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Private First Class MIRAL J. WESTON, 37214371, 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 strong enemy positions and his platoon suffered several casualties, Private WESTON, an automatic rifleman, on his own initiative, worked his way under enemy fire to a vantage point from which he effectively covered the evacuation of the casualties and killed several snipers who were harassing the litter teams. Directly due to his intrepid efforts and fearless aggressiveness under enemy fire, several lives of his wounded comrades-in-arms were saved. Home address: Mrs. Gladys Weston, Mother, Route #3, Yates Center, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH G. ZAROOR, 37008016, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. When an assault rifle company had reached its objective and was subjected to a severe hail of mortar, machine gun and sniper fire which caused numerous casualties, Sergeant ZAROOR, section sergeant of a heavy machine gun section, advanced with the two leading rifle platoons, calmly and efficiently directing the members of his section. At dawn he was wounded by mortar shrapnel, but heedless of his own safety, remained at his post for several hours fearlessly scouting concealed enemy positions until ordered to report to the battalion aid station for much needed medical treatment. Sergeant ZAROOR'S outstanding devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Sarah Smaha, Mother, 1417 Felix Street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

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

By direction of the President in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant CHARLES H. KLOCKE, 37059040, 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. 9416, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant CHARLES H. KLOCKE, 37059040, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 January 1945 to 27 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Verna E. Klocke, wife, APO #1, Leslie, Missouri.

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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 (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:

Captain EDWIN J. COLLINS, JR., 0350868, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Baler Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 February 1945 to 12 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Emmons W. Collins, Brother, 1st & American National Bank, Duluth, Minnesota.

Private First Class STEWART E. DUNLAP, 39287545, 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. Private DUNLAP, a rifleman, volunteered as a member of a group attempting to locate and evacuate wounded members of a squad which was pinned down by enemy cross-fire. With disregard for his personal safety, Private DUNLAP infiltrated through the enemy positions under cover of darkness and successfully evacuated his wounded comrades from the beleaguered area. His heroic service beyond the call of duty, reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Earl Dunlap, Father, 629 32nd Street, San Diego, California.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM T. ELLINGTON, 01305028, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Bataan Peninsula, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 February to 21 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Virginia W. Ellington, Wife, 1422 Tangier Street, Coral Gables, Florida.

Private First Class CHARLES F. ERKER, 37070019, Corps of Engineers, 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: Mr. Adolph A. Erker, Father, RFD #2, Cheney, Kansas.

Private First Class ROQUE GARCIA, 39920492, 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. Private GARCIA, a rifleman, volunteered as a member of a group attempting to locate and evacuate wounded members of a squad which was pinned down by enemy cross-fire. With disregard for his personal safety, Private GARCIA infiltrated through the enemy positions under cover of darkness and successfully evacuated his wounded comrades

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from the beleaguered area. His heroic service beyond the call of duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Roque Garcia, Mother, Monticello, Utah.

Private First Class ANTHONY L. GRZELINSKI, 36692755, 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 an automatic rifleman, Private GRZELINSKI advanced aggressively with his assault team under direct enemy automatic weapons and rifle fire coming from cleverly camouflaged enemy pillboxes. Disregarding his own safety, he secured a position from which he could bring effective fire upon the enemy, thus enabling rocket-launcher and 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. Antoinette G. Grzelinski, Wife, 4950 South Avers Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class LAMON J. GUINN, 17014689, 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 an automatic rifleman, Private GUINN advanced aggressively with his assault team under direct enemy automatic weapons and rifle fire coming from cleverly camouflaged enemy pillboxes. Disregarding his own safety, he secured a position from which he could bring effective fire upon the enemy, thus enabling rocket-launcher and 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: Mr. Jomnie H. Guinn, Father, Route #1, Box 154A, Eldorado, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant DONALD E. HARDER, 37030707, 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. Sergeant HARDER, a squad leader, volunteered as a member of a group attempting to locate and evacuate wounded members of a squad which was pinned down by enemy cross-fire. With disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant HARDER infiltrated through the enemy positions under cover of darkness and successfully evacuated his wounded comrades from the beleaguered area. His heroic service beyond the call of duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Everton B. Harder, Father, Eagle Bend, Minnesota.

Corporal KENNETH C. HENDRICKSON, 37073061, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Balar Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 February 1945 to 14 February 1945. Home address: Mr. John O. Hendrickson, Father, Hebron, Nebraska.

Private First Class JOHN J. KECK, 35741015, 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. Private KECK, a rifleman, volunteered as a member of a group attempting to locate and evacuate

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wounded members of a squad which was pinned down by enemy cross-fire. With disregard for his personal safety, Private KECK infiltrated through the enemy positions under cover of darkness and successfully evacuated his wounded comrades from the beleaguered area. His heroic service beyond the call of duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Kathryn Keck, Mother, RFD #2, Ewington, Ohio.

Private First Class EARL W. LUECK, 37059334, 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, Private LUECK advanced aggressively with his assault team under direct enemy automatic weapons and rifle fire coming from cleverly camouflaged enemy pillboxes. Disregarding his own safety, he secured a position from which he could bring effective fire 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. Annie Lueck, Mother, RFD #3, Box 389, Florissant, Missouri.

Private First Class MARTIN E. MATTHIESEN, 17012778, Corps of Engineers, 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. Laura Matthiesen, Mother, Spearfish, South Dakota.

Private First Class HENRY A. MATYNIAK, 36515128, 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. Private MATYNIAK, a rifleman, volunteered as a member of a group attempting to locate and evacuate wounded members of a squad which was pinned down by enemy cross-fire. With disregard for his personal safety, Private MATYNIAK infiltrated through the enemy positions under cover of darkness and successfully evacuated his wounded comrades from the beleaguered area. His heroic service beyond the call of duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Stella Matyniak, Mother, 5025 Campbell Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class JESSE T. MERRITT, 37065809, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. An infantry company strongpoint was subjected to devastating enemy mortar fire. Observing that one of his comrades had fallen wounded by shell fragments, Private MERRITT, a company messenger, left his position of safety and rushed through the murderous fire to rescue the wounded man. Though himself wounded, Private MERRITT succeeded in dragging the wounded soldier to a place of safety. His heroic service far beyond the call of duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mattie L. Merritt, Mother, Magnolia, Arkansas.

Private First Class WASIL MOROZ, 32571963, 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. Private MOROZ, a rifleman, volunteered as a member of a group attempting to locate and evacuate wounded members of a squad which was pinned down by enemy cross-fire. With disregard for his personal safety, Private MOROZ infiltrated through the enemy posi-

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tions under cover of darkness and successfully evacuated his wounded comrades from the beleaguered area. His heroic service beyond the call of duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Max Moroz, Pather, 151 Bemer Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade JAMES E. MULLIGAN, 35045786, 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. An infantry company was subjected to a severe shelling by enemy heavy artillery and mortars and sustained several casualties. With disregard for his personal safety, Technician MULLIGAN crawled forward in the face of the intense enemy fire to the area where the wounded men were lying. He helped move them to a shell crater where he administered first aid and blood plasma which saved their lives. Technician MULLIGAN'S courageous devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Mulligan, Mother, 516 Clarendon Avenue, N.W., Canton, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant CHESTER R. NIEBRUEGGE, 37059216, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Bataan Peninsula, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 February 1945 to 21 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Delma M. Niebruegge, Wife, Owensville, Missouri.

Private First Class HARRY E. ROFF, 37059282, 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 rifleman, Private ROFF, armed with a submachine gun, advanced aggressively with his assault team under direct enemy automatic weapons and rifle fire coming from cleverly camouflaged enemy pillboxes. Disregarding his own safety, he secured a position from which he could bring effective fire upon the enemy, thus enabling rocket-launcher and 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. Irma Roff, Wife, 4646 Tyrolean Avenue, St. Louis, 16, Missouri.

First Lieutenant WILLMER W. SCHICKINGER, 01172267, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mariquina Gorge, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 18 March 1945 to 19 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Doris Mae Schickinger, Wife, 2545 W. Jefferson, Louisville, Kentucky.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT C. SCHROEDER, 37045679, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Muñoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Technician SCHROEDER, a radio operator, voluntarily took charge of a forward observation party when the commissioned officer in charge became a casualty. Despite the enemy machine gun and 47mm gun fire directed at his observation post, Technician SCHROEDER continued to direct friendly artillery fire by radio until a fortified enemy position was destroyed. His initiative and courageous devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Arlene C. Schroeder, Wife, 1447 17th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

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Second Lieutenant **BUDY SMILONICH**, (ASN: not yet assigned), (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Urdaneta, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. As section leader of a 60mm mortar section, Lieutenant SMILONICH advanced with the leading elements of a rifle company attacking a town which was strongly defended by the enemy. When contact was made, though Lieutenant SMILONICH was under enemy sniper and automatic weapons fire, he immediately brought the fire of his weapon upon the enemy positions. His fire adjustment and directions were so effective that several enemy machine guns were completely demolished, a knee mortar knocked out, and enemy rifle fire largely neutralized. Home address: Mr. Sam Smilonich, Father, Box 133, Trommald, Minnesota.

Captain **RUSSELL C. STROUP**, 0491190, Corps of Chaplains, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Upon his own initiative, Captain STROUP, a chaplain attached to an infantry battalion, circulated among the assault units, administering last rites to the dying and bringing comfort to the wounded. With disregard for his own safety, he personally assisted with the evacuation of many of the wounded men. Captain STROUP'S actions reflect high credit upon himself and the military service and are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs Emma C. Stroup, Mother, 1504 Clayton Street, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Private First Class **TELEZO J. TALAVERA**, 38057723, 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 the infantry company of which he is a member was delayed in its advance by enemy machine gun fire, Private TALAVERA, on his own initiative worked his way forward of our lines, set up his machine gun and delivered accurate counter-fire. He destroyed an enemy position, thereby enabling his company to continue its advance. Private TALAVERA'S initiative and courage were an inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Mary Del Toro, Sister, 2816 Kane Street, Houston, Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade **ROY L. THULIN**, 38021244, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kay Ranban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. The patrol of which Technician THULIN was a member was engaged suddenly by the enemy who were located in an ambush position along the side of a trail. A fight with bayonets, grenades and gun fire at close quarters ensued. When one member of his patrol was wounded, Technician THULIN, with disregard for his own safety, moved forward through the intense grenade and rifle fire in order to reach the wounded man and removed him to a place of safety. Home address: Mrs. Darlene M. Thulin, Wife, 204 N. Elm Street, Commerce, Oklahoma.

Sergeant **JOHN H. VANDENBREUL**, 36214891, (then Corporal), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. A column of an infantry company was segregated by enemy machine gun cross-fire and sniper fire. Sergeant VANDENBREUL, a field artillery scout, was at the rear of the column. He worked his way forward with a radio under enemy fire to the forward observer. By using the radio, the observer was able to direct effective artillery

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fire upon the enemy positions, thereby enabling the company commander to maneuver the company into advantageous positions. Sergeant VANDENBRUEL'S courageous devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Miss Dorothy VandenBruel, Sister, 1304 North 68th Street, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

Private First Class RENE L. VIA, 36542452, 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. Private VIA, a rifleman, volunteered as a member of a group attempting to locate and evacuate wounded members of a squad which was pinned down by enemy cross-fire. With disregard for his personal safety, Private VIA infiltrated through the enemy positions under cover of darkness and successfully evacuated his wounded comrades from the beleaguered area. His heroic service beyond the call of duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Vera L. Via, Wife, 4515 Brady Street, Houston, Texas.

Private First Class EDWIN J. YARGER, 37572736, 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. Private YARGER, a rifleman, volunteered as a member of a group attempting to locate and evacuate wounded members of a squad which was pinned down by enemy cross-fire. With disregard for his personal safety, Private YARGER infiltrated through the enemy positions under cover of darkness and successfully evacuated his wounded comrades from the beleaguered area. His heroic service beyond the call of duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Clarice Yarger, Wife, Starbuck, Minnesota.

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SECTION I - AWARD 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 officer:

Captain GILBERT B. DOOLITTLE, 0360811, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. Captain DOOLITTLE was directing mortar fire as forward observer for his 4.2 mortars. During the initial phase of an attack, intense automatic weapons and mortar fire from strongly fortified enemy positions pinned down two infantry assault platoons and inflicted many casualties, among whom were the company commander and the only remaining platoon leader. Captain DOOLITTLE, immediately, took command, maneuvered the support platoon to the left of the enemy's position, relieving pressure to his front. He then, personally, led the remaining elements of the company in capturing the objective. Immediately upon securing the objective, Captain DOOLITTLE assisted in evacuating the wounded and supervised the reorganization and consolidation of the company perimeter. His initiative, great courage and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Virginia B. Doolittle, wife, 2303 Rio Linda Blvd., N. Sacramento, California.

SECTION II - AWARDS OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 3 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 No. 4, 29 October 1943, and paragraph 3g, USAFFE Regulations 1C-FO, dated 17 August 1943, Subject: "Award of Decorations", a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6 to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade STEVAN C. GERBICS, 36122245, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism during the initial landing at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 January 1945. When he observed a member of his company struggling in the rough water seventy-five yards from shore, Technician GERBICS immediately went to his rescue. He carried him to shore and administered artificial respiration, thereby saving the life of the soldier. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Gerbics, wife, 310 So Riverside Drive, Earth worth, Texas.

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Second Lieutenant JAMES E. MOULTON, 02037145, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroism at Cape Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea on 23 December 1944. Lieutenant MOULTON was standing on the beach when a high surf breached and swamped an LCM casting four men, with full field equipment, into the sea. Lieutenant MOULTON immediately swam to the aid of one of the men and succeeded in getting him back on the LCM. Lieutenant MOULTON suffered a slight shoulder injury when he was drawn under the craft by suction and he himself had to be rescued. He was hospitalized from the result of the injury and shock. His disregard for his own safety resulted in the saving of a man's life and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. T. Henry Moulton, Father, Box 322, Heber, Utah.

SECTION III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - POSTHUMOUSLY

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, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO # 6, to the following named enlisted man:

Technician Fourth Grade RAYMOND R. OSTFANDER, 3516407, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Iva Ostrander, Mother, RFD # 2, Ligonier, Indiana.

SECTION IV - 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:

Sergeant CECIL C. BOWEN, 20712927, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tilagan, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. An infantry platoon withdrew from an area which was under intense heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire leaving several wounded men behind. Sergeant BOWEN, a member of a field artillery forward observation party, volunteered to return to the dangerous area to assist with evacuating the seriously wounded personnel. With disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant BOWEN, after administering first aid while under intense enemy fire, remained with the wounded men until they could be evacuated to safety. Home address: Mrs. Lena Heiney, Mother, 22 West Palm, Duluth, Minnesota.

Captain JAMES J. CHRISTIAN, 01298661, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 22 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Christian, Wife, 505 E. Mulberry Street, Lancaster, Ohio.

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Technician Fifth Grade ISHMAEL L. HYOTT, 34130764, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 February 1945 to 2 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alice S. Hyott, Mother, Raymond, Mississippi.

Technician Fifth Grade LEVIN K. HERRIMAN, 33064628, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Lee R. Herriman, Brother, 11 West "B" Street, Brunswick, Maryland.

Private First Class ROBERT W. REDFERN, 36040619, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 2 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lina Redfern, Mother, Cornell, Illinois.

Private First Class WILLIAM R. REMAKER, 35125447, Infantry United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 2 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Honor G. Remaker, Mother, Box 28, Berry, Kentucky.

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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 officers and enlisted men:

/ First Lieutenant FORREST F. BLACKWOOD, 01293893, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. Lieutenant BLACKWOOD volunteered to lead a night patrol to knock out an enemy tank which had been harassing friendly troops and hindering the advance of an infantry lead battalion. After passing through our front lines, the patrol came under heavy machine gun fire from enemy positions which were supporting the tank. Lieutenant BLACKWOOD split his patrol and, with an enlisted man, crawled to within seventy yards of the tank. He then fired two rounds of rocket-launcher ammunition; changed his position and fired another round, and moved to a third locality discharging three more rounds which set the tank on fire. Home address: Mrs. Mabel Blackwood, Mother, Friend, Nebraska.

/ Captain CLYDE V. CHAPMAN, 0380819, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at the Wawa-Antipolo line on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. Captain CHAPMAN, commanding officer of an infantry cannon company, made a personal reconnaissance into enemy territory in the face of heavy fire from well-entrenched enemy automatic weapons. Having located the enemy positions, he returned and led a self-propelled mount by walking in front of it, despite heavy machine gun fire coming from a point only two hundred yards away, to a firing position from which he adjusted the fire of the gun crew until it had destroyed two enemy machine guns and three pillboxes. Captain CHAPMAN again led a self-propelled mount across open ground and, while under heavy rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire, succeeded in destroying a heavy machine gun position and four dugouts. While making a further reconnaissance into enemy territory to more accurately pinpoint the enemy defensive positions, he was wounded but refused to be evacuated until he had reported the results of his reconnaissance. Home address: Mrs. Virginia G. Chapman, wife, 3103 St. Vincent, St. Louis, Missouri.

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✓ Sergeant HYL A C. CROCKER, 37057588, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. During an attack against an enemy position, Sergeant CROCKER was critically wounded in the leg and found himself alone about twenty-five yards from his platoon. His leg mangled and bleeding very badly, he removed his waist belt and applied a tourniquet. As soon as this was accomplished, an enemy sniper appeared approximately thirty yards from his position at a place where he could easily inflict many casualties on Sergeant CROCKER'S platoon. Unable to draw a direct bead on the man, Sergeant CROCKER slowly and painfully dragged himself over sharp, rocky protrusions to a point from which he was able to kill the enemy soldier with his rifle. Thoroughly exhausted from his trying efforts, he fainted and was later picked up by litter bearers and carried to safety. Home address: Mrs. Elvira E. Crocker, Mother, Goodwater, Missouri.

✓ Staff Sergeant JOHN B. HOWARD, 37060490, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. Sergeant HOWARD'S platoon, while attempting to take some high ground, was met with such a heavy barrage of enemy fire that it threw his men into a state of confusion and threatened their advance with a complete rout. Seeing that the situation had become critical, Sergeant HOWARD moved swiftly to the front and, shouting fiercely, dashed forward, his men following in the wake of his onward drive. This quick recovery forced the enemy to withdraw. Sergeant HOWARD'S quick thinking turned a crushing defeat into a gallant victory. Home address: Mrs. Alga B. Swain, Mother, Bright, Arkansas.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade MARVIN J. KAISER, 37245103, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. With complete disregard for his own safety, Technician KAISER left his foxhole during an intense enemy mortar barrage to treat a casualty. He was severely wounded when another shell landed nearby while he was examining the casualty. Technician KAISER'S courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Joe W. Kaiser, Father, Route #1, Jefferson City, Missouri.

✓ Private First Class ROY McDANIEL, 37007391, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Mawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. Private McDANIEL acting as a scout for a platoon combat patrol, came upon an enemy machine gun located in some thick brush. After the machine gun had fired upon him and missed, he ran directly toward it and threw hand grenades which silenced the gun by killing its operators. While making the dash toward the enemy emplacement, a hand grenade was thrown at him wounding him in several places. In spite of his wounds, he succeeded in knocking out the machine gun nest, thereby enabling his patrol to advance. Home address: Mrs. Ilene I. McDaniel, wife, Rt #3, Memphis, Missouri.

✓ Private First Class CHARLES V. MCKEHE, 34395747, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Mawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. Private MCKEHE, advancing far in advance of his patrol during a reconnaissance three thousand yards deep into enemy territory, was suddenly fired on from an enemy position located directly to his front. Falling to the ground, he crawled forward into position and threw a white phosphorous grenade into the emplacement killing two of the enemy. He crept back to his former position and from there to his patrol in order to notify his comrades of the ambush.

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Supplying himself with more ammunition, he once again braved enemy fire, throw grenades and completely silenced the enemy emplacement. Not only was Private McFARLANE responsible for the success of the patrol's mission, but his gallantry, also, saved many lives. Home address: Mrs. Lena S. McFarlane, Mother, Rt 1, Jackson Gap, Alabama.

✓ Private First Class JALMER PALO, 39341098, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Nawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945. Private PALO, rifle grenadier, exposed himself continuously to enemy automatic fire in order to fire his grenades into an enemy pillbox which had his platoon pinned down. Because of the poor visibility, he rose to his feet to fire. In so doing, he received several shots through the sleeve of his jacket, but, disregarding the enemy fire, he succeeded in silencing the enemy pillbox, allowing his platoon to move forward. Home address: Mrs. Wilma Boyer, Sister, 4005 Cottonwood Street, Vanport City, Oregon.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade LAURIN W. PRESTON, 36514440, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Technician PRESTON noticed two casualties who were lying some thirty yards beyond the foremost element of his organization. Leaving his covered position, he ran across an area which was covered by enemy sniper fire to reach the side of one of the wounded men. Two infantrymen arrived on the scene shortly after him and began treating the other man's wounds. Crouching over his patient, Technician PRESTON applied first aid and stayed by his side disregarding the enemy rifle fire which was falling around him. Occasionally he moved over to supervise the treatment administered to the second casualty; and when the litter bearers finally arrived, he was the last one to leave. Due to Technician PRESTON'S gallantry in remaining for almost thirty minutes with no concealment and continually subjected to enemy fire, the casualties received prompt treatment which enabled them to recover. Home address: Mrs. Martha Preston, Mother, 15325 Stallmoor, Detroit, Michigan.

✓ Sergeant LYRON W. SALZSEIDER, 36255068, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Nawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945. Sergeant SALZSEIDER, after boldly advancing to within five yards of an enemy machine gun position, throw a white phosphorous grenade which killed all occupants of the position. He then advanced to another enemy emplacement and knocked it out of action. Sergeant SALZSEIDER'S action was a great inspiration to all his men and reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Tillie Salzseider, Mother, 2007 6th Street, Wausau, Wisconsin.

✓ Private First Class GEORGE J. SMOLICH, 39468726, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. While defending a hill, the company to which Private SMOLICH was attached as an aid man received heavy enemy mortar fire. Private SMOLICH, with complete disregard for his personal safety, left his foxhole and ran across open ground for a distance of fifty yards to the aid of four wounded men. Mortar shells continued to drop in the area, wounding Private SMOLICH in the left shoulder and hand. He continued to treat the casualties despite these wounds until he fainted from loss of blood. Home address: Mr. George Smolich, Father, 1537 Valley Avenue, Baker, Oregon.

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✓ Private First Class OSCAR ZUKOR, 33518089, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 March 1945. When heavy and accurate enemy mortar fire caused five casualties, Private ZUKOR immediately left his place of safety and ran to the spot where the wounded men lay and administered first aid. As he was administering medical treatment, another shell inflicted four more casualties. Private ZUKOR, despite the heavy enemy shelling, again went to the aid of wounded and continued to work in the open. While assisting with the evacuation of the wounded men, Private ZUKOR became a casualty from severe concussion when a shell landed in his immediate vicinity. His bravery, personal courage, and devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Chana Cukier, Mother, Ostroleka, Poland.

SECTION II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - POSTHUMOUSLY

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, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted man.

✓ Private First Class ROBERT F. DUCKLOW, 37029003, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 February 1945. The infantry company to which Private DUCKLOW was attached attacked enemy positions which were on high ground and a raging battle ensued with no immediate sign of let-up. Without hesitation, Private DUCKLOW, a member of a litter squad, went into the field amidst cross-fire from both friendly and enemy troops to recover casualties. He made three separate trips over a hundred yards of open field, each time bringing back a wounded man. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Ducklow, Mother, 3311 Oakland Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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 officers and enlisted men:

✓ Private First Class THOMAS D. ALESSI, 32841557, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 February 1945 to 4 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Leonard Alessi, Brother, 743 96th Street, Niagara Falls, New York.

