reach the observer's forward position. After being pinned down three times, Technician McCONNELL succeeded in reaching the observer's position with the radio equipment intact. As a result of his courageous action, field artillery fire was adjusted on enemy tanks and installations. Home address: Mrs. Mildred L. McConnell, wife, 414 North Webster, Taylorville, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade WALLACE F. WURZ, 36255094, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 2 February 1945 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ethel Marie Wurz, wife, 1239 South Seventh Avenue, Wausau, Wisconsin.

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SECTION I - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR - POSTHUMOUSLY

By direction of the President under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Public Law 40 1918) a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant ARTHUR B. BESTUL, 01305883, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. In the initial phase of an attack his company commander was killed and the company executive officer was seriously wounded. Lieutenant BESTUL, a rifle platoon leader commanding one of the assault platoons, though himself wounded, refused medical attention and assumed command of the company. Under withering machine gun and sniper fire, he aggressively directed the efforts of the company in a successful assault against enemy positions. Upon gaining the company objective, he immediately reorganized his company for the defense of their gain. Not until the following morning, after the mission was completed, did Lieutenant BESTUL allow himself to be evacuated for medical treatment. Lieutenant BESTUL'S decisive and aggressive leadership was responsible for the successful accomplishment of his company's mission. His voluntary assumption of command under extremely difficult conditions is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Phyllis K. Bestul, Wife, 114 SE Seventh Street, Little Falls, Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant FRANK DESHAZER, 37086006, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. As a platoon sergeant of an assault platoon he was severely wounded in the initial phase of an attack, but, disregarding the excruciating pain from his wounds, he continued to assist his platoon leader in deploying his platoon to the best advantage and directing a continuation of the assault. After having brought the support squad up through the enemy fire, Sergeant DESHAZER was killed by a burst of enemy machine gun fire. His courageous devotion to duty is deserving of the highest praise. Next of kin: Mrs. Lucy Elinor Deshazer, Wife, RR #1, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant GORMAN F. HARDIN, 6286612, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Cabaruan Village, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. When his organization was being subjected to destructive fire from an enemy 47mm anti-tank gun which was delivering direct fire, Sergeant HARDIN, a rifle platoon sergeant, volunteered to lead two tanks to a position from which they could knock out the enemy gun. Fully realizing the danger of the hazardous mission, he took the place of the assistant tank driver, directed the tanks forward and pointed out the location of the gun. Opening fire at close range the enemy gun scored a direct hit upon the lead tank, setting it afire and destroying all its occupants before the second tank could bring effective fire on the enemy position.

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Sergeant HARDIN'S devotion to duty, at the cost of his own life, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and is deserving of high praise. Next of kin: Mrs. Eunice J. Hardin, Wife, 225 West Valley Street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant LLOYD NEDVED, 37038891, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Sergeant NEDVED volunteered to act as a member of a rescue party attempting to evacuate some wounded comrades from enemy territory. Fully realizing the danger from enemy fire, he fearlessly infiltrated through the enemy positions under the cover of darkness, and in face of enemy fire, succeeded in reaching the position of the wounded men. While assisting with the evacuation, he was fatally wounded. His gallantry was an inspiration to all members of his unit. Next of kin: Mr. Charles Nedved, Father, Tyndall, South Dakota.

Private First Class GERALD NORWOOD, 17014741, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. The platoon in which Private NORWOOD was a rifleman and scout was pinned down by intense automatic weapons fire from an enemy pillbox. Disregarding his own safety he continuously exposed himself to the heavy enemy fire in order to locate the exact position of the enemy pillbox. While directing the fire of a friendly tank on the enemy emplacement, Private NORWOOD was killed by an enemy sniper. His intrepid actions were a material aid in the successful accomplishment of his platoon's mission and are deserving of high praise. Next of kin: Mrs. Callie Norwood, Mother, Route #1, Washington, Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade ROY W. STEMPLE, 35390504, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hill, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. The rifle platoon to which Technician STEMPLE was attached as medical aid man was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and kneed mortar fire and several men were wounded. With complete disregard for his own safety, he administered medical aid to his wounded comrades under withering enemy fire. Though wounded himself, he gallantly remained in the fiercely contested area, treating the wounded and assisting in their evacuation. While thus engaged, Technician STEMPLE was killed by enemy sniper fire. His outstanding devotion to duty, at the cost of his own life, reflects highest credit upon the military service of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Lille Stemple, Mother, Aurora, West Virginia.

SECTION II - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bill 43 WD 1918) a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant LESLIE A. BUROW, 02037036, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945. Lieutenant BUROW'S rifle platoon was leading the attack of an infantry company against a mountain which was strongly defended by the enemy.

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Upon nearing the crest of the mountain, our troops were caught in heavy automatic weapons crossfire, knee mortar and hand grenade fire. When his lead scout was fatally wounded, Lieutenant BUROW dashed through the enemy's deadly fire and carried him back to a protected position. Then taking a radio, Lieutenant BUROW went forward to the observation point where his scout was wounded and, with complete disregard for his own safety, remained in that position directing artillery fire until the enemy positions were neutralized. Lieutenant BUROW'S courage and outstanding initiative were a great inspiration to all his men. Home address: Mrs. Esther A. Burow, wife, 1203 Pleasant Street, Jefferson, Wisconsin.

Sergeant GEORGE W. GEMM, 4021328, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Novaliches, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. The first rounds of an enemy artillery barrage on the field artillery battery of which Sergeant GEMM is a member set on fire a dump of 105mm howitzer ammunition which was located in the battery area. At great personal risk, Sergeant GEMM left the protection of a slit trench, secured water and burlap sacks and succeeded in extinguishing the fire before it had burned through the fiber cases containing the ammunition. During the entire performance of this gallant act, enemy shells were bursting in the area. Sergeant GEMM'S great courage and initiative saved his organization from sustaining heavy losses in personnel and equipment. Home address: Mrs. Charity Gason, Mother, Route #1, Stephenville, Texas.