✓ Corporal EDWARD L. ANCEL, 37028917, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 February 1945. Corporal ANCEL volunteered to take his gun forward to a position from which he could knock out an enemy tank which was holding up the advance of our troops. Although under continuous enemy 47mm gun and small arms fire while moving the gun up, he succeeded in getting it into a position from which he brought an enemy tank under fire and destroyed it. Corporal ANCEL'S bravery and aggressiveness above and beyond the call of duty were an inspiration to the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Caroline Ancel, Mother, Box 223, Lakeville, Minnesota.

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✓ Corporal JAMES H. ARGENBRIGHT, 37057118, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Benjamin E. Argenbright, Father, RFD #2, Stover, Missouri.

✓ Private First Class PAUL L. ARNOLD, 37058126, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo area, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 3 April 1945 during the reorganization of his platoon after an enemy attack, two men were reported missing. Private ARNOLD, platoon messenger, together with two other men, volunteered to search for the missing men. After searching for some time under intense enemy fire, the missing men were located, but were found to have been killed instantly. Private ARNOLD then guided litter bearers to the bodies and assisted with their removal. Home address: Mrs. Louisa Arnold, Mother, Kinmswick, Missouri.

✓ Master Sergeant ARCHIE T. AVEN, 6343942, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 24 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ella Aven, Mother, Maud, Mississippi.

✓ Staff Sergeant DONALD R. BARR, 36116043, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 March 1945. Sergeant BARR volunteered to accompany a patrol whose mission was to locate and destroy enemy outposts and to determine the enemy flank. After advancing about one thousand and five hundred yards, the patrol ran into cross-fire from well-concealed enemy machine guns which pinned down the patrol. Sergeant BARR immediately adjusted smoke rounds, the cover from which enabled the patrol to maneuver to a nearby ravine and resume its advance. Again enemy machine gun fire stopped the patrol. Sergeant BARR hurriedly crossed over open terrain to locate the enemy positions. By precision mortar adjustment, he succeeded in knocking out one machine gun emplacement and forcing another to withdraw. Home address: Mrs. Rose Barr, Mother, 6830 Plainview, Detroit, Michigan.

✓ Private First Class ARTHUR J. BAUMGARTNER, 37057801, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 March 1945 to 5 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jeanette C. Baumgartner, Wife, 2623 Eads Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

✓ Staff Sergeant EDWARD BELL, 37057898, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 February 1945 to 4 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Thelma G. Bell, Wife, 734 North Dickson Road, Kirkwood, Missouri.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade ALBERT G. BERGER, 36210986, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. While his company was heavily engaged with the enemy, Technician BERGER, a cook, noticed a casualty lying fifty yards beyond his company position and receiving fire from enemy emplacements. Quickly enlisting the aid of three other men, he ran across flat terrain with enemy 47mm projectiles bursting around him to the side of the wounded soldier. In plain sight of the enemy and at point blank range, he lifted the man to a litter and assisted in bringing him back to our lines. Home address: Mrs. Mary Berger, Mother, Jackson & Kilbourn Streets, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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✓ Staff Sergeant HENRY W. BERGER, 37057827, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 April 1945. Sergeant BERGER was acting as platoon sergeant when one of his men fell wounded by intense mortar fire after passing over to the forward slope of a ridge. Sergeant BERGER, with disregard for his own safety, rushed to rescue the wounded man and brought him to safety. He then exposed himself in order to draw fire from enemy riflemen, causing them to disclose their location thereby enabling his platoon to eliminate this hazard and resume the attack. His personal courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Eileen Berger, Wife, 1121a South Grand, St. Louis, Missouri.

✓ Corporal JOHN V. BESONEN, 36211657, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 February 1945 to 30 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hilda Besonen, Mother, Box 54, Trout Creek, Michigan.

✓ Private First Class WAYNE L. BETTINGER, 39202053, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cataruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. Home address: Mr. William H. Bettinger, Father, RFD #1, Hartford, Washington.

✓ Warrant Officer Junior Grade ROY W. BETTS, W2125913, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lunec, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. Warrant Officer BETTS volunteered to lead a wire team in laying wire across enemy-held territory in order to establish communication between his regimental command post and an infantry battalion. Despite the fact that enemy patrols were scouting the territory, Warrant Officer BETTS succeeded in laying sufficient wire to provide adequate communication which was vital to the accomplishment of an important mission. Home address: Mrs. Betty O. Betts, wife, 707 Kirkwood Blvd., Davenport, Iowa.

✓ Private First Class HENRY N. BEXTERMUELLER, 37057717, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. When his company was under a fierce enemy counterattack, Private BEXTERMUELLER, a light machine gun squad leader, facing heavy enemy shelling, machine gun and sniper fire held his position and fired his light machine gun directly into the enemy attack. Securing a telephone he moved through enemy fire in order to reach a position from which he could direct 60mm mortar fire upon the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Cora Bextermueller, Mother, West Alton, Missouri.

✓ Private First Class JAMES E. BLAKELY, 36757698, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. While his company was confronted by heavy enemy fire, Private BLAKELY heard a call for litter bearers given by a man who had noticed a casualty lying fifty yards beyond our lines.

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The wounded man was under fire from enemy artillery emplacements which were some four hundred yards away. Quickly joining the litter team, Private BLAKELY ran over flat terrain to the casualty's aid. Lifting the wounded man to a stretcher, Private BLAKELY helped carry him to safety within the company perimeter. Home address: Mrs. Mary Blakely, Mother, 211 North 19th Street, Saginaw, Michigan.

✓ Sergeant RALPH L. BLANKENBECLER, 33218383, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 April 1945. Sergeant BLANKENBECLER, together with one other man, volunteered to knock out a pillbox which was holding up the advance of his platoon. The two men advanced under covering fire from their platoon and succeeded in knocking out the enemy position. Sergeant BLANKENBECLER then volunteered to search for missing comrades under heavy enemy mortar fire. Home address: Mrs. Cassie Blankenbecler, Mother, Coeburn, Virginia.

✓ Private First Class ARNOLD E. BLOORE, 37663035, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 5 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Volma L. Bloore, wife, Route #3, Delmar, Iowa.

✓ Private First Class STANLEY W. BOGLER, 37056598, 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. Lizzie Bogler, Mother, Chamois, Missouri.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND F. BOLTE, 37057203, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lunec, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. Technician BOLTE'S company had moved to a new area which severed communications with its battalion command post. Technician BOLTE volunteered to take his wire team and lay wire over area which was under enemy observation. Enemy patrols were known to be active in the area through which the wire was to be laid. He succeeded in laying the wire although enemy fire was encountered many times. Home address: Mrs. Zita M. Bolte, Mother, Valley Park, Missouri.

✓ Technical Sergeant RAY C. BOYD, 37057697, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 March 1945 to 4 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Jessie J. Boyd, Father, Parker, Virginia.

✓ Private First Class THEODORE E. BRADSETH, 37029023, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alice M. Bradseth, Wife, 9731 University Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

✓ Sergeant JOHN F. BREIHAN, 37058030, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 March 1945 to 5 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Tillie Breihan, Mother, 7065 Olive Street Road, University City, Missouri.

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✓ Private First Class WALTER J. BURKHARDT, 36122705, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 31 January 1945 to 3 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Caroline Burkhardt, Mother, 2377 Ridge Road, New Baltimore, Michigan.

✓ Private First Class EARL C. CALLEN, 37007135, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. Home address: Mr. William E. Callen, Father, Denver, Arkansas.

✓ Private First Class JAMES E. CASEY, 35373085, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 March 1945. Private CASEY was an aid man attached to an infantry company which was attacking enemy positions on high ground about one thousand yards to the front of the battalion. When the objective had been seized and our positions not yet consolidated, the enemy began laying accurate 150mm mortar fire in the area, the first round of which wounded five men. Private CASEY left his foxhole and, with disregard for his own safety, ran across one hundred yards of open terrain to administer first aid to the casualties. Private CASEY'S courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Ethel Casey, Mother, Route #2, Whiteland, Indiana.

✓ Private First Class CARL W. CHEPIGA, 31252784, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 March 1945. The patrol of which Private CHEPIGA, an automatic rifleman, was a member encountered several enemy machine gun nests. Private CHEPIGA immediately opened fire on the enemy positions enabling other members of his patrol to secure cover and evacuate a wounded man from the lane of fire. His courageous act was an inspiration to all men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Anna Chepiga, Mother, 40 Smith Street, Torrington, Connecticut.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade JOHN GONSIOR, 36573582, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bessie Gonsior, Mother, 5167 Reuville Street, Detroit, Michigan.

✓ First Lieutenant BOWIE W. DAVIS, 01304039, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 February 1945 to 3 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hazel Davis, Wife, 1406 Morro Street, San Luis Obispo, California.

✓ Private First Class DARREL F. DECKER, 37057619, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Grover Decker, Father, Bunker, Missouri.

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✓ Private First Class LESTER M. EARP, 37007591, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. Private EARP volunteered to accompany a patrol and assist in knocking out an enemy tank and its supporting positions which had been slowing the advance of our leading battalion. Coming under heavy machine gun fire, the patrol was forced to split into two groups. Private EARP crawled to a point twenty-five yards from the machine gun emplacement and, while another man drew return fire, silenced the gun with grenades. The enemy tank was set on fire by the other members of the patrol and, when its crew attempted to escape, Private EARP killed one and wounded another of the enemy. Home address: Mr. James C. Earp, Father, Iberia, Missouri.

✓ Private First Class ARTHUR H. BOKETT, 39328073, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ethel Mae Eckett, Mother, Cave Junction, Oregon.

✓ Private First Class ROGER W. FARMER, 17152885, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. While his infantry company was actively engaged with the enemy, Private Farmer, a company messenger, observed a wounded man who was lying fifty yards from our lines. Enemy fire was falling around him and sweeping the area between him and his company. While another man got additional assistance, Private Farmer secured a stretcher and, with four other men, ran through the hail of fire to their wounded comrade's side. In plain view of the enemy and subjected to point-blank fire, they put him on a litter and brought him back to safety within the company perimeter. Home address: Mr. Wallace Farmer, Father, Keilerton, Iowa.

✓ Sergeant BERT FERRARINI, 37084939, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rose Ferrarini, Mother, Diamondville, Wyoming.

✓ Sergeant FRANK FEUCIK, 36116022, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna A. Fetick, Mother, RFD #1, Box 92, Eveleth, Minnesota.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade PETER T. FIORINI, 37057917, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Louis Fiorini, Father, 2849 Meadows, Jennings, Missouri.

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✓ Private First Class HAROLD M. FLOREY, 33515203, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. When the infantry company to which Private FLOREY was attached as heavy machine gunner was forced to halt and seek cover due to enemy heavy machine gun and small arms fire from well entrenched positions, Private FLOREY, voluntarily, crawled across open terrain to set up his gun and deliver fire on the enemy. In order to displace his gun forward, Private FLOREY, with disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself to enemy observation and fire. Home address: Mrs. Christine E. Florey, wife, 121 Race Street, Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

✓ Private First Class JESSE L. FREEMAN, 37357871, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. Private FREEMAN, a machine gunner, volunteered to assist in the evacuation of wounded men. He made four trips across seventy-five yards of open, enemy-observed terrain to rescue casualties. His courage and initiative in volunteering for such a dangerous mission reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ethel M. Freeman, Mother, Gordon, Nebraska.

✓ Private First Class RAPHAEL FROST, 37680466, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. Private FROST, a mortar gunner, volunteered to assist in the evacuation of wounded men. He made four trips forward over seventy-five yards of open terrain and under intense enemy sniper and mortar fire to assist in the evacuation of the wounded men. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Frost, Mother, Raymond, Iowa.

✓ First Lieutenant JOE C. GILMORE, 01317973, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Larikina watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. During an attack against strongly defended and well-concealed enemy positions, the infantry company to which Lieutenant GILMORE'S machine gun platoon was attached became pinned down by machine gun and small arms fire. After the leading elements had crossed a ridge in the direction of the attack, Lieutenant GILMORE, then located in front of the company, ran back through heavy enemy small arms fire and brought his machine guns up and put them in position along the ridge. With disregard for his own safety, he pointed out targets and assigned fields of fire. Through his heroic action, enemy guns were silenced and the assault echelons were able to reach their objective. Home address: Mrs. Martha S. Gilmore, wife, 14 Keep Street, Madison, New Jersey.

✓ Private First Class NORMAN D. GOFF, 34815732, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Observing an enemy tank having difficulties in getting underway, Private GOFF ran to within seventy-five yards of the tank and scored two direct hits with his rocket launcher. During the firing, Private GOFF had his hands badly burned, but he continued to fire until the tank was knocked out. His heroic action reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Alpha E. Goff, Mother, Route #2, Columbia, Alabama.

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✓ Private First Class DAVID F. GOFORTH, 37057139, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 28 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Zella Evans, Sister, Richland, Missouri.

✓ Private First Class MACON D. GRAY, 33217712, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 March 1945. When an enemy force was heard approaching his position during the night, Private GRAY, a machine gunner, calmly held his fire and cautioned those near him to do the same. When the enemy had advanced to within twenty yards of his position, he opened fire. The counter-attack was repulsed and, by the employment of the element of surprise, large losses were inflicted on the enemy. Private GRAY'S cool determination, personal courage and discipline reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Newman Gray, Mother, Montvale, Virginia.

✓ Staff Sergeant ROBERT L. GROSS, 35206204, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. When enemy pill-boxes and emplacements held up his battalion's advance, Sergeant GROSS exposed himself to machine gun fire in order to guide his self-propelled mount into position. He then directed its fire and succeeded in knocking out four enemy emplacements. Sighting a heavy machine gun firing from a ravine, he again exposed himself to enemy fire in order to lead his self-propelled mount to a position from which he directed fire and succeeded in destroying the enemy machine gun with a direct hit. His initiative and personal bravery reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Sarah Gross, Mother, Bradshaw, West Virginia.

✓ Private First Class WILLIAM H. HAAG, 37057088, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 28 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mildred L. Haag, wife, Route # , Brookline, Missouri.

✓ Private First Class KENNETH HAGER, 15107594, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at wawa-Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 February 1945 to 4 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marietta Hager, wife, R.R. #2, Orleans, Indiana.

✓ Private First Class FLOYD I. HALE, 37011093, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Louis O. Hale, Father, RFD #2, Jamestown, Kansas.

✓ Sergeant MAX HELLER, 37058118, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 March 1945 to 23 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mollie Heller, Mother, 4751 Easton, St. Louis, Missouri.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade KENNETH R. HIGGINS, 37086065, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Esther Higgins, Mother, Chappell, Nebraska.

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Staff Sergeant EDWARD S. HOUSEHOLDER, 35207816, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 February 1945 to 3 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Malissa M. Householder, Mother, c/o Gathier Nixon, Clear Brook, Virginia.

Private First Class GERALD M. HUGHES, 33397427, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 April 1945. Private HUGHES, together with another enlisted man, volunteered to attack an enemy pillbox. Having succeeded in knocking out the pillbox, Private HUGHES volunteered to search, while under heavy mortar fire, for two missing comrades. After finding the two men dead, Private HUGHES refused to leave them until their bodies were removed. His courage and aggressiveness were an inspiration to all men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Odessa Hughes, Mother, Graysville, Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant LEO N. MUSCIA, 02037062, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 February 1945 to 4 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rose Muscia, Mother, 2229 South 19th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class FRANK W. HYBL, 36638647, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 February 1945 to 2 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Tuckek, Mother, 2526 Christiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Corporal JOHN JEKEL, 16154523, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 March 1945. Corporal JEKEL, standing guard as gunner of an 81mm mortar, through his alertness was the first to determine where the main thrust of a large scale enemy night counterattack was being directed: wire communications between his gun and the forward observer were broken. On his own initiative, amidst a tremendous volume of enemy knee mortar and rifle fire, Corporal JEKEL fired a prearranged concentration. The concentration disorganized the enemy to the extent that the attack was immediately repulsed. Corporal JEKEL then fired continuously in the direction of the fleeing Japanese. His intrepidity and initiative were largely responsible for repulsing the attack. Home address: Mrs. Kathrine Jekel, Mother, 426 Sussex Street, Pewaukee, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant SAMUEL S. JOHNSON, 37057508, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 February 1945 to 3 April 1945. Home address: Mr. James T. Johnson, Father, Route #3, Box 66, Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade VERVALD L. JOHNSON, 37023983, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January, 1945 to 25 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Versel Johnson, Mother, Federal Dam, Minnesota.

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✓ Private First Class HAROLD S. KANTROWITZ, 37703441, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Villasis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. When he heard that one of the machine gun positions on his company perimeter had been knocked out by fire from an enemy patrol, Private KANTROWITZ ran across three hundred yards of flat terrain swept by fire from two light machine guns to reach the position where he found one of his comrades dead and another seriously wounded. The promptness with which Private KANTROWITZ reached the scene and his first aid treatment saved the life of the wounded man. His heroic act was a great inspiration to all men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Anna Kantrowitz, Mother, 3227 W. Colfax, Denver, Colorado.

✓ Private First Class CHARLES O. KEITHLEY, 37057796, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. While his platoon was making an attack, Private KEITHLEY, with disregard for his own safety, engaged an enemy machine gun nest which was impeding his platoon's advance. After silencing this position, he moved forward and again brought fire on the enemy while evacuation of a wounded man was in progress. His quick actions and courage reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lena M. Keithley, Mother, Saverton, Missouri.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade HARRY T. KNAACK, JR., 37057890, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 5 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Knaack, Step-mother, 224 North Henry Street, Brooklyn, New York.

✓ Staff Sergeant RUDOLPH J. KONNERTH, 35033558, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 5 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Konnerth, Mother, 3429 West 50th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

✓ Staff Sergeant CLYDE LAKE, 35125099, (then corporal), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Marikina, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. During an enemy night counterattack, a heavy knee mortar barrage severed communication lines between the forward observer and our gun positions. Realizing the need for counterbattery fire, Sergeant LAKE, on his own initiative, ordered two mortars to fire a concentration. He continued to direct the firing until the enemy attack was repulsed. His initiative and coolness under fire were an inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mr. Mose Lake, Father, RD #1, Box 42, Corbin, Kentucky.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade JAMES W. LARKIN, 37057894, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 28 March 1945. Home address: Mr. James M. Larkin, Sr., Father, 437 West Argonne Drive, Kirkwood, Missouri.

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Private First Class FRED T. LEATH, 38533786, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 March 1945. His company was making an enveloping movement around the enemy's left flank. Private LEATH, the company's radio operator, was wounded in the leg when the enemy dropped mortar fire into his company position. Private LEATH, limping from his wound but knowing that his radio must not be left behind, carried his radio to a covered position in a ravine. Though enemy mortar fire was falling around him, he stayed in this position, contacted his battalion giving them the situation and asked them to send aid. Because of his heroic action litters and transportation arrived on the spot in record time to remove the wounded. Home address: Mrs. Ethel Louise Leath, Wife, Route #4, Canton, Texas.

Staff Sergeant ROY K. LEEPER, 37056848, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Marikina, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 March 1945. Sergeant LEEPER volunteered to accompany a patrol as mortar observer on a reconnaissance of enemy positions to the battalion front. After the patrol had advanced nine hundred yards, intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire forced them to seek cover and disperse. The enemy had excellent observation and continued to fire sporadically, preventing the patrol from maneuvering into more favorable positions. Sergeant LEEPER, realizing the need for mortar support, crawled through the enemy fire and, by using his radio, adjusted mortar fire on the enemy. By his precision adjustment the enemy installations were neutralized and the patrol was then able to reorganize and proceed on its mission. His initiative and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Margaret L Leeper, Wife, Route #1, Kidder, Missouri.

Private First Class CHARLES W. LEFEBVRE, 37029184, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Charles A. LeFebvre, Father, RFD #1, Box 119, Mora, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant LEO R. LEWIS, 01303357, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945. A night counter-attack by a large enemy force destroyed communications between the observation posts and 60mm mortars. Lieutenant LEWIS, with disregard for his own safety, crawled out of his foxhole, checked and repaired the wire. He then proceeded to adjust mortar fire on the enemy. His intrepidity, initiative and coolness under fire were largely responsible for repulsing the attack and was a source of inspiration to all his men. Home address: Mrs. Dolores A. Lewis, wife, 1324 1/2 West 67th Street, Los Angeles, California.

Technician Fifth Grade MAY L. LINDER, 37057900, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Mawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 February 1945 to 3 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marie Eva Linder, Mother, Route #5, Kirksdal, Missouri.

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Private First Class ELMO W. LINEBERRY, 37056914, 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. Alice Lineberry, Mother, Route #1, Portageville, Missouri.

Major FRANK H. LINNELL, 024089, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy en-route to and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 December 1944 to 8 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Barbara K. Linnell, Wife, 632 Funston Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

Staff Sergeant PALMER D. LINVILLE, 37057312, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. When the assault company with which Sergeant LINVILLE was serving as forward observer reached its initial objective, enemy 150mm mortars started to shell the area before reorganization and digging in could be started. Sergeant LINVILLE sensed the position of the enemy pieces and adjusted mortar fire in a ravine to his front, neutralizing the enemy fire. Friendly troops were then able to reorganize and establish a perimeter. Sergeant LINVILLE continued to adjust harassing fire until the assault company was prepared to move out and seize the final objective. His courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. John T. Linville, Father, Route #2, Norborne, Missouri.

Corporal CHARLES E. LOFTIN, 34078249, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lanoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Corporal LOFTIN, leader of an anti-tank gun squad brought under fire two targets; one, a tank which was moving toward his position seventy-five yards away; and another, a tank three hundred yards distant in a defilade position. Corporal LOFTIN succeeded in knocking out both tanks. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his men and a credit to himself and the armed forces. Home address: Mrs. Ardell Loftin, Mother, Coushatta, Louisiana.

Private First Class WILLIAM L. LANE, 37056955, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 28 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Robert B. Lane, Father, Route #1, Lordland, Missouri.

Sergeant RYMOND L. LUNDBURG, 36052967, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 24 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marie E. Lundburg, Mother, Galva, Illinois.

Sergeant BARTHOLOMEW B. LYSTER, 37057933, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wana-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 April 1945. Sergeant LYSTER, assistant squad leader, volunteered to go forward under heavy enemy mortar fire and administer first aid and evacuate his wounded platoon leader. Then, when an enemy mortar barrage struck the company ammunition dump setting it on fire, Sergeant LYSTER, braving enemy fire and a possible explosion, ran to the burning dump and, with the assistance of two other men, worked feverishly until the fire was under control, thereby saving much of the greatly needed ammunition. Home address: Mr. Bartholemew B. Lyster, Sr., Father, 0252 Northwood Drive, St. Louis, Missouri.

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✓ Sergeant JOHN A. MAGNUSON, 37031564, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 February 1945 to 13 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Sylvia Magnuson, wife, 613 Ninth Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota.

✓ Private First Class LEO W. MAGRUDER, 37057079, 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. Nellie Gray Lagruder, wife, Box 24, Route #1, Hinton, West Virginia.

✓ Private First Class RALPH E. MALMBERG, 37029163, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Maunoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 February 1945. Private MALMBERG, a member of an anti-tank squad, volunteered to take his 37mm gun to a forward position from which fire could be brought on an enemy tank which was holding up our advance. After helping to move the gun into position, Private MALMBERG exposed himself to enemy fire in order to bring up ammunition. His devotion to duty, at great personal risk, was directly responsible for the destruction of the tank. Home address: Mrs. Hanna E. Malmberg, mother, 184 Saratoga Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

✓ Private First Class ISHMAEL J. MANGEL, 34078205, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Arcade Manuel, Father, Route #4, Box 31, Ville Platte, Louisiana.

✓ Technical Sergeant EDWARD E. MARTIN, 6986248, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. Sergeant MARTIN, platoon sergeant, while on a combat patrol mission on his own initiative and by prompt action, cleared the right flank of his patrol when it was ambushed. He thereby enabled the remainder of his men to hold the enemy until reinforcements arrived and the patrol could withdraw. Home address: Mrs. Nellie Astes, Mother, Milton, West Virginia.

✓ Private First Class CHARLIE MAYBERRY, 33444119, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 February 1945 to 3 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Lacy Mayberry, Father, Spout Spring, Virginia.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade FRED J. MAYER, 37058106, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 March 1945. Technician MAYER, a switchboard operator, was accompanying his battalion outpost group on an attack when they came under a heavy barrage of enemy mortar fire. In spite of the barrage, Technician MAYER ran forward carrying his switchboard and tied in on the wires which assault companies had strung, thereby giving artillery forward observers a means of adjusting artillery fire upon the enemy mortars. Home address: Mr. Fred Mayer, Father, 4223 Lexington Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Private First Class JOE L. MAYNOR, 31078201, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. Home address: Mr. James O. Maynor, Father, Route #2, Winnsboro, Louisiana.

Technician Fifth Grade DWIGHT C. McJAW, 37057760, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayambayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. Technician McJAW volunteered to use his jeep in evacuating casualties. The entire route of evacuation was under direct enemy observation and subjected to heavy 150mm mortar and sniper fire. He also helped litter squads carry wounded men to safety where first aid could be administered prior to evacuation. Home address: Mrs. Amelia Wilson, Mother, Mosco Hills, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade LESTER J. McKABB, 37007655, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 28 March 1945. Home address: Mr. James McKabb, Father, Route #1, Marshfield, Missouri.

Private First Class CHARLES L. MOTT, 37057300, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Muna, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 28 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Albert E. Mott, Father, Route #1, Ikenan, Missouri.

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Colonel HENRY A. MUCCI, 020374, (then Lieutenant Colonel), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Payatayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 March 1945. While inspecting front line positions and directing an attack against a strongly held enemy location, Colonel MUCCI and his staff came under heavy machine gun, artillery mortar fire. He remained in an exposed position in order to observe the disposition and direct the advance of his troops, at the same time ordering those near him to protected positions. He remained at an observation post until the objective was secured and only then permitted himself his first rest in forty-eight hours. Colonel MUCCI'S outstanding example of cool efficiency under fire and his devotion to duty were an inspiration to his officers and men and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Marian J. Mucci, wife, 1254 Josephine Street, Denver, Colorado.

Private First Class CORNELIUS J. MURPHY, 37057736, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Lataca, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. During an attack on enemy positions, Private MURPHY, a battalion wireman, on his own initiative, crawled through an enemy mortar barrage, located and repaired a break in a telephone line which was the means of communication between his battalion command post and an observation post. Private MURPHY'S initiative and outstanding devotion to duty are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mr. John E. Murphy, Father, 107 North Seventh Street, Hannibal, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant WHERITT L. NICHOLSON, 37085982, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 2 January 1945 to 5 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Pearl E. Nicholson, wife, 412 E. Corsicana, Athens, Texas.

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✓ Technician Fifth Grade GERALD J. OUELLETTE, 31035707, Medical Department, 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. In a fight with an enemy patrol, the platoon to which Technician OUELLETTE was attached as an aid man, suffered five serious casualties. While the battle was still in progress, Technician OUELLETTE left the safety of his foxhole and braved enemy grenades, bayonets and small arms fire to go to the aid of the wounded men. His courageous devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Angeline Ouellette, Mother, 57 Columbia Road, Lowell, Massachusetts.

✓ Major OLIVER W. PATTEN, 0422116, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth A. Patten, wife, 709 Park Place, Austin, Texas.

✓ Major ARTHUR J. PEARSON, 0390754, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 February 1945 to 23 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Pearson, wife, Ballantine, Montana.

✓ Staff Sergeant JOHN E. PETERS, 37057799, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo area, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna C. Peters, mother, 111 East Holden Street, Lemay, 23, Missouri.

✓ Private First Class LESLIE J. PETERSON, 36188497, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Lunz, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 February 1945 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gladys Peterson, wife, 357 Second Street, Manistee, Michigan.

✓ Private First Class ARTHUR P. PETROFF, 37030605, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 29 March 1945, Private PETROFF, an automatic rifleman, exposed himself repeatedly to enemy attacks in order to cover by fire an adjacent light machine gun position which was temporarily out of action. Despite the enemy frontal attack, Private PETROFF maintained his fire and, by so doing, saved the lives of the machine gun crew. He personally killed six of the enemy while repulsing the attack. His coolness and courage under enemy fire were an inspiration to all the men of his company. Home address: Mrs. Marie Aas, mother, RFD #2, Wabasha, Minnesota.

✓ Private First Class EDWARD PFARRENGUT, 37081340, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 5 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edna Pfarrengut, wife, Wilton, North Dakota.

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/ First Lieutenant EGON A. PRIEBE, 01312591, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayan, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 February 1945. Lieutenant PRIEBE, acting as an observer for an 81mm mortar platoon, with disregard for his own safety, crawled to a position of observation under heavy enemy mortar fire from which he brought accurate fire upon enemy positions which were holding up the advance of assault elements. By so doing, he enabled the assault elements to advance and neutralize the enemy positions. Home address: Mr. John Priebe, Father, 320 Concord, Lodi, California.

/ Staff Sergeant WILBURT J. PURRINGTON, 37019634, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. Sergeant PURRINGTON volunteered to accompany a patrol for the purpose of knocking out an enemy tank and its supporting positions which had been slowing the advance of our leading battalion. When the patrol separated into two parts, sergeant PURRINGTON and another man crawled along a railroad track under sporadic machine gun fire to a point which was within twenty-five yards of a machine gun emplacement. He then opened fire upon the enemy position and directed the other man to crawl forward and throw hand grenades while he drew return fire. After succeeding in destroying the position, Sergeant PURRINGTON proceeded toward the tank which had been set on fire and killed two of its crew as they attempted to flee. Home address: Mr. William Purrington, Father, 660 Thirteenth Street, Winona, Minnesota.

/ First Lieutenant HALEY REBECK, 01294365, 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 two men fell wounded at a spot which was ten yards from two enemy machine guns, Lieutenant REBECK dashed seventy-five yards through intense enemy fire to reach one of the stricken men. Finding he was too seriously wounded to be moved without first aid being administered, he calmly and efficiently applied bandages and then carried the man back to the safety of our lines. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy C. Rebeck, Wife, 401 Salem Avenue, Burlington, New Jersey.

/ Staff Sergeant WILLIAM W. RITCHIE, 35412039, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Marakina, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 March 1945. An enemy knee mortar concentration preceding an enemy night counterattack on the company of which Sergeant RITCHIE was an 81mm mortar observer disrupted communications. Sergeant RITCHIE, realizing the urgent need for telephonic communication, left his foxhole and, under the cover of darkness and despite heavy enemy fire, traced the wire lines and repaired the break. He then returned to the observation post and adjusted mortar fire on the enemy who were organizing in a nearby ravine. By the accurate employment of mortar fire the enemy attack was repulsed. Home address: Mr. Kenneth L. Ritchie, Brother, 4617 Magnolia Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

/ Technician Fifth Grade CONNELL B. RASEY, 6292076, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Salisay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 January 1945. His company had moved into a new area and communication was needed between this new area and the battalion headquarters. Technician RASEY volunteered to lead a wire team and lay the wire to the battalion. He led his team across country which had not been patrolled and which was subject to enemy attack or ambush. Technician RASEY acted as a scout while the team laid the wire and succeeded in establishing communications

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without sustaining a casualty. Home address: Mrs. Margret T. Rasoy, wife, 52nd State Street, Omaha, 2, Nebraska.

✓ Sergeant LEO C. ROSS, 37007685, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo sector, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 April 1945. In a company attack on a stubbornly defended enemy hill, Sergeant ROSS' platoon became pinned down by effective enemy machine gun fire. Sergeant ROSS, with disregard for his own safety, flanked the enemy position and destroyed the machine gun nest with grenades and rifle fire. Home address: Mrs. Tillie Whitelley, Mother, Springfield, Missouri.

✓ Private First Class ROY S. RABY, 35634509, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. His platoon was moving forward in an attack on an enemy position. Private RABY, a platoon runner, seeing that his platoon leader and a squad leader were critically wounded, moved forward under heavy enemy mortar and sniper fire to reach the squad which had lost its leader. Private RABY led the men to a favorable position from which they could bring fire upon the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Mary M. Raby, wife, 711½ East Chestnut Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

✓ Sergeant EMMETT B. SAGE, 18027735, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Imanoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 February 1945 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edna England, Mother, 507 South Spurgeon Street, Altus, Oklahoma.

✓ Staff Sergeant CHARLES SCAGGS, 35125363, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Marikina, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. When enemy machine gun and mortar fire pinned down assault troops, Sergeant SCAGGS crawled forward to high ground despite direct enemy observation and fire and adjusted mortar fire on the enemy positions. This effective fire caused a cessation of enemy fire, allowing friendly troops to regain control and push forward. He remained at his position until the assault troops had maneuvered into advantageous positions from which they were able to destroy the opposition. Sergeant SCAGGS' initiative and precise adjustment of fire contributed materially to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Nancy Scaggs, Mother, Sharkey, Kentucky.

✓ Corporal RUFUS J. SCHWALTZ, 36297119, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. Corporal SCHWALTZ was serving as an 81mm mortar gunner supporting the attack of a rifle company on strongly held enemy positions. The attacking force called for mortar support and immediately the enemy started counter-battery fire which was so heavy that other gunners had to seek cover. Corporal SCHWALTZ remained at his gun throughout the barrage, furnishing vital fire support. One shell landed within fifteen yards of his position, stunning the other crew members. When the supply of ammunition became exhausted, Private SCHWALTZ ran across open terrain, disregarding his personal safety, to secure more ammunition and then continued firing. Home address: Mrs. Sophia Schwaltz, Mother, Route #1, Box 113, Coon Valley, Wisconsin.

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✓ Captain ARTHUR P. SCHMIDT, 0359916, 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. Rita B. Schmidt, wife, 8 Greenough Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

✓ Private First Class ALBERT I. SESSLER, JR., 37679142, 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. Private SESSLER volunteered to assist a litter squad in the evacuation of a casualty on the battlefield. The casualty was laying in a narrow ravine which was under a direct line of enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Several men had already been either wounded or killed in a similar attempt to rescue the casualty, but despite this fact, Private SESSLER volunteered his services and succeeded in evacuating the wounded man. Home address: Mrs. Ava A. Sessler, Mother, 721 Grand Court, Davenport, Iowa.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade DONALD W. SHEETS, 39010959, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 28 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Wilma J. Sheets, Wife, 1309 100th Avenue, Oakland, California.

✓ Private First Class WALTER J. SLENK, 36041010, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. Because of heavy enemy 150mm mortar fire on his company positions, communication wires were completely severed. Shortly thereafter, the enemy staged a fierce night attack upon our positions, spraying the company area with incendiary bullets. Private SLENK, a radio operator in company headquarters, left his position and, crawling on his stomach under heavy enemy fire, moved to key positions and successfully repaired communication wires. It was through his actions that our 60mm mortar observers and other key personnel were able to call back to the guns to bear accurate mortar fire upon the enemy, disorganizing him completely and inflicting heavy casualties upon his troops. Home address: Mr. Joseph Slenk, Father, 2034 West 18th Place, Chicago, Illinois.

✓ Private First Class LLOYD H. SMITH, 37030031, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 February 1945 to 13 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Boone D. Smith, Father, Pupasky, Minnesota.

✓ Private First Class RUEL P. SMITH, 39920761, 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, when our troops attacked an enemy emplacement consisting of a tank, a 105mm howitzer and three machine guns, they were forced to withdraw leaving a casualty lying in an open field. Though near exhaustion from having repeatedly evacuated casualties for two days under fire, Private SMITH heroically accompanied his litter squad forward of our lines and brought the wounded man back to safety. Home address: Mrs. Anna Smith, Mother, Heyburn, Idaho.

✓ Sergeant WILBUR R. SMITH, 37057460, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 February 1945 to 3 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Blanch G Smith, Mother, R.R. #4, California, Missouri.

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Technician Fifth Grade ALOIS G. SMUTNEY, 37089147, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna M. Smutney, Mother, Fullerton, North Dakota.

Technical Sergeant CHESTER E. STAWICKI, 36215427, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Mataba, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. Sergeant STAWICKI, in command of an infantry cannon company platoon, made a personal reconnaissance into enemy territory in the face of fire from well entrenched enemy automatic weapons. He returned and led his self-propelled mounts by a semi-covered route to a position from which they destroyed, by direct fire, two heavy machine guns. Sergeant STAWICKI then moved across open ground covered by heavy enemy fire and led a self-propelled mount to a point from which he destroyed three fortified enemy positions. Home address: Mrs. Josephine Stawicki, Mother, 2145 South 35th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class MARSHALL J. STEELE, 34092423, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands. At 2300 hours on 20 March 1945, the enemy threw in a heavy concentration of 150mm mortar fire on his company position, disrupting communication lines, and then staged a fierce attack on our position with heavy machine guns firing incendiary bullets. Private STEELE, a wireman in company headquarters, under this heavy enemy fire, crawled to and from various key positions to repair communication wires. His actions enabled the 60mm mortar observers and platoon leaders to call back to the guns to bear accurate fire upon the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Susan Steele, Mother, Pamplico, South Carolina.

Private First Class BENEDICT F. STOBEL, 20511311, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 February 1945 to 13 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Addie M. Smith, Mother, 412 North High Street, New Lexington, Ohio.

Sergeant ERNEST G. SZALAY, 36122413, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 March 1945 to 23 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Szalay, Mother, 561 South West End, Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class WILLIAM F. TANKERSLY, 34570467, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Mawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 March 1945. Private TANKERSLY, a platoon runner, although seriously wounded himself, assisted with the evacuation of several wounded men of his platoon. Private TANKERSLY continuously exposed himself to enemy fire and assisted in moving all the wounded men to safety. Home address: Mrs. Julia W. Tankersly, Mother, Sylvania, Georgia.

Private First Class DONALD C. TAYLOR, 37725197, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Mawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. Private TAYLOR, a mortar gunner, volunteered to go forward over open terrain and under intense enemy sniper and mortar fire to assist with the evacuation of wounded men. Private TAYLOR's courage and initiative reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Frank C. Taylor, Father, Route #1, Savannah Missouri.

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Private First Class VANCE W. THOMAS, 37580031, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 February 1945. An infantry company attacked the enemy who were finally entrenched on high ground and a raging battle ensued with no immediate sign of a let-up. Without hesitation, Private THOMAS, a member of a litter squad, went into the fierce battle amidst cross-fire from both friendly and enemy troops to recover casualties. He made three separate trips over one hundred yards of open terrain, each time bringing back a wounded man. Home address: Mrs. Hazel A. Thomas, wife, 615 Sixth Avenue, N.E., Minot, North Dakota.

Private First Class ERNEST M. TRASK, 37007671, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 28 February 1945 to 15 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Iva F. Trask, Mother, RR #1, Springfield, Missouri.

Sergeant WILLIS A. TRAUTMAN, 35034084, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bagumbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 March 1945 when an enemy force was heard approaching the perimeter of his company during the night, Sergeant TRAUTMAN, a heavy machine gunner, patiently held his fire and cautioned the men near him to wait until the enemy came closer. When the enemy had advanced to within twenty yards, Sergeant TRAUTMAN opened fire. The attack was repulsed with heavy losses inflicted on the enemy. When daylight came, many enemy dead were found in Sergeant TRAUTMAN'S zone of fire. His initiative and discipline merit high praise and were an inspiration to all men with whom he served. Home address: Mrs. Villa Trautman, Mother, RFD #1, Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Captain ROBERT D. TREVATHAN, 0475671, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Mount Mataba area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 16 March 1945 to 3 April 1945. Home address: Dr. L. E. Trevathan, Father, Bruceton, Tennessee.

Private First Class JIMMIE D. TURNER, 38548085, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the wawa-anti-polo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. Private TURNER, a platoon messenger, volunteered to assist with the evacuation of wounded men. He went forward over seventy-five yards of open terrain under intense enemy sniper and mortar fire to assist with the evacuation of wounded men. Private TURNER made four such trips. His courage and initiative reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lena Turner, Mother, Route #3, Box 18, Lampasas, Texas.

Private First Class ROY B. TYNDS, 37627456, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 February 1945. During an attack against an enemy dug-in tank, two men from Private TYNDS' squad fell wounded, and intense fire from enemy machine guns which were protecting the tank was directed at them. While his platoon leader crawled to the side and directed automatic rifle fire against the enemy, Private TYNDS jumped to his feet, dashed to one of his wounded comrades, and succeeded in carrying him back to a place of safety. Home address: Mr. Roscoe J. Lyles, Father, Bloemfield, Missouri.

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Private First Class ARTHUR H. UPHOFF, 37038242, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the wawa-antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 April 1945. On finding the second platoon of his company pinned down, Private UPHOFF crawled under heavy machine gun and rifle fire to the front of the platoon and by killing one sniper reached commanding ground from which he could throw grenades toward the machine gun nest. After throwing several grenades which fell short, he threw white phosphorous grenades, and under cover of the smoke crawled to a position from which he could reach the machine gun with grenades. After knocking out the gun he killed several enemy riflemen. Home address: Mrs. Theresa Uphoff, Mother, Stapleton, Nebraska.

Private First Class JOHN W. VANDEVENTER, 37007499, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 March 1945 to 4 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Richard T. Vandeventer, Father, RFB #1, Wakarusa, Missouri.

Private First Class JOSEPH F. WARD, 39711134, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 March 1945. When the company, with which Private WARD served as aid man, had seized its objective, the enemy immediately laid accurate and heavy mortar fire upon the area before the positions could be consolidated. The first mortar shell wounded five men. Private WARD left his position of safety and ran across seventy-five yards of open ground to render first aid to the wounded men. Meanwhile, four more men were wounded. Private WARD braved the enemy fire to administer medical treatment and assist in the evacuation of the casualties to the safety of a nearby ravine. Home address: Joseph J. Ward, Son, 1129 Rosalind Street, Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class RAY M. WARD, 38522330, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the wawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. Private WARD, a mortar gunner, volunteered to assist with the evacuation of wounded men. He went forward over seventy-five yards of open terrain under intense enemy sniper and mortar fire and assisted with the evacuation of the wounded men. Private WARD made four such trips. His courage and initiative reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Carl Ward, Father, 106 East Pine, Minden, Louisiana.

Private First Class ROBERT M. WENDT, 36644500, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 March 1945 to 4 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Wendt, Mother, 1632 W. Edgewater Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant NORBERT C. WESTMAN, 37055403, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 5 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Isabel Delande, Sister, 1318 E. Rockwell, Spokane, Washington.

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Second Lieutenant JOHN S. WILK, 02037110, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 February 1945. Lieutenant WILK saw two men fall wounded about ten yards in front of two enemy machine guns which were protecting a dug-in tank. With complete disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant WILK crawled up to the men and directed such intense automatic rifle fire against the enemy that others could remove the wounded men to a place of safety. Just as the men were evacuated Lieutenant WILK suffered a severe leg wound but crawled back unaided to our lines. Home address: Mrs. Mary Wilk, Mother, 82 Napoleon Street, Newark, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant JAMES E. WILSON, JR., 38042068, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 February 1945 to 3 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anne E. Wilson, Mother 2319 Seavers Street, Dallas, Texas.

Private First Class JOHN T. WOLD, 37019728, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 February 1945 to 3 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Ingolf Wold, Father, Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade CHESTER J. WOOD, 39215216, (then Private First Class), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. When an anti-tank gun position was directly assaulted by an enemy tank which knocked out the gun and wounded all of the crew, Technician WOOD immediately left his position and ran one hundred yards to the wounded men. Despite heavy enemy machine gun and 47mm gun fire, he succeeded in reaching the casualties, and, while one of our tanks engaged the enemy, Technician WOOD administered first aid. His bravery and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie Saari, Sister, 2908 East 18th Street, Oakland, California.

Private First Class ALLEN M. WRIGHT, 37706161, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 30 January 1945 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Vernag Wright, wife, General Delivery, Page City, Kansas.

Private First Class ELROY G. ZELLMANN, 37089259, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 February 1945 to 3 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Fred Zellmann, Father, Young America, Minnesota.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class STANLEY J. CHAFFIN, 36476673, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 7, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class STANLEY J. CHAFFIN, 36476673, 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. Effie Chaffin, Mother, 408 Dinsmore Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star medal awarded to Private First Class MICHAEL T. CHRISTY, 34202240, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 7, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class MICHAEL T. CHRISTY, 34202240, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. When our troops attacked an enemy emplacement consisting of a tank, a 105mm howitzer and three machine guns, they were forced to withdraw leaving a casualty lying in an open field. Though near exhaustion from having repeatedly evacuated casualties for two days under fire, Private CHRISTY heroically accompanied his litter squad forward of our lines to bring the wounded man back to safety. Home address: Mr. Emanuel Varvaris, Cousin, 906 Tomasville road, Tallahassee, Florida.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain ALBERT L. deCHARLERoy, 0394271, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 8, Section V, 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 Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Captain ALBERT L. deCHARLERoy, 0394271, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Matuba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. Captain deCHARLERoy led his rifle company in an attack on an enemy-occupied hill. All routes of approach to the hill were covered by enemy observation and by heavy mortar and small arms fire. Upon reaching the crest his troops were beaten back by enemy fire. Captain deCHARLERoy took the lead, encouraging his men in another attempt, but they were forced to give way a second time. Captain deCHARLERoy did not quit the hill until all of his casualties had been evacuated. His heroism on this occasion was an inspiration to his troops. Home address: Mrs. Helen D. deCharleroy, Wife, 126 Second Avenue, Norwood, New Jersey.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Sergeant ROBERT W. EVERETTE, 7081093, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 8, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

First Sergeant ROBERT W. EVERETTE, 7081093, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise F. Everette, Wife, 3653a Gosconade Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Sergeant BERT FERRARINI, 37085939, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 9, Section III, General Orders No. 50, dated 11 April 1945, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Sergeant BERT FERRARINI, 37085939, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Muncz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. Sergeant FERRARINI volunteered to accompany a patrol which was detailed to knock out an enemy tank which had been harassing a lead infantry battalion and slowing its advance. Heavy machine gun fire forced the patrol to split up. Sergeant FERRARINI accompanied his patrol leader to a point from which fire could be placed on the tank. He assisted with firing a recoil launcher and knocked out the tank. Home address: Mrs. Rose Ferrarini, Mother, Diamondville, Wyoming.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class MARVIN HANSON, 37029634, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 4, Section I, General Orders No. 27, dated 24 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class MARVIN HANSON, 37029634, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Bayanbayan area Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. Private HANSON made many trips over open terrain which was under enemy fire and observation in order to give first aid to wounded men and help evacuate them to positions of safety. His courage reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Regna Hanson, Mother, Milton, North Dakota.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant CZAR H. HERTZELLE, 02007743, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 8, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant CZAR H. HERTZELLE, 02007743, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Mount Lataba area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from

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7 March 1945 to 3 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Idyll L. Hertzelle, Wife, Box 274, Park River, North Dakota.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class WILEY W. HORTON, 34815702, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 24, dated 21 July 1944 and the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 20, dated 7 March 1945, a second 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class WILEY W. HORTON, 34815702, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. Private HORTON, a member of a three-man assault team, volunteered to move to a forward position, taking only a rocket launcher and personal arms, to knock out an enemy dug-in tank and a 75mm field piece. After working his way forward under enemy fire, Private HORTON directed the firing and succeeded in scoring two direct hits. The tank was disabled and the field piece neutralized, thereby permitting the assault troops to advance. Private HORTON'S courageous action was an inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Lessie Parrish, Grandmother, Florida Short, Route #1, Sykacauga, Alabama.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class RAYMOND W. KIRCHNER, 37057769, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, Section I, General Orders No. 27, dated 24 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class RAYMOND W. KIRCHNER, 37057769, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Bayanoyanan area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. Private KIRCHNER volunteered to use his jeep to evacuate wounded men. He made six trips over open terrain which was under enemy observation and subject to heavy 150mm mortar fire and sniper activity in order to evacuate his wounded comrades. His courage and initiative reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Majorie Louise Diehl, Sister, Kahoka, Missouri.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class OBIE W. LAMINACK, 34808641, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

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Private First Class OBIE M. LAMINACK, 34801, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 5 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Martha H. Laminack, Mother, Rt #1, Luscadine, Alabama.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade JAMES N. LARKIN, 37057894, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 13, Section III, General Orders No. 50, dated 11 April 1945, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES N. LARKIN, 37057894, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 29 March 1945 to 3 April 1945. Home address: Mr. James N. Larkin, Sr., Father, 437 W. Argonne Drive, Kirkwood, Missouri.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant GILBERT F. LONG, 37057889, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 15, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant GILBERT F. LONG, 37057889, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 March 1945. While leading a combat and reconnaissance patrol, Sergeant LONG sighted one of the enemy fleeing up a trail and, by adroit maneuvering, cornered him in a foxhole. Sergeant LONG'S devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. LaVerne Rose Long, wife, 1526 Fairmount Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH W. MCKINLEY, 37088122, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 2, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH W. MCKINLEY, 37088122, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 28 March 1945, Technician MCKINLEY, without regard for his own safety, left his foxhole during an enemy night attack to administer first aid to a seriously wounded man who was in a foxhole twenty-five yards away. He moved the wounded man to his own foxhole and continued to administer first aid throughout the night. His courageous actions and tireless efforts saved the life of his wounded comrade. Home address: Mrs. Rita Bell McKinley, Mother, Route #2, Thomaston, Georgia.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH W. MCKINLEY, 34088122, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 24, dated 21 July 1944, and the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 29, Section IV, General Orders No. 50, dated 11 April 1945, a second 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH W. MCKINLEY, 34088122, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. During an attack against an enemy-held hill a casualty was left in a clearing when an infantry company was forced to withdraw. Technician MCKINLEY immediately crawled in front of our troops and, despite intense enemy fire, crossed an open clearing and dragged the casualty over seventy-five yards of open terrain to the concealment offered by some high grass. Here he administered first aid with such skill that the life of his comrade was saved. Home address: Mrs. Etta Bell McKinley, Mother, Route #2, Thomaston, Georgia.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class THOMAS W. MURPHY, 35487925, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 27, dated 24 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class THOMAS W. MURPHY, 35487925, 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. Private MURPHY volunteered to assist his litter squad with the evacuation of a casualty from the battlefield. The casualty was located in a narrow ravine under direct enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Despite the great personal risk, Private MURPHY succeeded in removing the wounded man to a place of safety and proper medical treatment. Home address: Mrs. Mary H. Murphy, Mother, Springfield, Kentucky.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade LAWRENCE A. NETTLETON, 37028585, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technician Fifth Grade LAWRENCE A. NETTLETON, 37028585, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Bayanbayanan area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. Technician NETTLETON, an aid man with an infantry company, crawled across a clearing which was under enemy machine gun and sniper fire to aid wounded men.