Private First Class ROBERT V. ROCK, 37214657, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Novaliches, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. The first rounds of an enemy artillery barrage on the field artillery battery of which Private ROCK is a member set on fire a dump of 105mm howitzer ammunition which was located in the battery area. At great personal risk, Private ROCK left the protection of a slit trench, secured water and burlap sacks and succeeded in extinguishing the fire before it had burned through the fiber cases containing the ammunition. During the entire performance of this gallant act, enemy shells were bursting in the area. Private ROCK'S great courage and initiative saved his organization from sustaining heavy losses in personnel and equipment. Home address: Mr. Irvin Rock, Father, RFD #1, Hope, Kansas.

First Lieutenant MARSHALL D. SAVOY, 01542324, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. As assistant battalion surgeon with an infantry unit which had suffered many casualties, Lieutenant SAVOY, personally, led litter bearer squads into a fiercely contested area. Despite withering enemy rifle, machine gun and mortar fire, he gallantly rendered medical aid to the wounded men and directed their evacuation to the battalion aid station. Under extremely hazardous conditions and, with utter disregard for his own safety, he administered blood plasma to the more seriously wounded and, in many instances, personally carried them to the shelter of nearby shell craters. When medical supplies began to run short in the forward area, Lieutenant SAVOY replenished the supply by making several difficult and dangerous trips, unescorted, to the aid station. The battle continued throughout the day and into the night with unabated intensity. Lieutenant SAVOY untiringly continued to evacuate the wounded, fully aware of the danger from enemy fire. Because of his gallant and intrepid actions many of the lives of his wounded comrades were saved. Home address: Mrs. Roberta G. Savoy, Wife, Route #3, Box 322, Phoenix, Arizona.

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Staff Sergeant RAYMOND W. STEPHENSON, 6227339, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Novaliches, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. The first rounds of an enemy artillery barrage on the field artillery battery of which Sergeant STEPHENSON is a member set on fire a dump of 105mm howitzer ammunition which was located in the battery area. At great risk, Sergeant STEPHENSON left the protection of a slit trench, secured water and burlap sacks and succeeded in extinguishing the fire before it had burned through the fiber cases containing the ammunition. During the entire performance of this gallant act, enemy shells were bursting in the area. Sergeant STEPHENSON'S great courage and initiative saved his organization from sustain heavy losses in personnel and equipment. Home address: Mrs. Edna L. Stephenson, wife, Box 257, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Lieutenant Colonel THERON R. STUELKE, 0280520, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Agat, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. An infantry battalion commanded by Colonel STUELKE was given the mission of seizing and holding an area of high ground which was strongly defended by the enemy. The terrain features over which our troops were fighting were very rugged and the enemy well-entrenched. Colonel STUELKE was with the forward elements of his battalion constantly, often exposing himself to enemy fire in order to locate points of vantage and to press the attack aggressively. While conducting such a reconnaissance, Colonel STUELKE was seriously wounded and was evacuated. His courageous leadership and outstanding tactical ability so inspired his officers and men that the attack continued uninterrupted until the objective was gained. Home address: Mrs. Jean M. Stuelke, wife, 609 Baltimore Street, Waterloo, Iowa.

SECTION III - AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944) a Bronze Star medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Captain PETER P. BASELICE, 0487788, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 3 September 1944 to 20 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edith F. Baselice, wife, 3519 30th Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York.

Staff Sergeant ROY W. BOLTZ, 37075492, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Sergeant BOLTZ crawled forward of our front lines over hazardous terrain and under enemy fire in order to rescue three seriously wounded men. He was successful in moving the men back of our lines and then assisted with their evacuation to an aid station. Sergeant BOLTZ' initiative and heroic efforts saved the lives of his three comrades. Home address: Mrs. Barcie L. Boltz, mother, 801 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

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Private First Class MARVIN J. BRYAN, 39284531, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 45. As a rifleman, armed with a sub-machine gun, Private BRYAN advanced aggressively with his assault team under direct enemy automatic weapons and rifle fire being delivered from cleverly camouflaged enemy pillboxes. Disregarding his own safety, he secured a position from which he could bring effective fire to bear upon the enemy, thus enabling rocket-launcher and demolition teams to move in and destroy the emplacements. Home address: Mr. Harry Bryan, Father, Needles, California.

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SECTION I - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull 43 WD 1918) a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant LESLIE S. COLLIER, 37059120, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. When an assault rifle company suffered heavy casualties from an intense enemy mortar barrage and withdrew to a more favorable position, Sergeant COLLIER, a rifle platoon sergeant, found that several of his men were missing. On his own initiative, and alone, he fearlessly returned to the vacated area which was still under intense mortar fire and located one of his squad leaders who had sustained a broken leg. Placing the man on his back, Sergeant COLLIER carried him one thousand yards toward an aid station before being aided by a litter squad. Again returning to the vacated area, he found another member of his platoon who was wounded by shrapnel in the leg and back. He carried the second wounded man a distance of three hundred yards out of the zone of fire. Sergeant COLLIER'S gallantry reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary S. Collier, Mother, Route #1, Cuba, Missouri.

Private First Class ROBERT G. FARLEY, 35604458, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. When the approximate location of dug-in enemy tanks was reported to his infantry company, Private FARLEY volunteered as a member of a six-man patrol and assigned the mission of definitely locating the enemy positions. After advancing one hundred yards the patrol was forced to cross rice paddies to reach the enemy tanks which were five hundred yards ahead. When approximately two hundred yards from the enemy positions, the patrol was discovered and received the combined fire from two 47mm guns, two machine guns and several riflemen. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private FARLEY, together with another enlisted man, fearlessly advanced under withering enemy fire to within one hundred yards of an enemy tank. From a kneeling position he calmly assisted in firing a rocket launcher three times which successfully knocked out the enemy tank. Private FARLEY'S gallant aggressiveness and cool efficiency under intense enemy fire reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Robert W. Farley, Father, Route #1, Rockport, West Virginia.

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Private First Class LOUIS B. KRAWIEC, 35207770, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Urdaneta, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Tanks had been sent forward to support our advance. While maneuvering in an open field, two of the tanks were shelled by the enemy, setting them on fire. Private KRAWIEC, a messenger and rifleman, observed that one of the men who was trying to crawl out of one of the burning tanks was seriously wounded. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private KRAWIEC rushed across the open field through murderous machine gun and rifle fire and succeeded in dragging three of his comrades from the burning tank. Private KRAWIEC'S gallant act reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Julian Krawiec, Mother, 336 Louisiana Avenue, Chester, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant FRANK J. VERDON, 37059672, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 March 1945. When the leading elements of his infantry company encountered stiff enemy resistance and were engaged in a fierce fire fight, Sergeant VERDON, acting platoon leader, was ordered to disengage his platoon and withdraw in order that a mortar concentration could be laid down. Immediately, he ordered his squad leaders to cover the evacuation of the wounded and withdraw by infiltration. Upon checking his men after they had withdrawn, Sergeant VERDON found that one of the leading scouts had been seen wounded by sniper fire and was unable to withdraw. Requesting that mortar concentration be delayed, he fearlessly worked his way forward under enemy fire to the location of the scout whom he found had been killed. On the way back to his platoon he was wounded in the chest by sniper fire, but refused to allow his men to expose themselves to the enemy fire in any attempt to rescue him. He tediously dragged himself to a position where litter bearers could safely reach him. His gallant leadership was an inspiration to all his men and reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Miss Marie J. Verdon, Sister, 1928 Mallinckrodt Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class HERMAN M. WOOD, 38119887, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. When the approximate location of dug-in enemy tanks was reported to his infantry company, Private WOOD volunteered as a member of a six-man patrol which was assigned the mission of definitely locating the enemy positions. After advancing one hundred yards the patrol was forced to cross rice paddies to reach the enemy tanks which were five hundred yards ahead. When approximately two hundred yards from the enemy positions, the patrol was discovered and received the combined fire from two 47mm guns, two machine guns and several riflemen. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private WOOD, together with another enlisted man, fearlessly advanced under withering enemy fire to within one hundred yards of an enemy tank. From a kneeling position he calmly assisted in firing a rocket launcher three times which successfully knocked out the enemy tank. Private WOOD'S gallant aggressiveness and cool efficiency under intense enemy fire reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Abbie Wood, Mother, 214 East First Street, Corsicana, Texas.

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SECTION II - AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class LOUIS L. ADLER, 36683741, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945. As assault companies of an infantry battalion advanced toward their objective, casualties were sustained from enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire. With disregard for his personal safety, Private ADLER, a medical aid man, fearlessly crawled under the intense enemy fire, administering much needed medical treatment. Since difficult terrain made it impossible to use litters, Private ADLER carried numerous casualties on his back to an aid station and on his return trips carried water and food supplies to front line troops. Though fatigued and near a point of exhaustion, he volunteered and assisted in the treatment of the wounded men throughout the night. Private ADLER'S aggressiveness and outstanding devotion to duty saved the lives of several comrades and are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mr. Nathan J. Adler, Father, 5446 North Christiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant ADOLPH ANDREWS, 6861922, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. Sergeant ANDREWS, a platoon guide, was leading a patrol deep into enemy territory when it was suddenly fired upon from a well-concealed enemy machine gun. With disregard for his own safety, he voluntarily exposed himself to enemy fire in order to maneuver successfully his patrol. Sergeant ANDREWS, after calling for a mortar concentration, aggressively led his men in a flanking movement which resulted in the destruction of the enemy position. Sergeant ANDREWS' efficiency and aggressiveness are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mr. V. Andrews, Father, State Sanitorium, Booneville, Arkansas.

Private First Class PALSTON W. BAIRD, 37624112, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Phillipine Islands on 28 February 1945. As assault companies of an infantry battalion advanced toward their objective, casualties were sustained from enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire. With disregard for his personal safety, Private BAIRD, a medical aid man, fearlessly crawled under the intense enemy fire, administering much needed medical treatment. Since difficult terrain made it impossible to use litters, Private BAIRD carried numerous casualties on his back to an aid station and on his return trips carried water and food supplies to front line troops. Though fatigued and near a point of exhaustion, he volunteered and assisted in the treatment of the wounded men throughout the night. Private BAIRD'S aggressiveness and outstanding devotion to duty saved the lives of several comrades and are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Baird, Mother, Hornersville, Missouri.

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Private First Class ELMER A. BELL, 37060530, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Matuba, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. The squad leader of Private BELL'S heavy machine gun squad was seriously wounded by a burst of enemy fire from an expertly camouflaged gun emplacement. Private BELL, concerned only with the rescue of his squad leader, unhesitatingly crawled from the shelter of an unshaken position and under intense enemy fire, administered first aid to the wounded man. Private BELL, then assumed command of his squad and effectively directed fire upon the enemy. His courage and initiative reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Della Bell, Mother, 5th Street, Augusta, Arkansas.

First Lieutenant RAYMOND T. BRANNON, 01291064, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 March 1945. When his flank squad was pinned down by enemy rifle and grenade fire, Lieutenant BRANNON as an assault platoon leader immediately deployed the remainder of his platoon into positions from which effective fire could be brought against the enemy in order to cover the withdrawal of his halted squad. The squad having withdrawn, it was discovered that the squad leader had been left behind wounded. Instructing his platoon to cover him with fire, Lieutenant BRANNON, disregarding his own safety, went fearlessly forward and carried the wounded man back to a sheltered position where medical treatment could be administered. Home address: Mrs Dorothy A. Brannon, wife, 1349 Jessen Street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND T. BRATCHER, 07008864, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. Enroute to an objective, Sergeant BRATCHER, squad leader of a leading rifle squad, went forward with his platoon leader on a reconnaissance. Spotting two enemy soldiers he immediately killed them with rifle fire. Continuing with the reconnaissance, he discovered an enemy light machine gun and eight of the enemy set up an ambush. Opening fire with his rifle, he killed all eight of the enemy and destroyed the machine gun. Sergeant BRATCHER'S aggressive and quick-thinking action saved his squad from suffering severe casualties and contributed greatly toward accomplishing the platoon's mission. Home address: Mrs. Evelyn L. Bratcher, wife, Route # 3, Liberty, Missouri.