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He hurriedly administered first aid and carried the most seriously wounded man back to safety. Returning to the casualties, he helped them reach protected positions. His outstanding courage and initiative are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Geneva Anna Nettleton, wife, 620 Donnelson Street, Canton, Missouri.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Sergeant EUGENE R. PETERS, 37057009, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 10, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

✓ Sergeant EUGENE R. PETERS, 37057009, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 30 January 1945 to 3 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Fred A. Peters, Father, Route #1, Shelbyville, Missouri.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class CLIFFORD REED, 37056979, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 2, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

✓ Private First Class CLIFFORD REED, 37056979, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Amoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 February 1945. Private REED, a member of a litter squad, went forward amidst cross-fire from both friendly and enemy troops to rescue seriously wounded men. He made three trips over one hundred yards of open fire-swept terrain, each time bringing back a casualty. Home address: Mr. Walter Reed, Father, Beumont, Missouri.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Sergeant EMMETT B. SAGE, 15027735, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 20, Section III, General Orders No. 50, dated 11 April 1945, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

✓ Sergeant EMMETT B. SAGE, 15027735, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Mawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 April 1945. When an enemy mortar barrage had struck his company ammunition dump, setting it on fire, Sergeant SAGE, braving enemy fire and a possible explosion, ran to the burning dump and, with the assistance of two other men, worked feverishly until the fire was under control. Home address: Mrs. Edna England, Mother, 507 South Spurgeon Street, Altus, Oklahoma.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star medal awarded to Private First Class JOSEPH S. SHALHOUB, 36630034, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 8, Section IV, General Orders No. 40, dated 31 March 1945, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class JOSEPH S. SHALHOUB, 36880034, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 February 1945 to 3 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise Shalhoub, Mother, 8539 Quincy, Detroit, Michigan.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade FRANCIS J. SHEA, 37057660, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technician Fifth Grade FRANCIS J. SHEA, 37057660, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Manoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 February 1945. An infantry company attacked the enemy who were firmly entrenched on high ground and a raging battle ensued with no immediate sign of a let-up. Without hesitation, Technician SHEA led his litter squad into cross-fire from both friendly and enemy troops to recover casualties. He made three separate trips over one hundred yards of open terrain, each time bringing back a wounded man. Home address: Mrs. Florence E. Shea, wife, 7018 Manette Drive, Jennings, Missouri.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Lieutenant Colonel FLOYD H. SIMMONS, 0351237, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 22, Section III, General Orders No. 53, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel FLOYD H. SIMMONS, 0351237, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. Colonel SIMMONS, leading a reconnaissance group into enemy territory, twice saved it from ambush through his energy and alertness. On one occasion while making a reconnaissance far ahead of the group, he observed the enemy setting up artillery pieces some distance to the front. Finding several enemy soldiers between him and the remainder of the party, he zig-zagged around the enemy's left flank over a thirty-five yard stretch of open terrain. He returned to the group, relayed information to the battalion commander who was to make the attack, and pin-pointed on the artillery forward observer's map the location of the enemy artillery pieces so that accurate fire could be placed upon them. Home address: Mrs. Iris A. Simmons, wife, Middletown, Wyoming.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star medal awarded to Private First Class RUEL P. SMITH, 39920761, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 21, Section III, General Orders No. 50, dated 11 April 1945, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class RUEL P. SMITH, 39920761, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Eayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 March 1945. Private SMITH, a medical aid man attached to an infantry company, seeing that one of the patients was hit by a 150mm shell, voluntarily, crawled forward and gave first aid to the casualties. Mortar shells continued to drop in this area and Private SMITH became a casualty from concussion. Despite the fact that his injury was serious enough to warrant his evacuation, he continued to care for the wounded and supervise their evacuation. Home address: Mrs. Anna Smith, Mother, Hayburn, Idaho.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star medal awarded to Captain JOHN J. STEPHENS, 01284957, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 2, Section II, General Orders No. 59, dated 10 October 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Captain JOHN J. STEPHENS, 01284957, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 28 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alina Stephens, Wife, 4260 Arsenal, St. Louis, Missouri.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star medal awarded to Private First Class LAWRENCE A. TAYLOR, 37619427, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, Section III, General Orders No. 20, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class LAWRENCE A. TAYLOR, 37619427, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 7 January 1945 to 28 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Julia E. Taylor, Mother, 2215 Bayport Avenue, N., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star medal awarded to Private First Class VANCE W. THOMAS, 37580031, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 23, Section III, General Orders No. 50, dated 11 April 1945, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

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Private First Class VANE W. THOMAS, 37580031, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Bayanbayanan area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. Private THOMAS, with disregard for his personal safety, rushed across open terrain and successfully removed a wounded man to a defiladed area. Despite heavy enemy mortar fire, he administered medical aid until a litter squad evacuated the wounded man. Private THOMAS' courage resulted in saving the life of a wounded comrade. Home address: Mrs. Hazel Ann Thomas, Wife, Route #2, Grandville, North Dakota.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class ROY B. TYNES, 37627456, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 23, Section III, General Orders No. 50, dated 11 April 1945, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class ROY B. TYNES, 37627456, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. Private TYNES, a gunner on a 60mm mortar, voluntarily, crawled for a distance of five hundred yards in the face of fire from enemy pillboxes and snipers in order to rescue a wounded comrade. Having succeeded in removing the wounded man to safety, Private TYNES, during an enemy counterattack which followed, directed such effective mortar fire upon enemy machine gunners that the counterattack was quickly repulsed. His great courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Laura Tynes, Mother, RFD #2, Bloomfield, Missouri.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant VERNON J. WAKEFIELD, (ASN: not yet assigned), by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 5, Section I, General Orders No. 23, dated 25 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant VERNON J. WAKEFIELD, (ASN: not yet assigned), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 March 1945 to 4 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Laura C. Wakefield, Wife, Box 174, Jaynesville, Missouri.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade EARL E. WILSON, 35213700, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 2, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

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Technician Fifth Grade MAX E. WILDERMUTH, 35413768, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. Technician WILDERMUTH, a medical aid man with an infantry mortar section, left his foxhole and crossed through a barrage of enemy mortar fire to treat and evacuate wounded men. Technician WILDERMUTH, with disregard for his own safety, remained in an exposed area, treating casualties and assisting with their evacuation to a position of safety. Home address: Mrs. Wannie Wildermuth, Mother, Route #1, McGraff, Ohio.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade CHESTER J. WOOD, 39215216, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 25, Section III, General Orders No. 50, dated 11 April 1945, 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 (Sec II Bull 2 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technician Fifth Grade CHESTER J. WOOD, 39215216, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 9 March 1945, Technician WOOD accompanied a rifle platoon in an attack against an enemy position. Upon receiving intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire, the platoon was forced to maneuver to the flank and take up positions in a small ravine. Technician WOOD observed that one of his comrades had been left wounded and helpless at a distance of seventy-five yards from the ravine and was lying in an exposed area. Voluntarily, Technician WOOD crossed over fire-swept terrain and evacuated the wounded man. While administering first aid, he learned of another casualty and immediately evacuated the second wounded man to a position of safety. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie Sauri, Sister, 2908 East 13th Street, Oakland, California.

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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 enlisted men:

Private First Class HENRY L. ERICKSON, 17140555, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. In an assault against strong enemy fortifications, the squad of which Private ERICKSON was a member, met heavy artillery, machine gun and sniper fire causing a number of casualties within his squad. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private ERICKSON crawled forward to assist another member of his squad with the evacuation of the wounded men who were in need of immediate medical treatment. Without cover or protection, he helped remove each casualty from the fire-swept area. While evacuating the last wounded man, Private ERICKSON was fatally wounded by a sniper's bullet but succeeded in carrying his comrade to safety before losing consciousness. Next of kin: Mr. Erick L. Erickson, Father, 316 Ninth Street, International Falls, Minnesota.

Private First Class CLARENCE H. FRENCH, 37065908, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. When his infantry company was attacked by a large force of enemy troops, Private FRENCH, a member of a front line platoon, voluntarily crawled forward of our lines under devastating fire to a point from which he could fire upon the enemy. With an automatic rifle and hand grenades, he directed such a tremendous volume of fire upon the advancing enemy that his company was able to maneuver into positions of vantage without sustaining casualties. Private FRENCH continued to slow up the enemy attack until he was fatally wounded by artillery fire. His great courage and gallant devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Gertrude Harris, Mother, Route #1, Tuckerman, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM G. WOHRMAN, 37075486, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. When his infantry squad was being held up in its advance by intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Sergeant WOHRMAN crawled forward alone in an attempt to destroy an enemy machine gun emplacement. Upon locating the enemy position, he opened fire killing several of the enemy personnel who were around the gun. While attempting to get information back to his squad, Sergeant WOHRMAN was fatally wounded by enemy fire. Next of kin: Mrs. Louise Wochrman, Mother, 421 East McCarty Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

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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 officers and enlisted men:

Sergeant JAMES W. BURTON, 37066092, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. Sergeant BURTON'S platoon was engaged in holding a hill which was tactically important in our operations when an enemy force attacked in an attempt to take our positions. During the action a small force of the enemy crawled to the rear and attempted to infiltrate through our lines from that direction. Sergeant BURTON, with complete disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself to enemy fire by crawling to a position from which he could bring the enemy within range. Repeatedly he threw grenades at the enemy, killing many of them and routing the others. Sergeant BURTON'S courage and outstanding initiative are deserving of highest praise. Home address: Mr. Rufus T. Burton, Father, Cabot, Arkansas.

Corporal HENRY C. DURHAM, 20947370, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near San Vicente, Luzon, Philippine Islands. During the evening of 20 February 1945, Corporal DURHAM'S battery was under a severe enemy counter-battery fire which caused several casualties in the battery and started a large fire in an ammunition dump containing a large quantity of high explosive artillery shells. Despite the heavy shelling which kept his organization pinned down over a considerable period of time, Corporal DURHAM, without regard for his personal safety, left the security of his machine gun emplacement and raced across one hundred yards of exposed area and extinguished the fire. This act of bravery, and the coolness with which it was performed, prevented the explosion of the ammunition dump and prevented many more casualties. This act is indicative of the outstanding soldierly qualities and courage of Corporal DURHAM. Home address: Mrs. Pearl L. Durham, Mother, 1023 Elgin Street, Caldwell, Idaho.

Staff Sergeant J. P. GABLE, 34088745, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. Sergeant GABLE'S platoon was engaged in defending a hill when an enemy force attempted a suicide attack on its defense positions, using grenades and small arms. Sergeant GABLE, a squad leader, together with another soldier, was holding our forward position when three of the enemy stormed them using bayonets. Sergeant GABLE grabbed a bayonet in his bare hands, disarmed the enemy and killed him immediately, but, in so doing, was wounded in several places by the enemy bayonet. Despite his wounds, Sergeant GABLE effectively held off some of the remaining enemy by throwing grenades, while his comrade killed the two remaining enemy who had stormed their position. Sergeant GABLE'S outstanding courage and initiative in the face of great odds was largely responsible for repulsing the enemy attack and holding our positions. Home address: Mrs. Mattie J. Gable, Mother, Route 1, Felton, Georgia.

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First Lieutenant GEORGE J. GINGRAS, 01291101, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 January 1945. Lieutenant GINGRAS and his platoon led an infantry company in an assault against a heavily fortified hill. His platoon met heavy enemy resistance and sustained several casualties from a volley of enemy grenades. Realizing that instant and decisive action was necessary to prevent a forced withdrawal, Lieutenant GINGRAS, armed with a helmet full of phosphorous grenades, went forward of our lines, threw the grenades in enemy positions and succeeded in routing the enemy. Lieutenant GINGRAS' fearless act saved the lives of many of his men and made possible the securing of an important objective. Home address: Mrs. Rita T. Gingras, Wife, 460 Enfield Street, Thompsonville, Connecticut.

Second Lieutenant EDWARD J. IRWIN, 02007744, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Mont-alban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. Lieutenant IRWIN'S platoon was engaged in defending a hill when an enemy force attempted a suicide attack on its defense positions, using grenades and small arms. Lieutenant IRWIN, with complete disregard for his own safety, crawled forward to determine enemy disposition of troops, and with hand grenades killed several enemy personnel. He then crawled from one of his positions to another, checking on ammunition, caring for casualties and encouraging his men. Lieutenant IRWIN'S initiative and great courage was an inspiration to all his men and reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Sylvia E Irwin, Wife, 12 Charlotte Street, St. Augustine, Florida.

Technician Fifth Grade ELMER E. MURPHY, 37065836, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. After the infantry company in which Technician MURPHY is a medical aid man had secured its objective, the enemy launched a strong counterattack which was commenced with an artillery barrage from 75mm guns. Ten men in Technician MURPHY'S platoon were wounded by the initial bursts. The remainder of his platoon was forced to move to an alternate position until the conclusion of the barrage. Technician MURPHY, however, remained with his stricken comrades and alone continued to administer life-saving medical treatment and drag the seriously wounded men to the protection of a reverse slope. Home address: Mrs. Louise Edwards, Sister, Route #2, Conway, Arkansas.

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:

First Lieutenant BYRON F. BECKER, 02047914, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Province of Bataan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 February 1945 to 21 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Kathleen M. Becker, Wife, Box 315, Benton, Wisconsin.

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Private First Class HARRY J. BELLCOM, 36757168, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Montalban area, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 24 February 1945 during a heavy enemy artillery concentration on his company's area, Private BELLCOM, with disregard for his own safety, jumped from the protection of a foxhole and assisted with administering first aid to men who were seriously wounded and lay in an exposed area. Through the flying swarms of exploding shells, Private BELLCOM helped carry the wounded men on improvised litters across the impact area to an aid station. His courageous efforts reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Jim Bellcom, Father, 611 S. Utica Street, Jaukegan, Illinois.

Captain WILLIAM P. CASSIDY, 01291074, (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Muroz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. During an engagement against strong enemy dug-in positions, Captain CASSIDY maneuvered his infantry company in such a manner that the enemy emplacements were quickly destroyed. He personally directed his anti-tank guns into a position from which they could fire upon the enemy with deadly effect. Captain CASSIDY'S cool leadership while under fire and his outstanding tactical ability contributed much to the success of our operations. Home address: Mr. John J. Cassidy, Father, 88 Goudy Street, Portland, Maine.

Corporal ROBERT C. DALTON, 6910416, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near the Bued River, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Corporal DALTON crawled forward under heavy enemy fire in order to reach a seriously wounded soldier and administer first aid. Despite small arms fire directed at him, Corporal DALTON rendered first aid and then carried the wounded man over rough, hazardous terrain to a place of safety. His heroic act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Annie Mae Dalton, Mother, 1838 Barks Street, Flint, Michigan.

Sergeant JOSEPH P. DOLCE, 37075313, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sauringen, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. During a fierce enemy counterattack, perimeter communication lines were severed by the heavy machine gun and mortar fire. On his own initiative, Sergeant DOLCE crawled along the lines in the face of enemy fire until he found the break. With disregard for his own safety, he remained on the spot until he had repaired the broken lines thereby restoring vital communications. Home address: Mr. Peter Dolce, Father, 5902 Southwest Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Sergeant JOSEPH R. DOYLE, 37050244, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Navaliches, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. Sergeant DOYLE was returning to our lines with a patrol when it was fired upon by enemy artillery, seriously wounding a Filipino guerrilla who was accompanying the patrol. Because there were no aid men available, Sergeant DOYLE, disregarding his own safety, ran a distance of one thousand yards over difficult terrain under enemy fire in order to reach an aid station and secure assistance for the wounded man. Sergeant DOYLE'S courageous

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act saved the life of the wounded man and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Jane Doyle, Mother, 3057 Lincoln Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Captain RICHARD H. FLEMING, 01293229, (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. During a night attack against enemy positions which were located on high ground, Captain FLEMING and a part of his light machine gun section became separated from his company. In spite of this fact, Captain FLEMING continued to advance toward the objective and, upon reaching a favorable position, released such an intense volume of fire upon an enemy emplacement that the enemy defense was broken and the objective easily secured. Home address: Mrs. Pauline E. Fleming, Wife, Route #2, Bogard, Missouri.

Corporal CHRISTIAN GIENGER, 37081993, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Mantalban area, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 24 February 1945 during a heavy enemy artillery concentration on his company's area, Corporal GIENGER, with disregard for his own safety, jumped from the protection of a foxhole and assisted with administering first aid to men who were seriously wounded and lay in an exposed area. Through the flying shrapnel from exploding shells, Corporal GIENGER helped carry the wounded men on improvised litters across the impact area to an aid station. His courageous efforts reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. David Gienger, Father, Anamoose, North Dakota.

Private First Class NORBERT C. GOODEN, 37552083, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mantalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945. The infantry company to which Private GOODEN is attached as medical aid man was ordered to withdraw from the slopes of a mountain. During the withdrawal, the enemy laid down a fierce mortar barrage on the company using 150mm mortars. One man was critically wounded by the mortar fire and was lying in the impact area. Private GOODEN quickly administered first aid to his wounded comrade and assisted with moving him to a place of safety. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Gooden, Mother, 504 West Lynd Street, Marshall, Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade FRANK L. GOUDY, 37037026, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Central Luzon Area Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lucille Goudy, Wife, Woonsocket, South Dakota.

Major ROBERT J. HOFFMAN, 0410545, (then Captain), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 January 1945. When an infantry battalion was pinned down under heavy enemy fire and was unable to reach its objective, Major HOFFMAN led his company under intense sniper fire and through dense undergrowth into a position from which he was able to outflank the enemy. With disregard for his personal safety, Major HOFFMAN pushed on until he was able to bring the enemy under cross-fire, thereby enabling his battalion to advance and secure its objective. Home address: Mrs. Rosalyn E. Hoffman, Wife, 2417 Kansas Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska.

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Corporal GUY E. KEITH, 34379673, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Paler Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 February 1945 to 14 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ola M Keith, Mother, 4114 McCahill Road, Red Bank, Tennessee.

Private First Class VERNON K. KELSEY, 37086034, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. The enemy made a night suicide attack against the perimeter of the infantry company of which Private KELSEY is a member. Private KELSEY observed a group of the enemy rushing toward the perimeter of the enemy turned and dived for an emplacement in which Private KELSEY and his comrades were sleeping. With lightning-like speed, he sprang from his built trench and alarmed the enemy soldier, thereby saving the life of his comrade. Home address: Mrs. Ella L Kelsey, Mother, Bridgeport, Nebraska.

Sergeant LEO M. KLINGHAMMER, 37081731, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 March 1945. Home address: Mr Enos E. Klinghammer, Father, Route #1, Box 18, Turtle Lake, Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade WALTER R. MASON, 35136506, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Central Luzon area, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Mason, Wife, 513 LaFayette Avenue, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Private CHARLES J. MATISKI, 36217941, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Paler Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 February 1945 to 14 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Violet Osczeski, Sister, Route #1, Foxboro, Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade AFTON L. MOORE, 37065733, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hazel B. Moore, wife, Box 123, Morrilton, Arkansas.

Private First Class JOHN W. MYERS, 33725714, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Paler Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. When a fellow member of his platoon was wounded, Private MYERS, with disregard for his own safety, volunteered to go forward with another member of his squad under heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire to evacuate the wounded man. Several times it was necessary to take cover from enemy fire to prevent the wounded man from receiving further wounds until they could return him safely to our lines. Private MYERS' heroic act was an inspiration to all men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Bossie Lee Myers, Mother, 67 Fair Street, Westport, Maryland.

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Private First Class JAY L. PARKER, 37065742, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Novaliches, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 February 1945. Private PARKER, driver of a kitchen truck, while returning from the company strongpoints after the men had been fed, was driving up a steep and very rough hill when the truck was ambushed by the enemy. Many hand grenades were thrown in the truck, wounding five men and killing two others. Though wounded himself, he kept the truck moving at all times and managed to get the wounded men to an aid station. Through Private PARKER'S clear thinking and coolness under fire, the lives of the wounded men were saved. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Lee Parker, Mother, 416 Beard Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND S. SCOTT, 37031302, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Montalban area, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 24 February 1945 during a heavy enemy artillery concentration on his company's area, Sergeant SCOTT, with disregard for his own safety, jumped from the protection of a foxhole and assisted with administering first aid to men who were seriously wounded and lay in an exposed area. Through the flying shrapnel from exploding shells, Sergeant SCOTT helped carry the wounded men on improvised litters across the impact area to an aid station. His courageous efforts reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Bergman, Sister, Route #2, Box 660, Duluth, Minnesota.

Private First Class DARWIN J. THORSON, 36879963, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Montalban area, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 24 February 1945 during a heavy enemy artillery concentration on his company's area, Private THORSON, with disregard for his own safety, jumped from the protection of a foxhole and assisted with administering first aid to men who were seriously wounded and lay in an exposed area. Through the flying shrapnel from exploding shells, Private THORSON helped carry the wounded men on improvised litters across the impact area to an aid station. His courageous efforts reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Thorson, Wife, 268 Fifth Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant LELAND G. TOLAND, 37030892, (then Corporal), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Montalban area, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 24 February 1945 during a heavy enemy artillery concentration on his company's area, Sergeant TOLAND, with disregard for his own safety, jumped from the protection of a foxhole and assisted with administering first aid to men who were seriously wounded and lay in an exposed area. Through the flying shrapnel from exploding shells, Sergeant TOLAND helped carry the wounded men on improvised litters across the impact area to an aid station. His courageous efforts reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Toland, Mother, Cushing, Iowa.

Second Lieutenant FRANK C. WOLCHIK, 02036727, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. Under intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire, Lieutenant WOLCHIK led his platoon into a position just below an objective, formed his lines, and led a charge on several heavily fortified enemy pillboxes which were located on a hill.

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The platoon succeeded in knocking out several pillboxes, killing a large number of the enemy and capturing enemy machine guns. Lieutenant WOLCHIK then reorganized his platoon and held the hill despite heavy enemy fire. Home address: Mr. Frank C. Wolchik, Father, 606 West Avenue "G", Temple, Texas.

SECTION IV - AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

By direction of the President in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class WILLIAM J. EPPICH, 35318239, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944) The citation is as follows:

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM J. EPPICH, 35318239, (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 23 January 1945. During an attack against the enemy, several of our men were seriously wounded by enemy artillery and mortar fire. Technician EPPICH went forward of our lines under intense enemy mortar and sniper fire to give first aid to the wounded men. While going from one wounded man to another, he received wounds in the leg and shoulder from sniper fire. Before caring for his own wounds, he continued to administer first aid to a seriously wounded man and succeeded in evacuating him to a safe place. Technician EPPICH'S heroic act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lena Eppich, Mother, 1400 East 52nd Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

By direction of the President in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant EARL R. HOPKINS, 01030989, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 7, Section VI, General Orders No. 46, dated 5 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant EARL R. HOPKINS, 01030989, Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bessie G Hopkins, Mother, RFD #1, Ordino, Nebraska.

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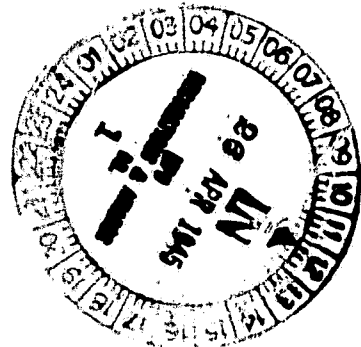
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SECTION I - AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - POSTHUMOUSLY

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, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO (to the following enlisted men

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Sergeant FRANK A. CLARK, 36215405, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945. Sergeant CLARK, an infantry company supply sergeant, voluntarily carried vital rocket launcher ammunition and rifle grenades for a distance of about four hundred yards in order to supply his company positions which were located forward of our front lines and under heavy enemy fire. Instead of returning to his supply depot after delivering the ammunition, Sergeant CLARK took up a firing position from which he fired effectively upon enemy personnel until he was instantly killed by an enemy 47mm gun shell. Sergeant CLARK'S heroic service far beyond the call of duty was a great inspiration to all men with whom he served. Next of kin: Mr. Homer J. Clark, Father, 700 South Tower Street, Nevada, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant ERFORD H. GAGE, 39708156, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Sergeant GAGE, while under heavy machine gun and 47mm gun fire from an enemy tank which was located one hundred yards to his front, directed artillery and mortar fire upon the tank thereby destroying it. Then, on his own initiative and from a position which was in a fire lane of the enemy, he directed artillery fire upon another enemy tank which was about three hundred yards to his front and succeeded in destroying it. Sergeant GAGE'S courage and outstanding devotion to duty were a great inspiration to all men with whom he served. Next of kin: Mrs. Nels K. Gage, Wife, 6206 Temple Drive, Hollywood, California.

Private First Class CARL H. NORLIN, 37046654, 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. Just at dusk as the leading squad in which he was a rifleman reached a small clearing, it was caught in a withering cross-fire from two enemy camouflaged pillboxes and several casualties were incurred. It would have been possible for him to have withdrawn to a place of safety, but disregarding the danger to his own life, he remained in position firing on the enemy until he was mortally wounded. His intrepid devotion to duty reflects great credit upon the military service and is deserving of high praise. Next of kin: Mrs. Alice Norlin, Mother, Route #2, Alta, Iowa.

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Private First Class JOSEPH M. WHEATLEY, 35487908, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. When a fellow member of his platoon was wounded, Private WHEATLEY, with disregard for his own safety, volunteered to go forward with another member of his squad under heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire to evacuate the wounded man. Several times it was necessary to take cover from enemy fire to prevent the wounded man from receiving further wounds until they could return him safely to our lines. Private WHEATLEY'S heroic act was an inspiration to all men with whom he served. Next of kin: Mrs. Susie A. Wheatley, Mother, Route #2, Springfield, Kentucky.

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, 8th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class CARL H. ANDERSON, 36644695, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. When his company encountered intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire, Private ANDERSON, a rifleman, rendered medical aid to two of his comrades-in-arms who were wounded. Disregarding his own safety, and under heavy enemy fire, he then carried the more seriously wounded man on his back for a distance of more than five hundred yards to a safe position in the rear. Home address: Mrs. Johanna Anderson, Mother, 8506 Chandon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class LAWRENCE G. ATKINSON, 35413886, 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. The rifle platoon of which he was the number one scout was pinned down by intense knee mortar and automatic weapons fire. Private ATKINSON continued to advance aggressively toward the enemy, locating machine gun and sniper positions. Waiting until the enemy fired, he would then throw hand grenades into their positions. Before being seriously wounded, he succeeded in destroying two enemy machine gun positions which were holding up his platoon's advance. Home address: Mrs. Sahara F. Atkinson, Mother, 318 North Broadway, Barnesville, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant EDGAR L. BAUCON, 6375943, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Villasis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. As a squad leader, Sergeant BAUCON volunteered to accompany a landing vehicle and operate a heavy machine gun in order to help to recover wounded comrades. Disregarding his own safety, he exposed himself to enemy fire while knocking out an enemy machine gun and killing two enemy riflemen. During the engagement he was wounded by an enemy sniper. Sergeant BAUCON'S devotion to duty is deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Baucan, Wife, 168 N.W. 52d Street, Miami, Florida.

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* Private First Class PAUL E. BOTTORFF, 35614078, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private BOTTORFF volunteered to be a member of a group whose mission was to reconnoiter, seize, and secure a position for a line of departure from which to launch an attack the following morning. The party destroyed all enemy resistance encountered and successfully accomplished their mission. Private BOTTORFF'S outstanding devotion to duty under particularly difficult conditions reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Miss Jennie R. Strong, Aunt, 25 Bidleman Street, Dayton, Ohio.

Private First Class ERNEST W. CAMP, 34688277, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. With disregard for his own safety, Private CAMP volunteered to be a member of a group whose mission was to reconnoiter, seize, and secure a position for a line of departure from which to launch an attack the following morning. The party destroyed all enemy resistance encountered and successfully accomplished their mission. Private CAMP'S outstanding devotion to duty under particularly difficult conditions reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Grace Camp, Mother, Powder Spring, Georgia.

Private First Class RICHARD W. CHUMNEY, 6291946, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Private CHUMNEY crawled forward, leading his squad along a narrow, shallow ditch under constant 47mm gun and machine gun fire from an enemy tank located about seventy-five yards to his front. Although wounded in the stomach, he pointed out a camouflaged enemy tank so that an observer was able to destroy it with artillery fire. This action of Private CHUMNEY resulted in the advance of our troops and the establishment of a line two hundred yards to the front of the old position. Home address: Mrs. Heala Chumney, Wife, 407 Texas Street, Silver City, New Mexico.

Master Sergeant FRANK C. CONE, 1014895, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January 1945 to 19 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Cone, Wife, 907 H. Avenue, Lawton, Oklahoma.

Private First Class RUSSELL E. DAVIS, 36215466, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. When his company was subjected to an intense enemy mortar barrage and suffered several casualties, Private DAVIS, a gunner in a mortar section, with disregard for his own safety, voluntarily left the safety of his foxhole, and under the continued barrage went to assist with the evacuation of his seriously wounded company commander. Home address: Mrs. Hazel G. Davis, Mother, 1400 North Washington Street, Janesville, Wisconsin.

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Private First Class JOHN F. DePHILIPS, 33515199, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. Private DePHILIPS, a member of an infantry support platoon, advanced to a position located fifty yards forward of the front lines. His maneuver was accomplished in the face of machine gun and tank 47mm gun fire from the enemy located fifty yards to his front. Though wounded, he continued firing at a moving tank until it was destroyed. Home address: Mr. Frank DePhilips, Father, 9115 Second Street, Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM H. DERICKSON, JR., 37038575, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. As a rifle squad leader, he fearlessly led his squad forward in an assault. In the initial stages of the attack, Sergeant DERICKSON suffered two head wounds inflicted by enemy snipers, yet he continued to lead and direct the movement of his squad. Even after successfully knocking out an enemy machine gun position and killing two snipers, he refused to leave his squad and would not return to the aid station for necessary medical treatment until given a direct order to do so by his company commander. His heroic devotion to duty was an inspiration to all members of his squad. Home address: Mrs. Elvyn L. Derickson, Wife, Star, Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade ANDREW C. DUSZA, 37058971, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. With disregard for his own safety, Technician DUSZA volunteered as a member of a group whose mission was to reconnoiter, seize, and secure a position for a line of departure from which to launch an attack the following morning. The party destroyed all enemy resistance encountered and successfully accomplished its mission. Technician DUSZA'S outstanding devotion to duty under particularly difficult conditions reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Martha Dusza, Mother, Oxly, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant LAVERN L. EAGER, 37019719, 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. When his company's advance was momentarily halted by intense enemy fire, Sergeant EAGER, rifle squad leader, with disregard for his own safety, went aggressively forward to locate the enemy positions. Returning, he personally led supporting tanks forward and, undaunted by enemy sniper fire, pointed out the enemy installations and directed fire of the tanks which successfully destroyed the enemy positions. Home address: Mrs. Helen Eager, Wife, Osage City, Missouri.

Private First Class ORA M. EDWARDS, 35206869, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Though his squad was pinned down by enemy machine gun and 47mm gun fire, Private EDWARDS moved forward, at great personal risk, to observe for the purpose of laying down a smoke screen. Under the smoke screen, his squad was able to move to positions offering better cover. Though the smoke screen was lifting, Private EDWARDS moved forward for a distance of twenty-five yards to rescue a wounded member of his squad. Home address: Mrs. Jewell W. Edwards, Wife, Route 4, Scottsville, Kentucky.

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Captain MATTHEW N. GORRING, JR., 01172027, 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 March, 1945. Home address: Mrs. Phyllis E. Goring, Wife, 302 N. Main Street, West Bend, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE H. HAGEDORN, 37059078, (then Private), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy along the San Jose - Guimba Highway, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. When intense fire from a pillbox on the left flank was encountered and his company's advance momentarily halted, Sergeant HAGEDORN, a rifle squad leader, volunteered to direct the fire of a self-propelled mount upon the enemy position. Disregarding his own safety, he exposed himself to the enemy fire as he fired tracers to designate the target. Heedless of the enemy fire, he adjusted fire until the pillbox had been knocked out. Home address: Mr. Charles H. Hagedorn, Father, Robertsville, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade NUTIE L. HARMON, 37065885, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Villasis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. As a medical aid man attached to an infantry assault company, Technician HARMON, hearing of wounded men in a leading landing vehicle jumped from the safety of a rear vehicle and advanced to the aid of his wounded comrades and successfully administered first aid. Later, he was instrumental in the evacuation of casualties from the vehicle. Home address: Mrs. Vera M. Harmon, Wife, Box 65, Dixon, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant HAROLD B. HARRIS, 18034520, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 18 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jetty Harris, Mother, 401 South 12th Street, McAllen, Texas.

Private First Class JAMES L. HARSTON, 35105252, 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. Private HARSTON crawled from his slit trench under enemy automatic, sniper, and knee mortar fire to repair communication lines which had been broken by the enemy mortar barrage. His action enabled members of his company to bring mortar fire to the enemy, thereby repulsing a counter-attack. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Harston, Mother, Route 4, Scottsville, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant MEL E. HAYNES, 36577077, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. During the attack of an assault platoon against enemy forces which were firmly entrenched, the platoon was suddenly stopped by deadly sniper and machine gun fire. When supporting self-propelled mounts were unable to bring effective fire to bear on the hostile positions, Sergeant HAYNES, a squad leader, with disregard for his own safety, crawled forward through forward elements of friendly troops to an area which was raked by sniper fire. Carefully noting numerous machine gun positions, he withdrew under a hail of determined enemy fire and directed the fire of self-propelled mount crews which completely demolished the emplacements and allowed his rifle platoon to complete its mission successfully with a minimum number of casualties. Home address: Mrs. Violet E. Story, Mother, 1648 Montana, Flint, Michigan.

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First Lieutenant ROSS C. HEWSON, 01294307, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 4 February 1945 to 5 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary G. Hewson, Wife, 3705 East Douglas Avenue, Wichita, Kansas.

Private First Class RAY A. HORTON, 37007716, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. When an advancing assault rifle company was being subjected to heavy artillery fire, Private HORTON, assistant truck driver of a heavy weapons carrier, brought forward a section of supporting 81mm mortars and, while under the constant barrage of artillery fire, voluntarily crawled to the side of wounded men and assisted with evacuating them in his truck. Home address: Mr. Oscar A. Horton, Father, RFD #1, Strafford, Missouri.

Private First Class SOLOMON T. HUERTA, 39238723, 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. Private HUERTA, a medical aid man, accompanied an assault rifle platoon which became subjected to fierce machine gun and supporting rifle fire from well entrenched and cleverly camouflaged positions. With disregard for his own safety, he advanced fifty yards across lanes of enemy fire to reach wounded men. He administered first aid and pulled the casualties to shelter. Home address: Mrs. Maria O. Huerta, Mother, 9555 Indiana Avenue, Arlington, California.

Private First Class WALTER J. HUNTSMAN, 35413353, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy along the San Jose - Guimba Highway, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. When his platoon received a devastating hail of fire from enemy pillboxes and fortified emplacements, Private HUNTSMAN, a rifleman, with disregard for his own safety, worked his way forward over a tedious route which was under enemy fire, and threw white phosphorous grenades and demolitions into the enemy positions forcing the enemy riflemen into the open where they were immediately destroyed by rifle and machine gun fire. Home address: Mrs. Sadie Huntsman, Mother, Belmont, Ohio.

Sergeant ERNEST M. HUTCHISON, 35387333, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy along the San Jose - Guimba Highway, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. The enemy was located in dug-in and well fortified emplacements along the highway and had pinned down an assault rifle platoon. Sergeant HUTCHISON, an assistant squad leader, on his own initiative, crawled forward ahead of his squad and while under constant enemy fire, he worked his way to a position from which he could bring effective fire to bear upon an enemy position. He succeeded in killing three of an enemy crew which was operating a machine gun, thereby relieving the pressure on his platoon. Home address: Mrs. Ruth W. Biggs, Mother, Coburg, Kentucky.

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Sergeant RAYMOND D. KARNES, 37529411, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Sergeant KARNES, an automatic rifleman, at great personal risk, pointed out to his company commander a dug-in and camouflaged enemy tank. As a result of his outstanding devotion to duty, artillery fire was laid upon the tank which completely destroyed it. Home address: Mrs. Bernice Karnes, Wife, 405 W.B., Hutchinson, Kansas.

Private First Class DARREL G. SEXTON, 39500128, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. With disregard for his own safety, Private SEXTON volunteered as a member of a group whose mission was to reconnoiter, seize, and secure a position for a line of departure from which to launch an attack the following morning. The party destroyed all enemy resistance encountered and successfully accomplished its mission. Private SEXTON'S outstanding devotion to duty under particularly difficult conditions reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Guy W. Sexton, Father, Route 4, Box 298, Salem, Oregon.

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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, APC 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class JOHN M. BODENHAMER, 39125573, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 March 1945. When an assault rifle company was pinned down by enemy small arms and heavy machine gun fire, it was unable to evacuate wounded men because of the intense enemy fire. With disregard for his own safety, Private BODENHAMER, number one cannoneer, manned a .50 caliber machine gun on a self-propelled mount and delivered such effective fire upon the enemy that he aided in killing thirty-three enemy and caused the remainder to withdraw, permitting the evacuation of our wounded. Private BODENHAMER, being completely exposed to enemy machine gun fire, displayed outstanding courage which reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Kathryn G. Bodenhamer, Wife, 24 Harcourt Street, San Rafael, California.

Staff Sergeant JACK W. CRAWFORD, 37008678, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. As a member of a weapons platoon, Sergeant CRAWFORD crawled a distance of one hundred yards under enemy machine gun, rifle, and mortar fire to an observation point. From this commanding position, he efficiently adjusted 60mm mortar fire and ordered an 81mm mortar smoke screen barrage which was placed with such a degree of accuracy that it made possible the evacuation of five comrades-in-arms who were wounded and had fallen in exposed positions during the initial phase of the assault. His aggressiveness and cool efficiency saved the lives of several men, temporarily disrupted enemy fire, and inspired friendly troops to renewed assault. Home address: Mrs. Elsie L. Crawford, Wife, Box 925, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Corporal JOHN J. GLOWICKI, 36575313, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 March 1945. A self-propelled mount on which Corporal GLOWICKI manned a .30 caliber machine gun was engaged in firing direct fire upon the enemy from the crest of a hill. During the engagement approximately ten of the enemy flanked the self-propelled mount and made a direct attack to destroy the mount and personnel with small arms, grenades and mines. With disregard for his own safety, Corporal GLOWICKI, fully exposed to enemy fire, maintained his position on the self-propelled mount and delivered effective machine gun fire upon the enemy until they were destroyed. His personal bravery and cool efficiency reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anna Glowicki, Mother, 725 South Madison, Bay City, Michigan.

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Sergeant ELIYA S. GREENLEE, 6833401, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Calaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. When an assault battalion advanced to attack strongly entrenched enemy positions situated on high ground, the advance of two tanks and the main force of infantry was impeded by a heavy enemy field gun strategically located and well camouflaged. Sergeant GREENLEE, assistant battalion assault team leader, volunteered to advance unescorted to locate the field piece. He fearlessly crawled two hundred yards over hilly terrain under an increasingly intense barrage of enemy machine gun and rifle fire, located the objective weapon and returned giving friendly tank crews information which ultimately led to the destruction of the enemy position and weapon. Home address: Mr. John Patrick Greenlee, Father, Caledonia, Missouri.

Private First Class FREDERICK H. JIRKOVSKY, 37038349, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. When an advancing assault rifle company was being subjected to heavy artillery fire, Private JIRKOVSKY, truck driver of a heavy weapons carrier, brought forward a section of supporting 81mm mortars and, while under the constant barrage of artillery fire, voluntarily crawled to the side of wounded men and assisted in evacuating them in his truck. Private JIRKOVSKY'S courage reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Marcella Rosa Jirkovsky, Wife, Mascot, Nebraska.

Second Lieutenant JONATHAN E. JOSEPH, (ASN: not yet assigned), (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bilee, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 January 1945. When an enemy soldier jumped from behind a ridge and threw hand grenades into his battalion command post group which was advancing through a native barrio, Lieutenant JOSEPH, member of the battalion intelligence section, with disregard for his own safety, immediately raised his firing position and killed the enemy. Shifting the fire on his submachine gun he wounded three additional enemy who were manning a machine gun under a nearby hut. His prompt and immediate action saved his group from suffering severe casualties. Home address: Mrs. Miriam L. Ross, Sister, 128 West Monroe Street, Kirkwood, Missouri.

Captain BELVIN E. KING, 0580193, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 2 January 1945 to 25 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alice L. King, Wife, 3425 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private First Class JOHN J. LAY, 15120873, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Baybangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 March 1945. A self-propelled mount on which Private LAY manned a .30 caliber machine gun was engaged firing direct fire upon the enemy from the crest of a hill. During the engagement, approximately ten Japanese flanked the self-propelled mount and made a direct attack in an attempt to destroy the mount and personnel with small arms, grenades and mines. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private LAY, fully exposed to enemy fire, maintained his position on the self-propelled mount and delivered effective machine gun fire upon the enemy until they were destroyed. His personal bravery and cool efficiency reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Iva M. Lay, Wife, Baynesville, Virginia.

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~~Staff Sergeant~~ *Staff Sergeant* OSCAR W. MIDDLETON, 37059009, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. With disregard for his own safety, Sergeant MIDDLETON volunteered to be a member of a group whose mission was to reconnoiter, seize, and secure a position for a line of departure for the purpose of launching an attack the following morning. Fully realizing the danger of the hazardous mission, he fearlessly advanced into territory which was actively patrolled by enemy tanks and combat parties. The party destroyed all enemy resistance encountered and successfully accomplished its mission. Home address: Mrs. Wanda Middleton, Wife, 1912 Vesta Street, San Diego, California.

Private First Class STEVE A. MIHALOVICH, 36808062, 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. A battalion assault team was called forward and assigned the mission of destroying pillboxes holding up the advance of an assault rifle company. Private MIHALOVICH, a rifleman attached to the assault team, moved aggressively forward with the team. Disregarding the intense enemy fire, he covered the demolition crew with fire so effectively that they were able to reach and destroy the pillboxes. Home address: Mrs. Audrey Mihalovich, Wife, 1914A North Third Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class MELVIN C. MONTGOMERY, 38062445, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. With disregard for his own safety, Private MONTGOMERY volunteered to be a member of a group whose mission was to reconnoiter, seize, and secure a position for a line of departure for the purpose of launching an attack the following morning. Fully realizing the danger of the hazardous mission, he fearlessly advanced into territory which was actively patrolled by enemy tanks and combat parties. The party destroyed all enemy resistance encountered and successfully accomplished its mission. Home address: Mr. J. W. Montgomery, Father, Star Route, Overbrook, Oklahoma.

Lieutenant Colonel ARTHUR E. MYERS, 01284921, (then Major), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 20 January 1945 to 20 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lorraine Myers, Wife, Wakefield, Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade ROSS O. OGDEN, 37045632, Medical Department, 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. As a medical aid man attached to an assault rifle company Technician OGDEN was with forward elements when the troops were suddenly pinned down by a fierce barrage of enemy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire. Two men in open terrain fell seriously wounded from the first bursts of enemy fire and were unable to crawl or pull themselves to a sheltered position. Upon receiving the call for help, with disregard for his own safety, Technician OGDEN advanced under enemy fire and successfully reached the side of the two seriously wounded men and administered medical aid. His outstanding devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Adah M. Ogden, Wife, 722 East Williams Street, Ottumwa, Iowa.

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Private First Class ROBERT A. OOMS, 38040725, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. When his company was subjected to an enemy barrage of heavy mortar fire and suffered several casualties, Private OOMS, assistant gunner in a mortar section, voluntarily left the safety of his foxhole during the barrage and assisted in rendering medical aid and evacuating the casualties to a position of safety. Private OOMS' courage reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anna C. Ooms, Mother, 36 West 107th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Captain CHARLES J. PELLETIER, 01687135, Medical Corps, 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 25 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Pelletier, Wife, 3637 Beaconsfield, Detroit, Michigan.

First Lieutenant ANDREW G. PITTAS, 01305106, 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. When the radios of an assault company were destroyed by enemy action, it was of vital importance that they be immediately replaced. Lieutenant PITTAS, battalion communications officer, fully realizing the danger from enemy fire, repeatedly led small parties who crawled forward under intense enemy fire and successfully reestablished radio communications. Home address: Mr. George V. Pittas, Father, 8037 South Maryland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class GEORGE POPOVICH, 35026114, 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 his rifle squad was advancing through a small cleared area, it was met by a withering cross-fire from two enemy pillboxes which inflicted several casualties and pinned down the squad, cutting it off from the remainder of the platoon. Private POPOVICH, a rifleman, moved forward to a location from which he could bring effective fire to bear upon the enemy positions and thereby enabled two members of his squad to withdraw and go for help. When another squad came to the rescue of the beleaguered group, Private POPOVICH, with disregard for his own safety, remained and covered with fire the evacuation of wounded men. Home address: Mrs. Mary Popovich, Mother, 23 West State Street, Masury, Ohio.

Sergeant LESTER ROWLAND, 35469476, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Novaliches, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. In order to save the life of his wounded platoon leader, Sergeant ROWLAND, disregarding personal danger, carried the wounded man for a distance of three hundred yards over ground which was under heavy artillery fire to a place of safety. Sergeant ROWLAND'S heroic service far beyond the call of duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Cleo Rowland, Mother, Hooker, Kentucky.