Private First Class GORDON B. CANNON, 31309818, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Matuba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. As assault companies of an infantry battalion advanced toward their objective, casualties were sustained from enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire. With disregard for his personal safety, Private CANNON, a medical aid man, fearlessly crawled under the intense enemy fire, administering much needed medical treatment. Since difficult terrain made it impossible to use litters, Private CANNON carried numerous casualties on his back to an aid station and on his return trips carried water

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and food supplies to front line troops. Though fatigued and near a point of exhaustion, he volunteered and assisted in the treatment of the wounded men throughout the night. Private CANNON'S aggressiveness and outstanding devotion to duty saved the lives of several comrades and are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Helen E. Cannon, mother, 54 Salem Street, Andover, Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant ELLIS CATTON, 01318133, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Urdaneta, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Lieutenant CATTON commanded the left flank platoon of an infantry assault company which encountered fire from enemy machine guns which were protected by numerous enemy snipers. With disregard for his own safety, he deployed his platoon, placing his men in positions from which they could bring effective fire upon the enemy. Unescorted, he personally led supporting tanks forward into position and, disregarding enemy sniper fire, pointed out targets for the tank gunners. Lieutenant CATTON'S courage and efficiency were a great inspiration to all his men. Home address: Doctor Joseph Catton, Father, 2172 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco, California.

First Lieutenant KENNETH B. COCHRAN, 01294785, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 6 March 1945 to 26 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Claude Cochran, Father, Kensington, Indiana.

First Lieutenant CLAUDE R. DELANEY, 02037048, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Matuba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. As the evacuation of wounded personnel became a major problem to friendly assault troops who were pinned down by heavy enemy mortar and sniper fire, Lieutenant DELANEY, a rifle platoon leader, ordering a portion of his platoon to proceed to the foot of a hill, supervised his men in the hasty making of improvised litters from bamboo poles and shelter halves. At the same time, he ordered the collection of all empty canteens, filled them with water at the foot of the hill and organized a carrying chain to the pinned down assault platoons. Upon completion of the improvised litters, while under hazardous sniper and mortar fire, he calmly and efficiently directed the evacuation of wounded personnel to a rear battalion aid station. Lieutenant DELANEY'S courageous and cool efficiency aided in saving the lives of several men. Home address: Mrs. Carrie Delaney, Mother, 312 Lizzie Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Private First Class FRED D. DELROSSI, 36639742, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Matuba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. Disregarding the danger to his own life, Private DELROSSI, a company aid man, fearlessly crawled from a safe position to the side of men who were wounded by enemy mortar fire, administered medical aid, and dragged them to shelter. Fearlessly he worked with litter bearers in evacuating wounded men over rough terrain to the rear. Though fatigued and near a point of exhaustion, he returned to

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the front lines and remained there, caring for the wounded personnel throughout the night and commenced further evacuation of the wounded at dawn. Private DELROSE'S courageous devotion to duty saved the lives of many of his comrades-in-arms. Home address: Mrs. Ann Delrose, Mother, 410 State Street, Joliet, Illinois.

Private First Class GEORGE C. DESMOND, 36639797, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Urdaneta, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. As his squad advanced, Private DESMOND spotted a well-concealed enemy armored car located in a position from which it could bring effective fire upon his squad. Realizing their present position, Private DESMOND immediately moved to an advantageous position from which he could effectively fire his crew-served rocket launcher at the armored car. His first two rounds immobilized the vehicle. He then rushed forward and placed a thermite grenade upon the enemy car setting it on fire and destroying its occupants. His courageous action reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ella W. Desmond, wife, 1725 Lafayette Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant WORENT J. DIECKMANN, 37059629, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Maytanagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. When his ten-man reconnaissance patrol was pinned down by fire from an enemy force estimated to be a platoon, Sergeant DIECKMANN, platoon sergeant and leader of the patrol, making rapid estimation of the situation realized that the enemy was executing a flanking movement in an attempt to surround his patrol. Advancing aggressively by short rushes, he assaulted the flanking enemy and, personally, accounted for five of the enemy with deadly fire from his sub-machine gun. So successful was his lone assault that his patrol was able to maneuver into advantageous positions. Home address: Mrs. Anna Dieckmann, Mother, 2059 E. Prairie Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade DOUGLAS R. FISK, 37451863, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Pasawang, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 March 1945. When an assault rifle company encountered strong enemy resistance estimated to be an armored rifle company supported by a machine gun, the problem of evacuating casualties from a high mountainous area became critical. Technician FISK, a medical officer, volunteered to go forward with a litter party to evacuate the wounded men. Upon arriving at the mountain crest, he calmly and speedily administered much needed medical aid to the wounded, continually exposing himself to intense and determined enemy fire during the evacuation process under enemy sniper and 47mm mortar fire. On different occasions, the mission of the evacuation was successfully completed. Technician FISK'S steadfast devotion to duty saved the lives of many of his comrades-in-arms. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude Fisk, wife, Holstein, Wis. K.

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Private First Class CHARLES H. FOLKES, 37003841, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. The enemy launched a coordinated counterattack against the perimeter of Private FOLKES' rifle platoon. Private FOLKES, an automatic rifleman, upon seeing a perimeter machine gun knocked out by knee mortar fire and several of his comrades wounded, prevented the enemy from advancing and penetrating the perimeter with fire from his automatic weapon. Disregarding his personal safety, he remained at his post under intense enemy fire until the attack was successfully repulsed. Home address: Mrs. C. Fowkes, Mother, 407 Wisdom Street, Warrenton, Missouri.

Technician Third Grade EDWIN I. FRIEND, 37030665, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Paowagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 March 1945. When an assault rifle company encountered strong enemy resistance estimated to be a reinforced rifle company supported by a 47mm gun, the problem of evacuating casualties from a high mountainous area became critical. Technician FRIEND, a battalion surgical technician, volunteered to lead a litter party forward to evacuate the wounded men. Upon arriving at the crest of the mountain, he calmly and efficiently directed the efforts of medical aid men and litter bearers. Though the evacuation party came under enemy sniper and 47mm gun fire on different occasions, the mission of evacuation was successfully completed. Technician FRIEND'S outstanding leadership and courageous devotion to duty saved the lives of many of his comrades-in-arms. Home address: Mrs Julia Jane Finger, Mother, 1316 Farwell, Chicago, Illinois.