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Sergeant ELROY G. SALFEN, 37059222, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. When his company was subjected to an intense enemy barrage of heavy mortar fire and suffered several casualties, Sergeant SALFEN, a rifle squad leader, with disregard for his own safety, voluntarily left the safety of his foxhole and, under the continued barrage, went to the assistance of his seriously wounded company commander. Securing water and medical supplies for the treatment of the wounded officer, he then aided with evacuating him. Home address: Mr. Louis C. Salfen, Father, Route #1, O'Fallon, Missouri.

Corporal URSAN H. SEALY, 33415625, 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. As a gunner of a self-propelled mount which was supporting the attack of an assault battalion against strong enemy forces entrenched in a network of pillboxes, Corporal SEALY fully exposed himself to withering machine gun and mortar fire in order to sight the 105mm gun of his mount. By his aggressive and fearless action in directing effective fire of the gun crew, all enemy positions were destroyed and friendly troops were able to continue their advance. Home address: Mrs. Cleo Sealy, Wife, 2102 Woodhead Avenue, Houston, Texas.

Private First Class JAMES J. SJOBERG, 36632617, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. Private SJOBERG volunteered to go forward as a mortar observer to direct fire from the 60mm mortars of his company. The only suitable position from which he could observe a dug-in enemy tank lay one hundred yards forward. Despite enemy machine gun and 47mm gun fire falling in the area he had to traverse, Private SJOBERG ran to a forward position, and although painfully wounded enroute, successfully adjusted mortar fire on the target. His courage and initiative in the face of personal danger reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. John Sjoborg, Father, 2629 W. Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class RALPH S. SMALL, 39419772, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. With disregard for his own safety, Private SMALL volunteered to be a member of a group whose mission was to reconnoiter, seize, and secure a position for a line of departure for the purpose of launching an attack the following morning. Fully realizing the danger of the hazardous mission, he fearlessly advanced into territory which was actively patrolled by enemy tanks and combat parties. The party destroyed all enemy resistance encountered and successfully accomplished its mission. Home address: Mrs. Gladys Small, Mother, Box 674, Lodi, California.

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Private First Class DON E. SMITH, 35597973, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Sabarnan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. A battalion assault team was called forward and assigned the mission of destroying pillboxes holding up the advance of an assault rifle company. Private SMITH, a rifleman attached to the assault team, moved aggressively forward with the team. Disregarding the intense enemy fire, he covered the demolition crew with fire so effectively that they were able to reach and destroy the pillboxes. Home address: Mrs. Fay Smith, Mother, 2410 11th Street, N.W., Canton, Ohio.

First Lieutenant JOHN R. STEPHENSON, 01294215, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 20 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lucille Stephenson, Wife, 745 Washington Street, Hastings, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT O. SULLIVAN, 16109017, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Binloc, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 January 1945. When an enemy soldier jumped from behind a hedge and threw hand grenades into his battalion command post group which was advancing through a native barrio, Sergeant SULLIVAN, a scout in the battalion intelligence section, moved rapidly into a position from which he could effectively throw a hand grenade. He then aggressively moved forward and killed three of the enemy who were manning a machine gun position under a nearby hut. His intrepid and immediate aggressiveness saved his group from suffering severe casualties. Home address: Mrs. Adele Sullivan, Mother, 817 W. Pierson Road, Flint, Michigan.

Private First Class CHARLES E. TUCKER, 35753074, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. As a rifleman Private TUCKER volunteered to be a member of a reconnaissance party whose mission was to move at night through an area which was actively patrolled by the enemy and secure an area for a line of departure from which to launch an attack the next morning. Visibility was extremely poor and a heavy rain was falling. With disregard for his own safety, Private TUCKER moved fearlessly and aggressively through the night searching native buildings believed to be occupied by the enemy. His outstanding devotion to duty is deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Rebecca Tucker, Mother, 309 Simpson Street, Morgantown, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant LINDSEY M. WAGGONER, 38062875, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. With disregard for his own safety, Sergeant WAGGONER volunteered to be a member of a group whose mission was to reconnoiter, seize, and secure a position for a line of departure for the purpose of launching an attack the following morning. Fully realizing the danger of the hazardous mission, he fearlessly advanced into territory which was actively patrolled by enemy tanks and combat parties. The party destroyed all enemy resistance encountered and successfully accomplished its mission. Home address: Mrs. Jessie Waggoner, Mother, 1409 Madison Street, Woodward, Oklahoma.

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Technician Fifth Grade WALTER L. WHITE, 37007727, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Tayloman, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 March 1945. A self-propelled mount driven by Technician WHITE was engaged in firing direct fire upon the enemy from the crest of a hill. During the engagement approximately ten of the enemy flanked the self-propelled mount and made a direct attack to destroy the mount and personnel with small arms, grenades and mines. With disregard for his own safety, Technician WHITE left his drivers seat and engaged in a fire fight with the enemy until they were destroyed. His personal bravery and cool efficiency reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Daisy M. White, wife, Marionville, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade THOMAS O. WILLIAMS, 37030732, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 January 1945. Technician WILLIAMS, a chaplain's assistant, remained in the forward combat areas and voluntarily evacuated four wounded comrades, alone, while under intense enemy fire. During his fearless efforts to protect the chaplain and evacuation parties who were unarmed he killed an enemy sniper who had been endangering their lives while they were attempting to evacuate a wounded man. Technician WILLIAMS' heroic devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Vivi Ann Williams, wife, 1101 Ireland Avenue, Muskegon, Michigan.

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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:

Private First Class BILL E. CROUCH, 57725534, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 February 1945. Accompanying a patrol which was probing a series of small ravines filled with heavy undergrowth, Private CROUCH suddenly came under severe enemy machine gun fire from concealed and dug-in positions at the head of one of the ravines. One of the men was hit and the rest of the patrol pinned down. Gallantly and with complete disregard for his own safety, Private CROUCH ran forward to the wounded man. Just as he reached his side and began administering first aid, Private CROUCH fell mortally wounded. His courage and outstanding performance of duty reflect highest credit upon the military service. Next of kin: Mr. Lyle Crouch, Father, Route #1, Granby, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant EARL J. GREEN, 35206212, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. When Sergeant GREEN and his platoon came within range of two enemy tanks, the tanks began to fire machine guns and 47mm artillery at our troops. Sergeant GREEN, without regard for personal danger, crawled over open terrain to a position from which he could signal a 4.2 mortar observer where to direct his fire to destroy the two tanks. Sergeant GREEN during this action was hit by a burst of enemy machine gun fire and instantly killed. His gallantry and outstanding devotion to duty were a great inspiration to all the men with whom he served. Next of kin: Mrs. Thelma R. Green, Mother, General Delivery, Eazy, West Virginia.

Private First Class WILLIAM S. GUEST, 35365623, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Village area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. As an assistant squad leader Private GUEST was one of a party of two who moved from safe positions and aggressively went forward toward an enemy position firing their rifles and throwing hand grenades. Eleven enemy were killed and the position successfully neutralized, thereby enabling his comrades-in-arms to move forward and secure their objective. In the action Private GUEST was killed by an enemy rifleman. His gallantry in the face of enemy fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service and is deserving of high praise. Next of kin: Mrs. Elizabeth A. Guest, Wife, 317 East 39th Street, Gary, Indiana.

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Staff Sergeant DONALD H. HILDEBRANDT, 36285075, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Villasis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. As a rifle squad leader, Sergeant HILDEBRANDT volunteered to accompany a landing vehicle and man a heavy machine gun in an attempt to recover his wounded comrades. Without a thought for his own safety, he exposed himself to the enemy fire while knocking out an enemy machine gun and killing two riflemen. During the engagement he was mortally wounded by an unseen enemy sniper. His gallant devotion to duty and his intrepidity in the face of enemy fire are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and are deserving of high praise. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna M. Hildebrandt, Mother, 902 Seventh Avenue South, Wausau, Wisconsin.

Relation **AMEND. BY CGA 165 - Aug 16, 1945**
Technical Sergeant EFTEN A. KITCHENS, 6257993, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. An infantry company was temporarily impeded in its advance by heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire from its front. Sergeant KITCHENS, disregarding the intense enemy fire which was falling around him, voluntarily went forward on a reconnaissance to find suitable positions for his two sections from which effective fire could be brought upon the enemy. After selecting such areas, he notified his section sergeants of their location. Then he, himself, went forward to destroy a machine gun that had already fired upon him and which offered a serious threat to the safe passage of his platoon. He destroyed the gun and its crew with a fragmentation grenade, but in so doing was mortally wounded. Next of kin: Mr. Albert A. Kitchens, Father, General Delivery, Albion, Oklahoma.

Private First Class RAYMOND E. LEHMAN, 16094469, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Villasis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 January 1945. As an automatic rifleman Private LEHMAN volunteered to accompany a landing vehicle and man a heavy machine gun in an attempt to recover his wounded comrades. Without a thought for his own safety, he exposed himself to the enemy fire while knocking out an enemy machine gun and killing two enemy riflemen. During the engagement he was mortally wounded by an unseen enemy sniper. His gallant devotion to duty and his intrepidity in the face of enemy fire are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and are deserving of high praise. Next of kin: Mr. Edwin J. Lehman, Father, 528 East Street, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant GEORGE L. LIPKA, 01312435, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Beach Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945. As commander of an assault rifle platoon Lieutenant LIPKA led his men aggressively forward in an attack, destroying enemy pillboxes as they advanced. When his platoon was pinned down by intense enemy fire, he withdrew his men to a defiladed position and then, personally, attempted to evacuate the wounded from an adjacent platoon which had suffered severe casualties. With complete disregard for his own safety, he moved forward under the enemy fire and in the performance of his heroic act was killed by enemy machine gun fire. His gallant act reflects great credit upon the military service and is deserving of the highest praise. Next of kin: Mr. Frank J. Lipka, Brother, 7029 Lansing Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

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First Lieutenant CHESTER MACIUSZAK, 01293235, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 January 1945. When intense small arms and machine gun fire from his front delayed Lieutenant MACIUSZAK'S company in an assault against a fortified and well-concealed enemy position, he crawled back to his support platoon and maneuvered this element to flank the enemy position. The platoon moved to within one hundred and fifty yards of the enemy fortification where they were stopped by heavy machine gun fire. Lieutenant MACIUSZAK, realizing it was futile to advance under such intense fire, personally, crawled to high ground and, while exposed, directed mortar fire to neutralize the enemy position. While adjusting this fire, Lieutenant MACIUSZAK was fatally wounded by sniper fire. Through his leadership, courage and gallantry the objective was secured. Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy Maciejczak, Wife, 2162 South 15th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class JOSEPH RALUSKI, 38703326, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of San Mateo, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. When an assault rifle company encountered an intense enemy machine gun, sniper and mortar barrage which pinned down the company and wounded numerous men, Private RALUSKI, attached as a medic aid man, disregarding the intense enemy fire, fearlessly crawled to the side of wounded men and administered medical aid until killed by a direct hit of a mortar shell. His gallantry and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the military service and are deserving of highest praise. Next of kin: Mrs. Katherine Ralajski, Wife, 805 Second Avenue, Brackensville, Pennsylvania.

Captain GERALD W. WIGGINS, 01304160, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. Commanding a rifle company assigned the mission of destroying a strongly entrenched enemy located in strategic position along an important highway, Captain WIGGINS, personally, led the attack. With utter disregard for his own safety, he directed the operation of flame-thrower teams and the fire from supporting anti-air-propelled mounts from the foremost position of the leading elements. His intrepid display of aggressive leadership was responsible for his company's success in accomplishing its mission in which one hundred and thirty enemy were killed, five 47mm anti-tank guns destroyed and large amounts of enemy supplies and equipment captured. To the officers and the men under his command, his gallantry was an inspiration throughout the operation. Next of kin: Mrs. Courtney G. Wiggins, Wife, Box 747, Kerrville, Texas.

citation AMEND. BY CO# 183 - Sept 4, 1945
 Technical Sergeant CLARENCE R. YERGEY, 6752390, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. An infantry battalion while engaged in combat with the enemy came under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and rifle fire from its front. Sergeant YERGEY, a 81mm mortar forward observer accompanying the battalion observation post group, made a hasty reconnaissance and chose for his observation post a small rise in the ground which was approximately one hundred yards forward. Knowing he would have no protection from our troops and that the rise in the ground would not offer sufficient cover from enemy mortar fire, he, undauntedly, ran over short grassy terrain which was under enemy fire to occupy this position. He then directed such accurate counter-battery fire that the enemy was forced to take cover, permitting our troops to advance. As our forces closed in and our mortar fire became muted, the enemy resumed their fire. Once again, under enemy observation, Sergeant YERGEY ran forward to choose a more suitable observation post and was mortally wounded. Next of kin: Mr. Chester A. Yergey, Brother, Hills, Pennsylvania.

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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 officers and enlisted men:

Sergeant JACK P. BAKER, 36065293, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 February 1945. Sergeant BAKER, on his own initiative and under heavy machine gun and 47mm gun fire from a tank fifty yards away, crawled forward to observe the enemy and determine what assistance he could render the two scouts of his squad who had been wounded by enemy fire. Even though one of his eyes was injured and shrapnel tore both legs, Sergeant BAKER continued crawling forward and dragged one scout to the safety of a ditch. Although both scouts died, Sergeant BAKER'S gallant and unselfish attempt to save the two men is deserving of the highest praise. Home address: Mrs. Eva Baker, Mather, Armour, South Dakota.

Second Lieutenant WALTER E. BANCROFT, 02037115, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. The rifle platoon led by Lieutenant BANCROFT had the mission of locating and maintaining contact with the infantry battalion which was acting as a holding force. Just at dusk as Lieutenant BANCROFT led his platoon forward through fortified and camouflaged enemy positions, his leading squad was caught in a devastating cross-fire from two pillboxes and suffered several casualties. He continued to direct his men to positions of cover and immediately dispatching two members of his command group to secure help, he gallantly remained to cover with rifle fire the movements of his men and protect his wounded comrades-in-arms. His intrepid act was an inspiration to the men under his command. Home address: Mr. George E. Bancroft, Father, RFD #2, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Second Lieutenant THOMAS E. BROTHERTON, 02007741, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 January 1945 to 28 January 1945. While leading an infantry battalion assault team in an assault against strongly reinforced enemy defensive positions which were located on a hilltop and were holding up the advance of an attacking rifle company, Lieutenant BROTHERTON received a head wound but refused to be evacuated. As a result of his aggressive leadership, initiative and tenacity throughout a forty-eight hour period of continuous operation, the entire enemy resistance in the area was demoralized and the fortified hilltop secured. His intrepidity boosted the morale of his comrades-in-arms to a high level and inspired them to greater efforts. Home address: Mrs. Laura L. Brotherton, Mather, Markspaul, Missouri.

Private First Class VIRGIL F. GARRISON, 37007615, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Boytungan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 March 1945. Private GARRISON was a member of a demolition team which was sent forward with the leading elements of an infantry battalion to seal enemy-occupied caves which were interrupting an advance. Private GARRISON crawled toward these caves under heavy rifle and automatic weapons fire to place satchel demolition charges in the openings, thereby sealing them and killing thirty of the enemy. By the destruction of these strong-points, the infantry battalion was able to reach its objective with a minimum number of casualties. Private GARRISON'S courageous devotion to duty is deserving of highest praise. Home address: Mr. Tom Garrison, Father, Isabella, Missouri.

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Staff Sergeant FRANK J. GRABO, 36040896, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. When his company was suddenly counterattacked by three enemy tanks and a break-through appeared imminent, Sergeant GRABO gallantly stood up in the face of enemy 47mm gun and machine gun fire and shouted encouragement to his men to hold fast and proceeded to reorganize the defense. Sergeant GRABO'S platoon immediately directed heavy small arms fire on the tanks, forcing them to "button up". Sergeant GRABO then quickly brought forward a rocket-launcher team, and, while under fire, located the 4.2 mortar observer and placed him in a position from which he could bring his weapons to bear on the enemy. As a result of Sergeant GRABO'S heroic efforts and intrepidity the enemy attack was repulsed, one tank destroyed, one damaged, and the other driven away. Home address: Mrs. Mary Grace, wife, 2712 South Carpenter Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class IRVIN W. HAGAN, 19048573, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. As the rifle platoon to which he was attached as medical aid man assaulted a small wooded hill, it encountered intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire which pinned down the platoon and inflicted several casualties. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private HAGAN went to the aid of his wounded comrades. In the face of enemy fire he administered medical treatment to three of the casualties and, though wounded himself, organized litter parties to evacuate successfully the wounded. His gallant devotion to duty and cool efficiency under enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service and are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Carolyn J. Hagan, wife, 3201 West 27th Street, Los Angeles, California.

First Lieutenant THOMAS A. HANSON, 01318922, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. As the leading elements of an advance infantry platoon crossed a cleared area it was suddenly cut off and pinned down by a devastating automatic weapons cross-fire coming from cleverly camouflaged pillboxes which had unknowingly been bypassed. Lieutenant HANSON, a weapons platoon leader, was one of the beleaguered group and, seeing that darkness was setting in and that the remainder of his company was unable to bring effective fire to bear upon the enemy positions, he utterly disregarded his personal safety and slowly worked his way out of the enemy fire. Crawling, running, taking advantage of sparse cover, he managed to reach the command post of an adjacent unit. Unable to obtain tank support to extricate his men from their precarious position, Lieutenant HANSON returned to his company and organized a party which he, personally, led forward under the enemy fire to positions from which they could cover the evacuation of wounded men and the withdrawal of the isolated group. His gallant aggressiveness under fire was an inspiration to the surrounding troops and is deserving of the highest praise. Home address: Mrs. Margaret W. Hanson, wife, 2254 Francis Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant CHESTER G. JOHNSON, 37007430, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. When his squad came under heavy 47mm gun and machine gun fire from an enemy tank, Sergeant JOHNSON secured a rocket launcher unit with complete disregard for his own safety, crawled toward the tank. When an enemy observer spotted him and directed an artillery piece at him, Sergeant JOHNSON closed in with courage and from a distance of less than five yards secured a direct hit, destroying the tank and his crew. Sergeant 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. Dorothy M. Johnson, wife, Route #2, Greatop, Missouri.

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Private First Class LYLE L. LACROIX, 37572885, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 March 1945. Private LACROIX was a member of a demolition team which was sent forward with the leading elements of an infantry battalion to seal enemy-occupied caves which were interrupting an advance. Private LACROIX crawled toward these caves under heavy rifle and automatic weapons fire to place satchel demolition charges in the openings, thereby sealing them and killing thirty of the enemy. By the destruction of these strongpoints, the infantry battalion was able to reach its objective with a minimum number of casualties. Private LACROIX'S courageous devotion to duty is deserving of highest praise. Home address: Mrs. Elma LaCroix, Mother, Mizpath, Minnesota.

Private First Class EDWARD MATTIE, 35559754, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Just at dusk, as the leading squad in which Private MATTIE is a rifleman reached a small clearing, it was caught in a withering cross-fire from two camouflaged enemy pillboxes and several casualties were incurred. Though wounded himself, he could have withdrawn to a place of safety, but instead he remained in position firing at the enemy until help could arrive. Private MATTIE'S intrepidity reflects great credit upon himself and the military service and is deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Anna Mattie, Mother, Bearerdale, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant ROBERT E. MILLIOUS, 39602559, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945. As forward observer for a 4.2 mortar platoon, Sergeant MILLIOUS succeeded in destroying two enemy tanks by the accuracy of his observation and the gallantry with which he went forward of our lines under heavy enemy fire to an observation point from which he could get a sensing. Sergeant MILLIOUS' courageous act and outstanding performance of duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Melville H. Millious, Father, 20 Twelfth Street, North, Great Falls, Montana.

Private First Class LLOYD I. MOORE, 35095218, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy along the San Jose-Gimba Highway, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. As an automatic rifleman Private MOORE moved forward under cover of protective rifle fire in order to place demolition charges in four enemy positions. Continually exposed to enemy fire, he fearlessly continued to work his way forward and successfully destroy all four enemy positions thus enabling his platoon to move forward. His intrepidity in the face of enemy fire was an inspiration to his comrades-in-arms and is deserving of high praise. Home address: Mr. Everett Moore, Father, RFD #2, Greencastle, Indiana.

Private First Class WALTER D. ROWE, 17068141, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. While his infantry company assaulted an enemy-held position, Private ROWE and his platoon leader unexpectedly ran directly into a well-camouflaged enemy machine gun position. Observing a hand grenade being thrown at his platoon leader, Private ROWE knocked his platoon leader to the safety of the ground. Then, with disregard for his personal safety, he immediately charged the emplacement alone. With his automatic rifle, Private ROWE killed two enemy gunners and two supporting riflemen before their fire could become effective. The speed and daring courage of his lone assault on the position reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Charles W. Rowe, Father, Congon, Iowa.

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Technical Sergeant ROBERT D. SMITH, 35207793, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. Sergeant SMITH, advancing with two leading scouts of his platoon in a dawn attack, encountered a large enemy cave half way up the hill which was his company's objective. Advancing boldly to the mouth of the cave, he caught the enemy by surprise and loudly demanded their surrender. Six of the seven cave occupants attempted to escape, but Sergeant SMITH killed them all with well-aimed rifle fire. Upon hearing this action, an adjacent enemy pillbox opened fire on Sergeant SMITH'S group with a heavy machine gun and small arms. Disregarding the spray of bullets falling around him, Sergeant SMITH approached to within ten yards of the position and tossed a hand grenade which silenced the gun by killing its operators. By his gallant act Sergeant SMITH enabled his company to take the hill without the loss of a man. Home address: Mrs. Heler Marie Smith, wife, 618 North Fourth Street, Terrehaute, Indiana.

SECTION III - AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDALS (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Sergeant CLARK H. EVANS, 37009095, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 7, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WE 1944). The citation is as follows:

Sergeant CLARK H. EVANS, 37009095, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Camaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. When communication lines were cut by the enemy during the night of 27 January 1945, Sergeant EVANS, a wire chief, fully realizing the danger from enemy as well as friendly fire, successfully repaired the wire lines and restored communication with front line units. His courageous act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Frank C. Evans, Father, Route #1, Cabool, Missouri.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class RAYMOND D. KARNES, 37529411, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 7, Section II, General Orders No. 52, dated 17 April 1945, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WE 1944). The citation is as follows:

Sergeant RAYMOND D. KARNES, 37529411, (Men Private First Class), 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 20 March 1945. Coming under enemy machine gun and sniper fire, the patrol to which Sergeant KARNES was attached suffered two wounded and one death. While the patrol began building up a base of fire, Sergeant KARNES started to crawl toward the casualties but was met with the concentrated fire of two enemy riflemen. With great courage he continued on and, taking each one of the wounded men in turn, dragged them back to the patrol's position. Then, still under fire, he returned to the body of his dead comrade and carried him back to our lines. Home address: Mrs. Bernice Karnes, wife, 435 West D Street, Hutchinson, Kansas.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class DARREL G. SEXTON, 39300128, by the Commanding General 6th Infantry Division, APO C, as published on page 7, Section II General Orders No. 32, dated 17 April 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO S, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. 3 Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class DARREL G. SEXTON, 39300128, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. When his company was subjected to an enemy barrage of heavy mortar fire and suffered several casualties, Private SEXTON, a rifleman, voluntarily left the safety of his foxhole and carried litter and medical supplies to the casualties. His intrepid act reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Guy W. Sexton, Father, Route #4, Box 298, Salmon, Oregon.

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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:

Sergeant CLIFFORD E. ANDERSON, 37026216, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea from 1 December 1944 to 20 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hannah Anderson, Mother, Rt. #3, Litchfield, Minnesota.