First Lieutenant HOWARD A. GAGNON, 01293236, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. When an infantry rifle platoon attacked an enemy strong point and encountered a fierce barrage of machine gun, mortar and rifle fire, the platoon leader, platoon sergeant, and platoon guide were wounded and were evacuated during the initial phase of the attack. Lieutenant GAGNON, assault team leader commanding a supporting assault team from another battalion, immediately assumed command of the straggled platoon, reorganized it and ordered a continuation of the attack. Under his aggressive leadership and efficient fire direction, the objective was successfully taken with a minimum number of casualties. Home address: Mrs Elizabeth A. Gagnon, wife, 275 West Street, Leominster, Massachusetts.

Private First Class DONALD C. GLOD, 36308270, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945.

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Private GRODE, an automatic rifleman, advanced under heavy enemy machine gun, 47mm gun and rifle fire in order to cover with his automatic fire a rocket launching team which was attacking enemy dug-in tanks. He advanced to within twenty yards of the tanks and succeeded in keeping the enemy completely pinned down while the assault team threw phosphorus hand grenades into the turrets, causing the tanks to burst into flames. Private GRODE'S courage reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Jenny Grode, Mother, 354 Oak Street, Menasha, Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade ELVIN A. HANKE 37059665, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon from 17 January 1945 to 5 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. LeDona A. Hanke, wife, 915 Regina Avenue, LeRay, Missouri.

Sergeant PETER HELCO, 35023130, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. Home address: Mr Steve Helco, Father, Box 161, Girard, Ohio.

Private First Class FRANK M. HOCEVAR, 35320693, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 March 1945. When an estimated force of forty enemy riflemen supported by a fierce mortar barrage counterattacked the perimeter of his rifle company and threatened to break through, Private HOCEVAR, assistant gunner of a light machine gun, picked up a large supply of machine gun ammunition and crawled with his gunner through withering enemy fire to an exposed area in order to secure a field of fire. As a result of their effective fire the enemy counterattack was successfully repulsed. Private HOCEVAR'S aggressiveness and courage under intense enemy fire reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Hocevar, Mother, 9407 Reno Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Technician Third Grade LINTZ JENNINGS, 37066246, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Wawa-Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. When a battalion headquarters was subjected to an intense artillery barrage from enemy 90mm dual-purpose anti-aircraft gun using time-fire fuses, artillery shells burst from twenty to fifty feet above the ground and caused numerous casualties. Technician JENNINGS, a surgical technician, crawled from a safe position over many yards of open terrain and assisted in pulling the wounded men to shelter and administered such needed medical aid. Throughout the night, he tirelessly and efficiently cared for the wounded and prepared for the evacuation of the wounded at dawn. Technician JENNINGS' courage and efficiency inspired all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Dolores F. Jennings, wife, c/o Louis Ancoine, RFD #1, De Sota, Kansas.

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Private First Class THOMAS T. KING, 37009253, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mawa-Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 March 1945. Without regard for his personal safety, Private KING alone dragged two wounded comrades into a small ravine and fearlessly fired his rifle with deadly accuracy, holding back enemy riflemen until the wounded men could be evacuated. Immediately after the evacuation was accomplished, a barrage of chemical mortars bombarded the objective. Advancing to lead scout position in the attack which followed, Private KING killed two enemy machine gunners and three additional enemy with hand grenades and rifle fire. His courage and devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire was an inspiration to his platoon and reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. William R. King, Father, Route #4, Springfield, Missouri.

Private First Class JOHN S. LEE, 36575898, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Matuba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945. As assault companies of an infantry battalion advanced toward their objective casualties were sustained from enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire. With disregard for his personal safety, Private LEE, a medical aid man, fearlessly crawled under the intense enemy fire, administering much needed medical treatment. Since difficult terrain made it impossible to use litters, Private LEE carried numerous casualties on his back to an aid station and on his return trips carried water and food supplies to front line troops. Though fatigued and near a point of exhaustion, he volunteered and assisted in the treatment of the wounded men throughout the night. Private LEE'S aggressiveness and outstanding devotion to duty saved the lives of several comrades and are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Florence Lee, Mother, 3223 Grant Street, Saginaw, Michigan.

Private First Class JAMES C. LOFTIS, 37002174, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 March 1945. An estimated enemy force of approximately one hundred thirty men supported by an intense barrage of mortar fire attacked the temporary positions of an infantry rifle company and threatened to break through. As the attack progressed, Private LOFTIS, gunner of a 60mm mortar, hastily adjusted his weapon and effectively laid down a heavy counter barrage on forward enemy riflemen. Though enemy forces threatened to break through at any moment, he fearlessly held his ground in the face of withering enemy fire and succeeded in demoralizing and routing the enemy forces. His courage and tenacious devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth E. Loftis, Mother, Romance, Missouri.

Private EDWARD W. MACKAY, 39215444, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 March 1945. When an assault rifle company encountered strong enemy resistance estimated to be a reinforced rifle company supported by a 47mm gun, the problem of evacuating casualties from a high mountainous area became critical. Private MACKAY, a medical aid man, volunteered to lead a litter party forward to evacuate the wounded men. Upon arriving at the crest of the mountain, he calmly and efficiently

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directed the efforts of medical aid men and litter bearers. Though the evacuation party came under enemy sniper and 47mm gun fire on different occasions, the mission of evacuation was successfully completed. Private MACKAY'S outstanding leadership and courageous devotion to duty saved the lives of many of his comrades-in-arms. Home address: Mrs. Goldene Mackay, Mother, 2121 West 13th Street, Spokane, Washington.