Private First Class WINSTON L. BOYES, 36645817, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945. During an assault by an infantry battalion on enemy forces located in a mountainous area, Private BOYES, a gunner on a self-propelled mount, left the protection of his mount to move forward, alone, through frontline troops in order to estimate the range and locate cleverly camouflaged enemy positions. Hastily returning with exact information, he assisted the self-propelled mounts with adjustment of direct fire upon the target and, in the ensuing action as a result of his precise fire direction, three enemy tanks were demolished, two enemy tanks forced to withdraw and enemy artillery silenced. Home address: Mrs. Marla M. Boyes, 302 Grand Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois.

First Lieutenant PAUL G. BRUMFIELD, 01293197, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lillian Brumfield, Mother, 38 East Landing Road, Lambertton, New Jersey.

Private First Class WILLIAM D. BUTCHER, 17019750, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Maytangan, 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 BUTCHER, an automatic rifleman, observing a 60mm mortar which was not in use, hastily adjusted the weapon and effectively laid a heavy counter-barrage on forward enemy riflemen. He, with disregard for his own safety, fearlessly held his ground in the face of withering enemy fire and succeeded in demoralizing and routing the confident enemy forces. His courageous and tenacious devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Emma Lou Butcher, Mother, 639 South Roberson, Springfield, Missouri.

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First Sergeant CALLES E. CALKINS, 36122334, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 February 1945 to 12 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Isabelle Calkins, wife, 9009 Beecher Road, Flushing, Michigan.

Private First Class MARTIN CLIFTON, 37626055, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 26 February 1945 to 30 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Grace Marie Clifton, mother, General Delivery, Menfro, Missouri.

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Lieutenant Colonel FRANCIS J. CORBIN, 0363865, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to ~~13 March~~ 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary L. Corbin, wife, 409 South 5th Street, Missoula, Montana.

Private First Class OWEN L. O'LEIN, 37007844, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 6 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Arvil Grain, Father, RFD #1, Louistart, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK E. DUNLAP, 36271231, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Isidro, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marion Dunlap, wife, 1620 Erwin Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade GASTARD W. EISMA, 37044949, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 April 1945 to 12 April 1945. Home address: Mr. John C. Eisma, brother, Webster, Iowa.

Private First Class ELLIS W. GILBERT, 37721070, Medical Department, 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. When an assault infantry battalion supported by tanks attacked strongly fortified enemy positions located in a mountainous area and was halted by deadly machine gun, mortar and sniper fire, friendly tanks were forced to withdraw to a new position leaving numerous wounded men in exposed areas where they were subject to further enemy fire. Private Gilbert, a litter bearer, moved forward from a safe position to administer medical aid to the wounded men. His courage and devotion to duty under enemy fire reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy L. Gilbert, wife, Peterson, Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade GERALD K. HANSEN, 36212103, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. During an assault of a combat battalion against enemy forces, the communication platoon was assigned the mission of laying wire to front line troops. During the completion of this mission, enemy forces released a devastating machine gun, rifle and mortar fire which completely stopped the advance and forced the cross-fire to bear down on the platoon. The technician, although having assigned duties of a litter bearer, volunteered to remain with the platoon and group to operate a radio for several hours, calling and efficiently reporting locations of

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enemy positions until counter-fire released the pressure on friendly troops and allowed a successful withdrawal to a favorable position. Home address: Mrs. Mable A. Hansen, Mother, Route #2, Blue River, Wisconsin.

Private First Class ^{THOMAS} W. HOLTLEIER, 37059073, 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 cannoner of a self-propelled mount Private HOLTLEIER, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily manned a .50 caliber machine gun on the mount ordered to advance and neutralize a series of well camouflaged machine gun, mortar and anti-tank gun emplacements which had pinned down assault platoons. He directed firing with such timely and deadly accuracy that all positions were neutralized with a minimum number of casualties among friendly troops. Home address: Mr. August Holtleier, Father, Route #1, Beaufort, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant ^{WALTER} I. HORMAN, 17027069, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 10 April 1945. Home address: Mr. August Horman, Father, Lowden, Iowa.

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Colonel WASHINGTON M. IVES, JR., 015696, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 3 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. W. M. Ives, Jr., wife, 351 East Husiacke Street, San Antonio, Texas.

Private First Class MAX L. JOHNSON, 39711517, Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Santo Cristo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ida Mae Johnson, mother, 1130 Meadowbrook Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Second Lieutenant WALTER H. JOHNSON, (ASN: not yet assigned), (then Staff sergeant), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Isidro, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hanna Johnson, mother, 1921 Hamilton Street, Lockport, Illinois.

Staff sergeant WAYNE G. KADLUBAK, 35008910, 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. When a rifle platoon became pinned down by intense enemy rifle, mortar and machine gun cross-fire from deeply entrenched emplacements, Sergeant KADLUBAK volunteered to assist in laying a sound power wire to an observation post. With disregard for his personal safety, he crawled one hundred yards across open terrain to a hedgerow where a 60mm mortar observer was prepared to transmit orders for counter-fire on enemy forces. As a result of the communications established with battalion headquarters, effective fire was brought to bear on enemy installations, relieving the pressure on the pinned rifle platoon. Home address: Mrs. Carrie Kadlubak, mother, 2037 W. 10th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Private First Class CLIFFORD J. KESSEN, 15362171, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Villasis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 January 1945. Private KESSEN, a cannoneer, with disregard for his personal safety, volunteered to man a .50 caliber machine gun on a self-propelled mount in an effort to demolish well-fortified mortar and machine gun emplacements which had pinned down a lead assault platoon. His accuracy in directing the efforts of all members of the self-propelled mount crew and the fire of his own machine gun completely silenced the emplacements, thereby relieving the hard-pressed troops. Home address: Mrs. Margaret A. Kessen, Mother, 318 East Third Street, Newport, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant CARL H. LONGAN, 17014876, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills on 26 January 1945. As section sergeant, in the absence of a battalion surgeon during an assault of an infantry battalion against hostile troops in a mountainous wooded area, Sergeant LONGAN efficiently directed the establishment of a battalion aid station at a point which was four hundred yards from the front lines. For five hours he supervised the evacuation and medical care of sixteen wounded comrades. Although the progress of medical men was hampered by intense sniper fire, he refused to take cover and fearlessly and skillfully continued to give blood plasma and medical attention to the wounded men. Sergeant LONGAN'S tenacious devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Fay West Longan, wife, 324 E. Elm Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Private First Class WALTER L. MALMGREN, 37081343, Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Santo Cristo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rose K. Malmgren, wife, 6414 S. Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, Washington.

Private First Class THEODORE E. MALSNER, 36770376, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 March 1945. Private MALSNER, an automatic rifleman, advancing with the forward elements of a patrol, sighted a squad of enemy riflemen. Aggressively, he maneuvered into firing position and, unaided, succeeded in killing four of the enemy and routing the remaining enemy who were then speedily engaged and killed by the other members of his patrol. His courage and cool efficiency were an inspiration to all the men with whom he served. Home address: Mrs. Florence E. Malsner, Mother, 15328 Lexington Avenue, Harvey, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD A. MATTIS, 37008308, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 9 April 1945. Home address: Mr. James H. Mattis, Father, 4035 Woodland, Kansas City, Missouri.

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Corporal JOSEPH J. MOCCIA, 32614760, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Abar No. 2, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. When the advance of an assault battalion was impeded by deeply entrenched riflemen and heavily fortified machine gun and mortar emplacements, Corporal MOCCIA, chief of a gun section, hastily made an estimate of the situation and devised an excellent plan of maneuver. Ordering his self-propelled mount forward to the attack, he, with disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself to the enemy fire to obtain maximum visibility in reaching a firing position and continued to give directions while manning a .50 caliber machine gun. The speed and efficiency of his commands coupled with his daring bravery contributed to the complete neutralization of the entrenched enemy positions. Home address: Mr. John Moccia, Father, 224 Thompson Street, New York, New York.

Major ALBERT L. MULLER, 0375800, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 1 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hazel L. Muller, wife, 1426 Palace Avenue, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class JOHN L. MURPHY, 16153592, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. When intense enemy fire inflicted numerous casualties on an assault battalion, Private MURPHY, with the assigned duty of rifleman, volunteered for litter bearer duties. Fearlessly he crawled to the aid of seriously wounded men who were exposed to deadly sniper fire and four times returned to the battalion aid station over a long hazardous route carrying casualties and on the return trips carried water and ammunition to hard-pressed troops. Although two other volunteer litter bearers were killed at his side by snipers, he, with disregard for his own safety continued evacuating his wounded comrades-in-arms. Home address: Mr. John L. Murphy, Father, 711 South Grove, Oak Park, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade THEODORE A. OCZAK, 37030346, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 9 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen Oczak, mother, 905 East Magnolia, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Sergeant ANTHONY ORLANDO, 37008109, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Abar No. 2, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 February 1945. When the advance of an assault battalion was impeded by deeply entrenched riflemen and heavily fortified machine gun and mortar emplacements, Sergeant ORLANDO, in command of a self-propelled mount, hastily made an estimate of the situation and devised an excellent plan of maneuver. Ordering his self-propelled mount forward to the attack, he, with disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself to the enemy fire to obtain maximum visibility in reaching a firing position and continued to give directions while manning a .50 caliber machine gun. The speed and efficiency of his commands coupled with his daring bravery contributed to the complete neutralization of the entrenched enemy positions. Home address: Mr. Joseph Orlando, Father, 8400 Jarboe Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

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Private First Class **LELTON H. PITTMAN**, 34800169, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Balaxnax, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 4 February 1945 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Vassie S. Pittman, Mother, Crane Hill, Alabama.

Private First Class **SKRON A. RIMANICH**, 20620130, 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 engaged in digging in and preparing positions with which they could hold a hill, Private RIMANICH, a rifleman, was a portion of the flank protection guarding against possible enemy counterattack. When the enemy did launch a coordinated attack supported by machine guns and knee mortars, Private RIMANICH, although wounded in the course of the attack, steadfastly remained in position in the face of the intense enemy fire and effectively delivered fire upon the enemy force. His courageous devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Mathew F. Rimanich, Father, 6265 Harper, Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant **RICHARD R. ROBAR**, 36365102, (then Private First Class) Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 March 1945. Sergeant ROBAR, a rifleman in an assault platoon, preceded the other members of his platoon in an assault on an enemy-held hill and, maneuvering into an advantageous position, successfully pinned down an enemy machine gun crew with rifle fire until other members of his platoon could move forward and neutralize the position. His courageous initiative was an inspiration to his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Elsie A. Robar, Wife, 901 West Superior Street, Munising, Michigan.

Private First Class **THOMAS J. ROBB**, 37008274, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. Private ROBB, a wireman, fearlessly scouted in front of his wire team and successfully led them through intense enemy fire in order to establish communications with an infantry assault platoon which was surrounded by the enemy. Then, Private ROBB volunteered to accompany a battalion staff officer to an observation post from which effective fire was directed upon the enemy, relieving the beleaguered platoon. Home address: Mr. John Robb, Father, 1435 "N" Street, Gering, Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade **EARL G. ROGERS**, 37375043, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 February 1945 to 30 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy B. Rogers, Wife, 2350 St. Vincent Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class **SCOTT T. ROGERS**, 36065195, Medical Department, 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. Units and troops were forced to withdraw to new positions, leaving numerous wounded men in an area which was exposed to deadly sniper and machine gun fire.

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With disregard for his own safety, Private ROGERS, a litter bearer, crawled under enemy fire to the assistance of several helpless wounded men, administering much needed first aid and safely pulled them to shelter. His aggressive devotion to duty under extremely hazardous conditions is deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Nan Rogers, Mother, 436¹/₂ N. Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Private ALFRED C. SAUNDERS, 35226162, Medical Department, 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. Tanks and troops were forced to withdraw to new positions, leaving numerous wounded men in an area which was exposed to deadly sniper and machine gun fire. With disregard for his own safety, Private SAUNDERS, a litter bearer, crawled under enemy fire to the assistance of several helpless wounded men, administering much needed first aid and safely pulled them to shelter. His aggressive devotion to duty under extremely hazardous conditions is deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Artie Saunders, mother, 671 Henrietta Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Second Lieutenant GILBERT C. SCHAEFER, 02007449, (then Technician Third Grade), Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 March 1945 to 30 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy L. Schaefer, wife, Alma, Missouri.

Captain PAUL A. WHEELER, JR., 0272699, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. In order to hold the ground gained by a bitterly contested attack, it was necessary to organize a tight perimeter defense prior to darkness. Captain WHEELER, heavy weapons company commander, with disregard for his own safety, personally emplaced available supporting weapons for his battalion and, under intense enemy fire, walked the entire perimeter aiding his men in organizing their positions and greatly encouraging them with his cool display of fearlessness. Captain WHEELER'S efficient and courageous devotion to duty is deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Ethel A. Wheeler, Wife, Miantic, Illinois.

Sergeant VIRGIL L. WILLIAMS, 17010496, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 March 1945. During the relief of an infantry rifle company, an estimated force of two enemy rifle platoons supported by machine gun and mortar fire stormed a small defensive area. With disregard for his own safety, Sergeant WILLIAMS, a light machine gun squad leader, calmly ordered his squad to a position commanding excellent lanes of fire. He repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire in order to gain better visibility of the advancing forces and, when the enemy rushed from a concealed position, he raised to a kneeling position and threw hand grenades as fast as the pins could be pulled. The determined resistance of the squad under his superior leadership materially aided in halting the advance until concentrated friendly mortar, machine gun and rifle fire forced the enemy force to withdraw. Home address: Mr. Lee Williams, Father, 212 South Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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Private JOHN C. WOODS, 14015009, 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 engaged in digging in and preparing positions with which they could hold a hill, Private WOODS, a rifleman, was a portion of the flank protection guarding against possible enemy counterattack. When the enemy did launch a coordinated attack supported by machine guns and knee mortars, Private WOODS, although wounded in the course of the attack, steadfastly remained in position in the face of the intense enemy fire and effectively delivered fire upon the enemy force. His courageous devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. John A. Woods, Father, Route # 2, Harriman, Tennessee.

Private First Class HOWARD C. WOOLFORD, 14048667, 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 engaged in digging in and preparing positions with which they could hold a hill, Private WOOLFORD, a rifleman, was a portion of the flank protection guarding against possible enemy counterattack. When the enemy did launch a coordinated attack supported by machine guns and knee mortars, Private WOOLFORD steadfastly remained in position in the face of the intense enemy fire and effectively delivered fire upon the enemy force. His courageous devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Nancy E. Woolford, wife, RFD #1, Box 11, Defense Highway, Annapolis, Maryland.

Private First Class ARTIS O. YARBROUGH, 34794496, Medical Department, 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. Tanks and troops were forced to withdraw to new positions, leaving numerous wounded men in an area which was exposed to deadly sniper and machine gun fire. With disregard for his own safety, Private YARBROUGH, a litter bearer, crawled under enemy fire to the assistance of several helpless wounded men, administering much needed first aid and safely pulled them to shelter. His aggressive devotion to duty under extremely hazardous conditions in deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Lillian Emma Yarbrough, wife, 5539 SW 2d Street, Miami, Florida.

Private First Class ROBERT ZANOTTI, 33411517, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 February 1945 to 30 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Zanotti, mother, Route #1, Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.

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Section I - Amendment of General Orders

OK So much of Section II, General Orders No. 45, this headquarters, dated 5 April 1945 as pertains to Private First Class GLEN S. CRUM, 35334411, Infantry, is revoked.

Section II - Award of Silver Star - Posthumously

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, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class GLEN S. CRUM, 35334411, 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 CRUM was a rifleman was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun, rifle and mortar fire delivered from pillboxes and fortified positions at close quarters. Private CRUM, 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 CRUM'S intrepidity is deserving of the highest praise and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Elizabeth C. Oakes, Mother, Sebastain, Texas.

Section III - 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:

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Private First Class RILEY B. DUNN, JR., 37007040, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Baganayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. Upon hearing of a scout being wounded, Private DUNN unhesitatingly volunteered to go forward to rescue him, with complete disregard for his own safety, Private DUNN, carrying a litter, made his way up a ridge and then crawled for a distance of one hundred yards through a dug-in infantry company and on to the wounded scout. His route of progress was under intense enemy machine gun fire, some of which narrowly missed him and was considered so dangerous that a smoke screen was put down as he approached the casualty. Private DUNN dressed the scout's wound, placed him on the litter, and, with the assistance of two infantrymen who then came forward, moved him to a position of safety. Though nearly exhausted, Private DUNN assisted other litter bearers in carrying the scout to a battalion aid station which was located eight hundred yards to the rear. Private DUNN'S gallant act saved the life of the wounded man and was a great inspiration to his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Lois Fern Dunn, wife, Cliquot, Missouri.

Private First Class VERNON GEARLDS, 35487825, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. When enemy pillboxes were encountered by his rifle platoon, Private GEARLDS, an automatic rifleman, though wounded by the first burst of enemy machine gun fire, made an aggressive assault, unassisted, against a well-camouflaged and strongly fortified enemy position. Firing his automatic rifle, he completely neutralized two enemy pillboxes containing two machine guns and a squad of supporting riflemen. His courageous and fearless action secured the immediate safety of his platoon and materially aided in the completion of an assigned mission. Home address: Mrs. Leticia Gearlds, mother, Route #1, Mt. Hermon, Kentucky.

First Lieutenant JAMES F. HUDSON, 01183892, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near San Isidro, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 February, 1945. Acting in the capacity of artillery forward observer, Lieutenant HUDSON remained through a heavy enemy mortar barrage in order to adjust artillery fire upon enemy strong points, although the infantry company with which he was serving had withdrawn to safety four hundred yards to the rear. His accurate and continuous adjustment of artillery fire upon the enemy enabled the infantry company to move forward and secure its objective without opposition. Lieutenant HUDSON'S gallant service far beyond the normal call of duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anna D. Hudson, mother, 1914 Elmwood Avenue, Lafayette, Indiana.

First Lieutenant THOMAS L. KING, 01300812, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Villasis, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 January 1945. As an infantry battalion intelligence officer, Lieutenant KING organized a volunteer crew to man a landing vehicle and, personally, directed it into an exposed area in an effort to rescue several wounded men whom all prior attempts had failed to evacuate. The vehicle went forward under fire so intense that several of the crew were killed or wounded and the ammunition box of the .50 caliber machine gun manned by Lieutenant KING was shot off. Disregarding the enemy fire, he continued to maneuver the vehicle and returned to the safety of friendly lines only when no more casualties could be located. Lieutenant KING'S gallantry did much to bolster the morale of supporting troops. Home address: Mrs. Janett M. King, wife, 1113 Lakeside Drive, Topeka, Kansas.

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First Lieutenant WILLIAM L. KLING, 01293070, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Mount Macawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 March 1945. When an infantry rifle company which was defending high ground was cut off from all water and food supplies, Lieutenant KLING volunteered to lead a supply party, under cover of darkness, to the beleaguered unit. As his party advanced halfway up a steep slope they encountered a fierce barrage of 47mm gun and machine gun fire. Although two of his key non-commissioned officers were killed, he successfully reorganized the men and again led them forward, reaching the objective with a major portion of the supplies. As he guided another supply party through dense undergrowth, he surprised a party of enemy and killed two. One of the enemy soldiers carried a demolition charge which exploded and knocked Lieutenant KLING to the ground, causing a knee injury which incapacitated him for further advance. Immediately he placed a sergeant in charge, gave him complete instructions and information as to how the objective could be reached. Not until he was fully satisfied that the mission could be successfully accomplished did he work his way back to battalion headquarters. Home address: Mrs. Mary M. Kling, Mother, Lorman, Mississippi.

Section IV - Award of Soldier's Medal - Posthumously

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Publ 3 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 No. 6, 29 October 1943, and paragraph 3g, USAFFE Regulations 10-50, dated 17 August 1945, Subject: "Award of Decorations", a Soldier's Medal is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted man:

Private TOMMY HANSEN, 32512530, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroism at Binloc, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Private HANSEN observed that one of a group of Filipino children at play was pounding an enemy grenade on the ground. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private HANSEN rushed to take the grenade from the child, but, just as he reached the child the grenade exploded seriously injuring Private HANSEN. Private HANSEN died on 20 January 1945 as a result of his injuries. His heroic act reflects the greatest credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Kathleen Hansen, Wife, 161 East 128th Street, New York, New York.

Section V - Awards of Bronze Star Medal - Posthumously

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Publ 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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Private ROBERT W. ANSTINE, 19032170, 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 machine guns and knee mortars against his company, Private ANSTINE, a rifleman, though seriously wounded, steadfastly remained in position in the face of the intense enemy fire and effectively delivered fire upon the enemy force. His courageous actions and devotion to duty under hazardous conditions materially aided in repulsing the enemy counterattack. Private ANSTINE'S courageous devotion to duty even at the cost of his own life is deserving of highest praise and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Wanda Lee Anstine, Wife, 53 Front Street, Watsonville, California.

Private First Class JOHN R. LESLIE, 35652507, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Salakhax, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 4 February 1945 to 7 February 1945. Next of kin: Mrs. Joyce Leslie, Wife, 128th North Street, Springfield, Ohio.

Section VI - Awards of Bronze Star Medal

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 8161, 4 February 1944 (See II Bull 3 WD 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Adjutant General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Master Sergeant MORRIS V. BRADFORD, 37027182, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sandapan, Dutch New Guinea, and Luzon, Philippine Islands from 5 October 1944 to 25 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Raymond S. Bradford, Brother, Wadena, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD D. BROWN, 36510696, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Leon Anne Brown, Mother, 22601 St. Gertrude Road, St. Claire Shores, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant MAYNARD V. BROWN, 37045040, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Florence Bagbee, Wife, 838 Fifth Avenue, Clinton, Iowa.

First Lieutenant HAROLD J. BOWEN, 01102166, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Marikina watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 March 1945 to 27 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Burke, Mother, 490 West 26th Street, Champaign, Illinois.

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Staff Sergeant LEWIS W. GONNER, 17009241, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Central Luzon area, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Roberta Branch, Sister, 1220 South L. Street, Arkansas City, Kansas.

First Lieutenant FRED DUNKS, 01952053, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea, and Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 October 1944 to 25 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Prince A. Dunks, Father, Box 241, Crosby, Texas.

Technician Third Grade ELMER W. SKILLSEN, 37023683, (then Technician Fourth Grade), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hencina Skildsen, Mother, Rt. #2, Karlstad, Minnesota.

5th Grade *Grade amend by G# 62-Apr. 30, 1945.*
*Technician Sergeant JOE H. HANKINS, 37182212, (then ~~Private First Class~~), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Marikina watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 February 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Jasper Hankins, Father, Bradleysville, Missouri.

Technician Third Grade RALPH L. HANNAH, 37036168, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Robert Ralph Hannah, Father, Vail, Iowa.

Sergeant JOHN R. HARLOW, 2175007- (then Technician Fifth Grade), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 March 1945. Sergeant HARLOW voluntarily moved forward under intense enemy machine gun, sniper and 47mm gun fire to assist in evacuating five casualties. He then moved to an exposed position from which he could adjust artillery fire on an enemy pillbox. His quick and accurate adjustment of fire destroyed the pillbox and aided the infantry in the accomplishment of its mission. Home address: Mrs. Willie Harlow Thomas, Mother, 5607 California Street, Nashville, Tennessee.

Master Sergeant ARTHUR C. JOHNSON, 37021511, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 1 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hannah E. Johnson, Mother, Como Station Rt #5, County Road "C2" and Cleveland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Captain NORMAN S. MUEHLER, 01573342, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea from 15 November 1944 to 20 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Magdaline Kraemer, wife, 3201 Roland Avenue, Belleville, Illinois.

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Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES T. KUCHTA, 17016655, Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 March 1945 to 26 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Zukowski, Mother, 1437a Cass Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant BERTRAND J. LAVIGNE, 37030010, Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna LaVigne, Mother, International Falls, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant EVERETTE B. LEE, 35464198, Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Unzad, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Alene Lee, Mother, Liberty, Kentucky.

Captain EDWARD R. LEVY, 01550645, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea, and Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 October 1944 to 25 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Lee E. Levy, Father, Box 151, Holly Grove, Arkansas.