Private CLARENCE MARTINEZ, 38351228, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. When the enemy launched a coordinated attack supported by heavy machine guns and knee mortars against his infantry company, Private MARTINEZ steadfastly held his position in the face of the intense enemy fire and effectively delivered fire upon the enemy force. His courage and devotion to duty under hazardous conditions materially aided in successfully repulsing the enemy counterattack. Home address: Mrs. Onkennelah Martinez, Mother, Thoreau, New Mexico.

Private First Class VERLE V. MASTERHAM, 37046585, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 March 1945. Private MASTERHAM, acting as number one scout, was advancing in front of his patrol when he was suddenly fired upon. Determining the location of the enemy to be in a small cave, he worked his way forward to a position from which he was able to keep the enemy pinned down until his patrol could successfully flank and knock out the enemy position. His initiative and aggressiveness were responsible for the patrol killing four enemy without a casualty of its own. Home address: Mrs. Blanche Masterham, Mother, 1023 Banks Street, Webster City, Iowa.

Captain ROY T. MEUNews, 01303010, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. The rifle company which he commanded was assigned the difficult mission of seizing and securing a strategic enemy-held bridge. The route of advance ran approximately three thousand yards through thick undergrowth and trees. Captain MEUNews moved aggressively forward among the leading elements of his assault troops. Under enemy fire, he rapidly and competently evaluated the situation and maneuvered his men in such a manner that the mission was accomplished without casualties and in a minimum period of time. Numerous pillboxes were destroyed and the entire area was cleared of enemy snipers. Captain MEUNews' outstanding leadership was an inspiration to all his men and is deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Florence A. Meunews, Wife, 3718 21st Avenue, Astoria, Long Island, New York.

Private First Class CLIN J. NOLTING, 37059032, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. When the enemy launched a coordinated attack supported by heavy machine guns and knee mortars against his infantry company, Private NOLTING steadfastly held his position in the face of the intense enemy fire and effectively delivered fire upon the enemy force. His courage and devotion to duty under hazardous conditions materially aided in successfully repulsing the enemy counterattack. Home address: Mrs. Anne C. Nolting, Mother, Route #2, Gerald, Missouri.

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Corporal STEPHEN L. OSUSKY, 32490665, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Matana, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945. As assault companies of an infantry battalion advanced toward their objective, casualties were sustained from enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire. With disregard for his personal safety, Corporal OSUSKY, a medical aid man, fearlessly crawled under the intense enemy fire, administering much needed medical treatment. Since difficult terrain made it impossible to use litters, Corporal OSUSKY carried numerous casualties on his back to an aid station and on his return trips carried water and food supplies to front line troops. Though fatigued and near a point of exhaustion, never wavered and persisted in the treatment of the wounded men throughout the night. Corporal OSUSKY's aggressive and outstanding devotion to duty saved the lives of several comrades and are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Anna Mary Osusky, Wife, 21 South Chase Street, Johnstown, New York.

Private First Class CURTIS J. OWENS, 3601933, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. When the enemy launched a coordinated attack supported by heavy machine guns and knee mortars against his infantry company, Private OWENS steadfastly held his position in the face of the intense enemy fire and effectively delivered fire upon the enemy force. His courage and devotion to duty under hazardous conditions materially aided in successfully repulsing the enemy counterattack. Home address: Mrs. Marion M. Owens, Wife, 910 W. Moore Street, Henryetta, Oklahoma.

Private First Class CLINTON G. PHILLIPS, 38057338, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. During an enemy night attack against the perimeter of his platoon, Private PHILLIPS, a light machine gunner, remained at his gun firing furiously upon the enemy even though wounded by a hand grenade which exploded near his face. Not until he was relieved by a nearby comrade would he leave his position to receive medical treatment. Private PHILLIPS' courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Albert A. Phillips, Farmer, Route #1, Cushing, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade LEROY R. PIOTRASCHKE, 39288731, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. While attacking well-fortified enemy positions, numerous men fell wounded from the first bursts of enemy fire, many dropping helpless in an open area which was exposed to deadly sniper fire. Technician PIOTRASCHKE, a medical aid man, with disregard for his own safety, exposed himself repeatedly to the enemy fire in order to administer first aid to wounded comrades and carry them to safety. His bravery and unselfish devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. June S. Piotraschke, Wife, 12 Kona Road, San Francisco, 10, California.

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Technician Fifth Grade JAMES S. RITCHIE, 35317866, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. An 81mm mortar platoon was suddenly pinned down by a fierce barrage of enemy 150mm mortar fire. Technician RITCHIE, a medical aid man, with disregard for his own safety, crawled among the men who were wounded and administered much needed medical aid and efficiently directed the evacuation of the casualties. After assisting litter bearers, he fearlessly returned several times into the continuous barrage to treat other wounded comrades. His heroic devotion to duty saved the lives of several of his comrades-in-arms and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary B. Ritchie, Mother 3837 Kirkwood Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Private First Class FELIX A. ROMERO, 39863421, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Bolokbok, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 4 February 1945 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Sally A. Woods, Sister, 953 Santee Street, Los Angeles, California.

Private STEVE P. SABO, 36587842, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. When the enemy launched a coordinated attack supported by heavy machine guns and knee mortars against his infantry company, Private SABO steadfastly held his position in the face of the intense enemy fire and effectively delivered fire upon the enemy force. His courage and devotion to duty under hazardous conditions materially aided in successfully repulsing the enemy counterattack. Home address: Mrs. Phyllis J. Sabo, wife, 1934 Elm Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class EDWARD G. SAMUEL, 37009187, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 March 1945. When an estimated force of forty enemy riflemen supported by a fierce mortar barrage counterattacked the perimeter of his rifle company and threatened to break through, Private SAMUEL, gunner of a light machine gun, carried his weapon through withering enemy fire to an exposed area in order to secure a field of fire. As a result of his effective fire, the enemy counterattack was successfully repulsed. Private SAMUEL'S aggressiveness and courage under intense enemy fire reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Annie B. Samuel, Mother, Route #2, Seymour, Missouri.

Private First Class CHARLES A. SCAMP, 35409948, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. When the enemy launched a coordinated attack supported by heavy machine guns and knee mortars against his infantry company, Private SCAMP steadfastly held his position in the face of the intense enemy fire and effectively delivered fire upon the enemy force. His courage and devotion to duty under hazardous conditions materially aided in successfully repulsing the enemy counterattack. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Scamp, Mother, Route #3, Philpot, Kentucky.

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Private First Class CLEACY A. SHEARER, 35124052, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Olongalong, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. As a scout of an assault platoon whose mission was to attack prepared enemy positions in the immediate area of a vital river bridge, he fearlessly moved far in advance of the leading assault platoon. Crawling to the edge of the high river bank, he killed two enemy soldiers who were lying near their machine gun. This action drew the fire of a well-fortified enemy emplacement. Taking cover, he hurled three grenades directly into the position and withdrew to make necessary reports. He then voluntarily loaned a well-propelled hand grenade and by his precise directions the crew were able to demolish completely the position with two well-placed rounds, killing a total of one Japanese officer and fourteen enlisted men. Home address: Mr. Lee Shearer, Farmer, Patterson, Missouri.

Sergeant DALLAS A. SCHIELE, 35023069, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. Sergeant SCHIELE, an assistant squad leader, advanced under heavy enemy machine gun, 47mm gun and rifle fire in order to cover a rocket-launching team which was attacking enemy dug-in tanks. He advanced to within twenty yards of the tanks and succeeded in keeping the enemy completely pinned down while the assault team threw phosphorus hand grenades into the turrets, causing the tanks to burst into flames. Sergeant SCHIELE'S courage reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lena Kay Schiele, wife, 1027 Lindsay Avenue, Akron, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant JOHN F. SHOWERS, 37030549, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. Sergeant SHOWERS, a 60mm mortar section leader, was in command of a mortar section which was composed of squads from various companies brought together to support a defensive area. The enemy launched a determined night attack accompanied by a barrage of knee mortar and heavy machine gun fire. Fully realizing the danger of the enemy fire, Sergeant SHOWERS unhesitatingly crawled from the shelter of a trench and moved from one mortar squad to another, efficiently directing and causing mortar fire upon the enemy until the attack was repulsed. Sergeant SHOWERS' courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Edith M. Showers, wife, 3809 30th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private First Class EDWIN B. SIBSON, 36068021, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Arayat, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. With disregard for his own safety, Private SIBSON, a messenger, volunteered to carry numerous fire orders and instructions to forward assault elements who had no means of communication who were under intense sniper and heavy mortar fire. Three times he guided heavy bearers backward to front lines and, on one occasion upon finding a helpless soldier wounded by sniper fire, he pulled the wounded man from the sniper's lane of fire and located litter bearers to evacuate the casualty. Private SIBSON'S courage and outstanding devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lucinda H. Sibson, Mother, Norwood, Georgia.

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Staff Sergeant EVERETT A. SMITH, 6917450, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. After an infantry battalion attacked enemy forces which were on high ground, it became subjected to a constant barrage of mortar, machine gun and rifle fire. Sergeant SMITH, a medical technician, led a group of surgical technicians and litter squads to a deep ravine and established an advance aid station. When a report of heavy casualties was received, without regard for his own personal safety, Sergeant SMITH advanced through intense enemy fire to the side of wounded men in the forward assault platoons and administered plasma and medical care to the seriously wounded men and supervised the orderly evacuation of six litter cases. Sergeant SMITH'S initiative and courageous devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Gladys Smith, wife, 1428 78th Avenue, Oakland, California.

Sergeant RICHARD G. SPAFFORD, 36122303, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. Sergeant SPAFFORD, a squad leader of a light machine gun section, advanced under heavy enemy machine gun, 47mm gun and rifle fire in order to cover with automatic fire a rocket-launching team which was attacking enemy dug-in tanks. He advanced to within twenty yards of the tanks and succeeded in keeping the enemy completely pinned down while the assault team threw phosphorus hand grenades into the turrets, causing the tanks to burst into flames. Sergeant SPAFFORD'S courage reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Shirley L. Spafford, wife, 302 East Patterson Street, Flint, Michigan.

Private First Class SALVATORE SPERAZZO, 32843427, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Wawa-Antipolo trail, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. When a battalion headquarters was subjected to an intense artillery barrage from 90mm dual-purpose anti-aircraft guns using time-fire fuses, artillery shells burst from twenty to fifty feet above the ground and caused numerous casualties. Private SPERAZZO, a medical aid man, crawled from a safe position over many yards of open terrain and assisted in pulling the wounded men to shelter and administered much needed medical aid. Throughout the night, he tirelessly and efficiently cared for the wounded and prepared for the evacuation of the wounded at dawn. Private SPERAZZO'S courage and efficiency inspired all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mr. Frank Sperazzo, Father, 66 1/2 1st Street, Buffalo, New York.

Staff Sergeant EDGAR R. STATLER, 37059028, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Mataba, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. When a rifle company became subjected to heavy artillery, machine gun, mortar and rifle fire which seriously wounded a rifle platoon leader, Sergeant STATLER, section sergeant of a light machine gun section, with disregard for his own safety, crawled under deadly enemy fire to the side of the wounded officer and dragged him to shelter. Employing one of his machine gun squads, he accomplished the evacuation of the wounded man down steep slopes and through ravines to an aid station. Home address: Mrs. Charles W. Statler, Metzer, Sedgeveckville, Missouri.

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Technical Sergeant CHARLES E. STILES, 35466557, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Wawa-Antipolo sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. When a battalion headquarters was subjected to an intense artillery barrage from 90mm dual-purpose anti-aircraft guns using time-fire fuses; artillery shells burst from twenty to fifty feet above the ground and caused numerous casualties. Sergeant STILES, a surgical technician, crawled from a safe position over many yards of open terrain and assisted in pulling the wounded men to shelter and administered much needed medical aid. Throughout the night, he tirelessly and efficiently cared for the wounded men and prepared for the evacuation of the wounded at dawn. Sergeant STILES' courage and efficiency inspired all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, Mother, 1119 Salisbury Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Private JAMES J. TAUZIN, 38500986, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945. As assault companies of an infantry battalion advanced toward their objective, casualties were sustained from enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire. With disregard for his personal safety, Private TAUZIN, a medical aid man, fearlessly crawled under the intense enemy fire, administering much needed medical treatment. Since difficult terrain made it impossible to use litters, Private TAUZIN carried numerous casualties on his back to an aid station and on his return trips carried water and food supplies to front line troops. Though fatigued and near a point of exhaustion, he volunteered and assisted in the treatment of the wounded men throughout the night. Private TAUZIN'S aggressiveness and outstanding devotion to duty saved the lives of several comrades and are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Gladys Tauzin, Wife, 641 South White Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Private First Class WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, 39292235, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 March 1945. When his battalion was engaged in mopping up pockets of enemy resistance in the wooded ravines and numerous caves in the area, Private TAYLOR, a demolition man in a battalion assault team, was called upon to assist in releasing two comrades who were pinned down by enemy fire from a fortified cave. After two unsuccessful attempts to approach the cave, he, with the aid of another demolition man, worked his way to the top of the ravine, then down to a position just above the cave opening. Disregarding the enemy fire, he successfully threw several charges of demolitions in front of the entrance to the cave and the concussion of the charges along with the smoke and confusion enabled the two beleaguered riflemen to withdraw safely. Private TAYLOR'S heroic act is deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Norine Taylor, wife, 1002 Lagoon Avenue, Wilmington, California.

Technician Fifth Grade MICHAEL W. TURR, 35318043, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. Realizing the danger to his own life, Technician TURR, a medical aid man, went to the aid of wounded comrades in the face of intense enemy fire. After administering much needed medical aid to the wounded men, he organized litter parties and successfully evacuated them. Although fatigued and near a point of exhaustion upon reach-

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ing the battalion aid station, he returned to the scene of action and tirelessly rendered medical aid and supervised evacuation of the wounded. Home address: Mrs. Anna Turr, Mother, Box 241, Caldwell, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade GILBERT VARGO, 37030765, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Matuba, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. When an infantry assault rifle company attacked camouflaged enemy mortar and machine gun emplacements, it was subjected to an enemy mortar barrage which inflicted a number of casualties. A minimum of seventy-five rounds of 150mm mortar shells landed in the area during a two hour period. With disregard for his own safety, Technician VARGO, a medical aid man, administered medical aid and assisted with the evacuation of approximately twelve wounded men. He returned six times into the mortar barrage, exposing himself to enemy fire, in order to give medical treatment and assist as a litter bearer. Technician VARGO'S tenacious devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Steve Vargo, Father, Pine River, Minnesota.

Sergeant ERNEST M. VILES, 37006803, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Bolokbok, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 4 February 1945 to 7 February 1945. Sergeant VILES, an assistant squad leader, volunteered to lead a four-man reconnaissance patrol six thousand yards into enemy territory to establish an observation post. Under cover of darkness he led the patrol through enemy lines, established an observation post and held the position against the threat of three strong enemy patrols until he was able to locate and plot the position of an enemy force of approximately three hundred personnel supported by tanks and other armored vehicles. After having returned to his organization and reported his findings, Sergeant VILES volunteered to lead a larger reconnaissance party forward and succeeded in directing devastating artillery fire upon the enemy which destroyed his installations. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Viles, wife, Box 172, Richmond, Missouri.

Private STANLEY C. VITEK, 35235132, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Laytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 March 1945. As a landing rifle platoon approached an enemy rocket gun position, a machine gun protecting the enemy position opened fire, halting the advance. Private VITEK, a scout, moved forward under enemy fire to secure a position from which he could bring fire from his grenade launcher upon the enemy. His fire was so effective that the enemy gun was neutralized, enabling the advance to continue to a successful accomplishment of an assigned mission. Home address: Mrs. Peggy Vitek, wife, 940 Caldwell Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

Private First Class JOHN G. WADSWORTH, 33563991, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Macavagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 March 1945. When an assault rifle company attacked an estimated enemy force of one reinforced rifle company supported by a 47mm gun, it was subjected to a severe enemy artillery barrage and devastating machine gun cross-fire which caused numerous casualties.

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With disregard for his own safety, Private WADDELL, a medical aid man, repeatedly crawled to the side of wounded men in order to administer much needed medical aid. He then evacuated wounded personnel by carrying them on his back, since the terrain was too hazardous for evacuation by litters. His unselfish devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Clara I. Waddell, Wife, c/o General Delivery, Parma, Idaho.

Private First Class ERNEST E. WALTERS, 35363913, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 March 1945. When stiff enemy resistance was met during an attack on a strongly-held enemy position and his platoon suffered several casualties, Private WALTERS, an assistant automatic rifleman, crawled forward under enemy fire with additional ammunition for the automatic weapon and then, on his own initiative, worked his way forward to his wounded platoon leader in order to render medical aid. He voluntarily assisted with the evacuation of numerous casualties. Private WALTERS' initiative and courage were a great inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Betty Jean Walters, Wife, Route #1, West Terre Haute, Indiana.

Private First Class LUTHER G. WATSON, 35294729, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Villasis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 January 1945. When an infiltration party consisting of four men attacked his position on a perimeter, Private WATSON, a scout and rifleman, was stabbed during a close hand-to-hand fight. Despite the wound, he succeeded in overpowering one of the enemy and alerting his nearby comrades thus successfully repulsing the attack. Private WATSON'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Harrison Watson, Father, Route #1, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Private First Class JAMES F. WEAVER, 33767550, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 March 1945. When his battalion was engaged in mopping up pockets of enemy resistance in wooded ravines and numerous caves, Private WEAVER, a demolition man in a battalion assault team, was called upon to assist in releasing two comrades who were pinned down by enemy fire coming from a fortified cave. After two unsuccessful attempts to approach the cave, he with the aid of another demolition man, worked his way to the top of the ravine, then down to a position just above the cave opening. Disregarding the danger from enemy fire, he threw several charges of demolitions in front of the entrance to the cave. The concussion of the charges along with the smoke and confusion allowed the two beleaguered riflemen to withdraw safely. Home address: Mrs. Elzora K. Weaver, Wife, 523 South Ankney Avenue, Somerset, Pennsylvania.

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