Corporal MARION O. LOWKS, 35411468, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Marikina watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 7 March 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jessie A. Lowks, Mother, 305 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant A. J. McDOWELL, 17013374, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marion Robinson, Sister, 5776 Vermont Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES W. NOAH, 34304580, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nettie Y. Noah, Wife, 600 1/2 Fifth Avenue, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade CLARENCE E. ROBERSON, 34329844, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 22 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna J. Roberson, Wife, Rt. #5, Cookeville, Tennessee.

Technical Sergeant EDWIN E. STEINHAGE, 37057710, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 15 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Edwin C. Steinhage, Father, RFD #1, Clarksville, Missouri.

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Technician Third Grade JESSE P. SNIPES, 16073460, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emma H. Snipes, Wife, 303 N. Wintz Street, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade ADRIAN C. TRESSSELL, 35413837, (then Private First Class), Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipo Dam, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lucille A. Tressell, Wife, Route #2, Apple Creek, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant PAUL WEISS, 37029864, Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Licab river, near the Culiong Bridge, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mathilda Weiss, Mother, Route #1, Elgin, North Dakota.

Technician Fourth Grade RALPH L. WHILLOCK, 36500277, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Madsen, Mother, Humboldt, Iowa.

Section VII - Awards of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Corporal WALTER A. PETERSON, 37031163, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 39, dated 28 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Corporal WALTER A. PETERSON, 37031163, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Montalban area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. Corporal PETERSON, with two other men of an observation party, was occupying a position located on the right flank of the perimeter of a rifle company. During the night one of the men was killed and the other badly wounded. Soon after these casualties occurred, the enemy launched a counterattack against our positions. Corporal PETERSON, alone, in the face of the enemy, maintained his important position and by the skillful use of hand grenades and carbine fire effectively blocked the enemy's approach around the flank of the riflemen. Corporal PETERSON'S heroic conduct and individual initiative in the face of great personal danger reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Peterson, Mother, Argyle, Minnesota.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fourth Grade MARION L. ROWLAND, 37066708, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 10, Section VI, General Orders No. 46, dated 5 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technician Fourth Grade MARION L. ROWLAND, 37066708, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Pacawagan, 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. With disregard for his own safety, Technician ROWLAND, a surgical technician, repeatedly crawled to the side of wounded men, administered much needed medical aid, and relieved the suffering of wounded personnel with his own supply of water. He then evacuated casualties by carrying them on his back because the terrain was too hazardous for litters. Home address: Mrs. Mary A. Rowland, Mother, c/o General Delivery, Hampton, Arkansas.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star medal awarded to Sergeant LESLIE SNYDER, 37030764, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 27, dated 24 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Sergeant LESLIE SNYDER, 37030764, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 March 1945. When an infantry rifle company was pinned down by enemy small arms and heavy machine gun fire on the forward slope of a hill, the company suffered several casualties which could not be evacuated due to intense enemy fire. With disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant SNYDER, chief of a 105mm self-propelled mount section, led his men to the crest of a hill, aggressively worked himself forward to a point of excellent observation, and directed effective artillery and machine gun fire on the enemy. Though under intense enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant SNYDER continued to direct the fire of his section on the enemy, killing thirty-three and forcing the remainder to withdraw, thereby enabling the rifle company to evacuate its wounded. Home address: Mrs. Lottie V. Snyder, Mother, Verndale, Minnesota.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant RAYMOND WILFRED, 37007524, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

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Staff Sergeant RAMFORD WINFREY, 37007524, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 February 1945 to 7 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Roberta F. Winfrey, Wife, 707 Locust Street, Chillicothe, Missouri.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant WILLIAM B. ZELL, 01309144, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 11, Section VI, General Orders No. 46, dated 5 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant WILLIAM B. ZELL, 01309144, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 March 1945. When all supply routes to an infantry rifle company were closed by an estimated force of two enemy rifle platoons, the water and food supply became exhausted. Two supply parties attempted to reach the isolated unit and were forced to withdraw after two men were killed and several wounded. Lieutenant ZELL, rifle platoon leader, organized a third party and volunteered to lead the group through enemy positions under cover of darkness. Without regard for his own safety, he calmly scouted the area far in advance of his command and successfully directed the supply train through the enemy lines without casualties. Home address: Mrs. Betty L. Zell, Wife, 1526 North Aiden Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Section VIII - Award of Air Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to First Lieutenant SHANNON P. COX, JR., 01821001, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 2, Section III, General Orders No. 42, dated 31 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. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25 WD 1942) as amended by Executive Order No. 9242 - A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49 WD 1942). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant SHANNON P. COX, JR., 01821001, 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 31 March 1945. Lieutenant COX exhibited a high degree of initiative and technical skill in conduct of artillery fire and in obtaining information of enemy movements and dispositions in daily operational flights at low altitudes over enemy installations. His accurate adjustment of artillery fire upon the enemy contributed greatly to the success of our infantry and artillery. Home address: Mr. P. S. Cox, Father, 1301 C Avenue, Lawton, Oklahoma.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL HUNDIS:

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25 April 1945

SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR
SECTION II - AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Section I - Award of Silver Star

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

First Lieutenant ALFRED G. HILL, 01030985, Cavalry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy between Aliaga and Mount Arayat, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 January 1945 to 30 January 1945. Eight American airmen, who had been shot down while operating over enemy territory, were reported to be in the hands of a guerrilla unit whose sympathies were unknown. Lieutenant HILL was given the mission of investigating the status of the airmen, evacuating them if possible and determining the sympathies of guerrilla units. He left his unit headquarters on 28 January 1945 accompanied by a Filipino guide and for two days and one night explored territory far beyond enemy lines in search of guerrilla units who might have information concerning the airmen. Though in constant danger from enemy troops, friendly bombing and strafing, and artillery fire, Lieutenant HILL succeeded in accomplishing his mission in the period of time allotted and returned with invaluable information concerning enemy movements, installations and strength. Lieutenant HILL'S courage and outstanding devotion to duty are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Georgianna Hill, Mother, 622 Prescott Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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 WOODROW W. BALLARD, 38517766, Signal Corps, 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: Mrs. Viola Ballard, Wife, General Delivery, Hardy, Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade WALTER T. BEAHM, 35032119, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 1 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen P. Beahm, Wife, Route #2, Sherradsville, Ohio.

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Private First Class PHILIP E. BEEHLER, 36575823, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 March 1945 to 4 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mabel Beehler, Mother, 437 Wright Street, Saginaw, Michigan.

Private First Class EDWARD T. BORAWSKI, 35318033, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 April 1945. An infantry company of which Private BORAWSKI is a member, while making an attack over high ground, was pinned down by enemy rifle fire. Two members of the company who had passed over the crest of a hill fell wounded and could not be evacuated because of the intense enemy fire. Private BORAWSKI, with disregard for his personal safety, crawled to an exposed position on the ridge line from which position he sprayed the enemy with fire from his automatic rifle, thereby permitting the evacuation of his wounded comrades. Private BORAWSKI'S heroism reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Rose Borawski, Mother, 315 12th Street, Lorain, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade LLOYD N. BROVOLD, 37031256, Signal Corps, 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: Mrs Thore Brovold, Mother, Trail, Minnesota.

Private First Class JEWEL G. BROWN, 37057731, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 March 1945. Private BROWN was lead scout of a patrol which ran into an enemy machine gun nest. An infantry squad was sent out to flank the enemy position and destroy it, but they were subjected immediately to heavy enemy fire. With disregard for his own safety, Private BROWN jumped to his feet and began firing into the gun position. Having thus diverted the attention of the enemy, the infantry squad was able to advance and destroy the gun and its crew. Home address: Mrs. Elva M. Brown, Mother, Steelville, Missouri.

Private First Class PAUL J. CAROLLO, 36475902, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 27 February 1945 to 5 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Verna Carollo, wife, 1227 west Maywood, Peoria, Illinois.

Private First Class FORREST C. CHEEVER, 37721626, Signal Corps, 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: Mrs. Doris E. Cheever, Wife, Quincy, Kansas.

Technician Third Grade WILLIAM G. CHERMAK, 35020858, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 1 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Josephine Stafko, Sister, 1215 Laird Street, Akron, Ohio.

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Sergeant MERICO CONTRATTO, 37008626, Signal Corps, 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. Andrew Contratto, Father, RR #2, Bevier, Missouri.

Private First Class OTTIS L. DECKER, 38343606, Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Santo Cristo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Janie C. Decker, wife, 404 Second Street, S.E., Childress, Texas.

Corporal AQUILINO DILUDOVICO, 35025003, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 March 1945. Corporal DILUDOVICO, voluntarily, went forward under intense enemy machine gun, 47mm gun and sniper fire to rescue two wounded comrades. He succeeded in removing them to a place of safety and, after the wounded men had been given first aid, Corporal DILUDOVICO volunteered to act as a litter bearer to carry them down a fire-swept mountainside to an aid station. Home address: Mrs. Zilda Diludovico, Mother, 199 Oak Street, Leetonia, Ohio.

Private First Class ROBERT E. GARVEY, 35048413, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 February 1945. Private GARVEY, a radio operator, fearlessly remained at his observation post even though troops around him were forced to withdraw to protected positions because of a heavy barrage of enemy mortar fire. With disregard for his personal safety, Private GARVEY continued to relay artillery fire data to his battalion from the unprotected observation post until enemy mortar positions were completely destroyed. Home address: Mrs. Mildred A. Schanrock, Mother, Route #2, Chardon, Ohio.

Master Sergeant HARRY E. GIMBEL, 37029035, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 1 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Gimbel, Mother, Hazelton, North Dakota.

Private First Class IVAN R. GRAMS, 37486529, Signal Corps, 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: Mrs. Mary E. Grams, wife, 3927 S. 47th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Technician Fourth Grade LEONARD P. GUERARD, 37028965, Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 20 January 1945 to 22 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Louis Guerard, Father, Erskine, Minnesota.

Sergeant ALVIN T. GULLION, 35160982, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 14 March 1945 to 4 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Alvin C. Gullion, Father, 917 Oak Street, Lebanon, Indiana.

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Private First Class SAM HELLER, 36040953, 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 HELLER, a radio operator, volunteered to assist as litter bearer in the evacuation of five wounded men. He crawled forward over open terrain in the face of heavy enemy machine gun and anti-tank fire to assist with their evacuation to a place of safety. His courage and initiative reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Hertha Heller, wife, 3519 W. Ainslee Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant PAUL R. HOFFNER, 6863907, Signal Corps, 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: Mrs. Ida B. Hoffner, Mother, Barnesville, Minnesota.

Private First Class JOHN F. HOHLIER, 37494187, Signal Corps, 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: Mrs. Ida Hohlier, Mother, 117 McKinley, Joplin, Missouri.

Private First Class LLOYD F. INDRA, 37678335, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Matuba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 February 1945. The artillery liaison party of which Private INDRA was a member was subjected to an intense enemy mortar barrage. Disregarding his personal safety, Private INDRA, working under the deadly mortar concentration, serviced vital communication lines which had been cut by mortar shrapnel. Private INDRA'S initiative and courage are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Amelia Indra, Mother, Route #1, Osage, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant JOHN KRUTKA, 36122433, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 April 1945. Sergeant KRUTKA led his squad on a mission which resulted in the seizure of high ground which immediately came under enemy 150mm mortar fire. In the course of the shelling Sergeant KRUTKA was wounded by shrapnel and also suffered from concussion. Despite his wounds, Sergeant KRUTKA remained on the hill and deployed all his men into protected positions before seeking shelter for himself. Sergeant KRUTKA'S courage and unselfish devotion to duty are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Gladys Krutka, wife, 2134 East McLean Street, Flint, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant ORVILLE W. KUBLY, 37019627, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 March 1945. Despite the pain from an injured knee, Sergeant KUBLY remained at the head of his patrol leading them over extremely difficult terrain. When his patrol encountered a group of enemy who were guarding a field piece at the head of a small ravine, Sergeant KUBLY opened fire. He personally accounted for three of the enemy dead and then advanced and destroyed the enemy field piece with a thermite grenade. Home address: Mr. Gilbert Kubly, Father, St. James, Minnesota.

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First Lieutenant FRANK M. LICATA, 01313104, (then Second Lieutenant), 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. During an assault on a strongly entrenched enemy line, Lieutenant LICATA observed that one of his men had fallen wounded in a spot which was under intense enemy fire. Lieutenant LICATA immediately crawled forward to determine the seriousness of the man's wounds and, upon finding that immediate medical treatment was necessary to save the life of the wounded man, he carried him in his arms to an aid station. Lieutenant LICATA'S courageous act saved the life of his wounded comrade. Home address: Mrs. Sileen A. Licata, wife, 830 Macon Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Corporal HERBERT L. MAANEN, 3708/223, Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Santa Crists, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Dickrick A. Maanen, Father, 5830 Tenth Avenue, S. Minneapolis, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant CAROL W. MAAS SR., 01164832, (then Second Lieutenant), Field Artillery, 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. Lieutenant MAAS was in charge 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. Although wounded by an enemy sniper, he refused to be evacuated and continued to give firing data to his scout corporal, calling for an artillery salvo concentration. He remained at his post until artillery fire enabled the infantry to withdraw and evacuate their wounded without further casualties. Lieutenant MAAS' outstanding devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary J. Maas, wife, 6203 Brooklyn Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Private First Class WILLIAM C. MADISON, 37493767, Signal Corps, 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: Mrs. Dorothy Madison, wife, Wilson & Evergreen, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Private First Class CHARLES L. MATSON, 37495283, Signal Corps, 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: Mrs. Mildred B. Matson, wife, 1206 W. Smelter, Pittsburg, Kansas.

Private First Class MICHAEL W. MILLS, 37468248, Signal Corps, 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: Mrs. Beatrice W. Mills, mother, 2019 Spencer Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

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Private First Class BUELL T. MORGAN, 34815475, 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. Jessie I. Morgan, Wife, General Delivery, Nauvoo, Alabama.

Technician Fifth Grade NED J. NESTI, 36040350, Signal Corps, 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: Mrs. Mary Nesti, Mother, 322 W. Minnesota Street, Spring Valley, Illinois.

Master Sergeant FLOYD NICHOLSON, 7030645, Signal Corps, 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: Mrs. Alice Nicholson, Wife, Box 13, Wise, North Carolina.

Private First Class DAVID G. PAFFORD, 34723375, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy along the Wawa-Antipolo line, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 March 1945. As a member of a forward observer party accompanying an infantry company, Private PAFFORD, disregarding his own safety, laid wire from his forward position to his regimental headquarters in spite of intense enemy mortar fire falling in the area in which he was working. As a result of his courageous efforts, communication was established and effective artillery fire brought upon the enemy positions. Private PAFFORD'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Elsie O. Pafford, Mother, General Delivery, Eva, Tennessee.

Private First Class TROY W. POWELL, 34623610, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 March 1945. Private POWELL, while under direct fire from an enemy 105mm howitzer, plunged through a brush fire and carried a man who was unconscious from battle fatigue to safety. He then assisted the forward observer direct artillery fire against enemy positions. As a result of his accurate fire direction, one enemy pillbox was destroyed and enemy mortars silenced. Private POWELL'S courage and efficiency under fire reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Anna D. Powell, Mother, RFD #1, Box 56, Pulaski, Mississippi.

Captain JULIEN PRIVER, 0488357, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan and San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 January 1945 to 7 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Doris Priver, Wife, 1479 Macombs Road, New York City, New York.

Private First Class ELMER H. FRYOR, 37057743, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 February 1945 to 13 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Veda Fryor, Wife, Oran, Missouri.

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Master Sergeant ARTHUR M. RULEY, 6628195, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the territory of Dutch New Guinea and of Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 June 1944 to 4 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Mullins, Mother, Gore, Ohio.

Private First Class ROY E. SASSMAN, 39463201, Signal Corps, 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: Mrs. Martha Sassman, Wife, Odessa, Washington.

Private First Class CALVIN E. SAUL, 35639941, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Mataba sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 March 1945. As a member of a forward observer party accompanying an infantry company, Private SAUL, during the hours of darkness and at great personal risk, went outside the perimeter and restored wire communication which had been cut by enemy artillery fire. Private SAUL'S courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. July A. Saul, Mother, Yawkey, West Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade JEROME H. SCHNEIDER, 33071768, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 March 1945. Technician SCHNEIDER, while under heavy enemy machine gun, rifle and 47mm gun fire, assisted a forward observer in adjusting fire on enemy emplacements. When the forward observer was wounded, Technician SCHNEIDER took his place and gave the infantry continuous artillery support. Technician SCHNEIDER'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. J.J. Schneider, Father, 2724 Fifth Avenue, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class OTTO O. SCHULTZ, 36254932, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Gaurigan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. While his infantry company was advancing under intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Private SCHULTZ volunteered to assist a member of his squad in moving a heavy machine gun to the left flank of his company. Without the protection of friendly rifle fire, he succeeded in placing the machine gun into position neutralizing an enemy emplacement with devastating fire. With the cessation of the enemy fire his company was able to proceed to their objective. Home address: Mrs. Mable Schultz, mother, 1577 Second Avenue North, Park Falls, Wisconsin.

Private First Class JAMES L. SCHWITZER, 6290555, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mentalan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 March 1945. Private SCHWITZER was acting as lead scout for his infantry platoon when it was sent forward to reconnoiter a hill which was tactically important and had recently been heavily defended by enemy forces. With disregard for his own safety, Private SCHWITZER scouted forward of his platoon and, upon observing an enemy dug-in emplacement, halted his platoon and, alone, went to investigate the enemy position. He opened fire upon the enemy who were in the emplacement and killed them instantly. Private SCHWITZER'S high devotion to duty is worthy of high praise. Home address: Mr. Paul E. Schwitzer, Father, Route #1, Schofield, Wisconsin.

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Private First Class JOHNIE O. SWALLIE, 35413865, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. Private SWALLIE assisted in the collection and redistribution of munitions needed in a stor of the company defense which had just repulsed an enemy night counterattack. In performing this action it was necessary that he move through an area of the perimeter which was being swept with enemy flanking machine gun and mortar fire. While engaged in getting ammunition to his comrades, Private SWALLIE was seriously wounded. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Mary Swallie, mother, 321 High Street, Barnesville, Ohio.

Sergeant WILLMAR C. SWENSON, 37023920, Signal Corps, 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: Mrs. Gertie Swenson, mother, Hawley, Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant CARL G. WAGNER, 17017817, Signal Corps, 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: Mrs. Helen S. Wagner, wife, Box 13, St. James, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade LOY WAYT, 6959860, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy along the Wawa-antipolo line, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 March 1945. As a member of a forward observer party which was accompanying an infantry company, Technician WAYT, at great personal risk and under heavy enemy fire, laid wire back through by-passed enemy territory to the infantry regimental headquarters. His action established communications which made it possible to lay effective artillery fire upon the enemy. Technician WAYT'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Wender Wayt, Father, 1825 1/2 Sanger Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade HIRSH T. WHISMAN, 35104310, Signal Corps, 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: Mrs. Belle Whisman, Mother, RR #1, Dupont, Indiana.

Private First Class RAYMOND E. WHITE, 3L379712, 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. Jane White, Mother, Route #2, Antwell, Tennessee.

Sergeant GLEN E. WOLFE, 37007528, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 23 February 1945 to 13 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Wolfe, Mother, RFD #3, Macon, Missouri.

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Staff Sergeant FRANK YALCH, 33171581, (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 under intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Sergeant YALCH volunteered to assist a member of his squad in moving a heavy machine gun to the left flank of his company. Without the protection of friendly rifle fire, he succeeded in placing the machine gun into position and then neutralized an enemy emplacement with devastating fire. With the cessation of enemy fire his company was able to proceed to their objective. Home address: Mrs. Susan Yalch, Mother, 1206 Freas Avenue, Berwick, Pennsylvania.

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Section I - Award of Bronze Star Medal - Missing

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 who is missing:

Captain HARRY A. SCHUESSLER, 01533913, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the territory of Dutch New Guinea and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 2 June 1944 to 12 February 1945. Next of kin: Mrs. Mildred M. Schuessler, Wife, 3684 Montana Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

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:

Staff Sergeant DONALD ALEXANDER, 35026122, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mantalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 March 1945 to 25 March 1945. Sergeant ALEXANDER in the capacity of radio chief skillfully maintained radio communication with our units despite intense artillery and mortar fire which was directed at his installation. His efforts and courage greatly aided our forces in the accomplishment of an assigned mission. Home address: Mr. Perry J. Alexander, Father, Box 24, Hartford, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade GLOUCE E. ALLEN, 39330908, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Marikina watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 February 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Sylvia Allen, Wife, 241 Hill Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Captain CLARK G. ANDIS, 04105935, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Salisay, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 January 1945. Captain ANDIS, regimental communications officer, personally, led a wire team into unpatrolled enemy territory to establish wire communication between his regimental headquarters and a battalion command post. Together with an enlisted man, he provided security for his wiremen and, at the same time, kept them advised of the best routes for their line. This mission was accomplished without the loss of personnel. Home address: Mr. R. G. Andis, Father, Preshaw, South Dakota.

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Technician Fifth Grade GORDON E. ASBURY, 39327391, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on the night of 27 February 1945. Technician ASBURY, radio operator of a forward observation party, remained with his radio sending requests for artillery fire to his field artillery battalion. Even though advised to withdraw, Technician ASBURY, disregarding his own safety, maintained radio communication with the fire direction center until an enemy attack was repulsed. Home address: Mrs. Lottie S. Asbury, Mother, 1427 South Sixth Street, Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Private First Class HAROLD L. BORRELL, 33622415, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Borrell, Wife, 744 North Eighth Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant HOWARD BROWN, 37012085, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Central Luzon area, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mr. John Brown, Father, Route #4, Chillicothe, Missouri.

First Sergeant ALMER BUNCH, 6277673, 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 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Sally Bunch, Mother, RFD #1, Coolidge, Texas.

Major VICTOR S. CARTER, 0385758, 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 27 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Earl Carter, Father, 3175 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade CHARLES W. CASH, W2106421, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 10 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bonna D. Cash, Wife, RFD #4, Estherville, Iowa.

Private First Class J. D. CASH, 39918956, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Marikina watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 7 March 1945 to 21 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Norine Bess Cash, Wife, Box 64, Devils Slide, Utah.

Corporal JAMES CELANO, 32159120, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on the night of 27 February 1945. Corporal CELANO, a member of a forward observation party, upon being separated from the officer in charge of the party, ordered his men to withdraw and, disregarding his own safety, remained in order to request artillery fire missions which helped break up an enemy attack. Corporal CELANO'S initiative and resourcefulness were far beyond that normally expected and are deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Jeanne Dillon, Sister, 192 Broadway, Newark, New Jersey.

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Captain ERNEST J. COLLEY, 01174538, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January 1945 to 10 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Barbara L. Colley, Wife, 391 South Coronado, Ventura, California.

Captain LINIEL H. COOPER, 01167787, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January 1945 to 10 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Allie Cooper, Mother, General Delivery, Davis, Oklahoma.

Private First Class CLAUDE J. DOUTY, 19134209, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Marikina watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 February 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Orlando L. Douty, Father, Route #1, Box 312a, LaCenter, Washington.

Private First Class HAROLD H. EBSEN, 37357879, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Marikina watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 February 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lillian M. Ebsen, Mother, Salfe, Route B, Gordon, Nebraska.

Captain PERRY R. ELLSWORTH, 0469889, 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 31 March 1945. Home address: Mr. P. F. Ellsworth, Father, 2852 Coleridge Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Private First Class JAMES L. HUNT, 35798220, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Gilbert Hunt, Father, 3110 Bassett Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Major JAMES F. KUDRNA, 0383217, 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 15 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Phyllis Ann Kudrna, Wife, 048 East 6th Street, York, Nebraska.

First Lieutenant GEORGE A. LAFFERTY, 01174619, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 March 1945. While our troops were being heavily shelled by enemy artillery, Lieutenant LAFFERTY, despite the intense shelling, left his foxhole and crawled to a position on the perimeter and from this point his precise and rapid adjustment of artillery fire silenced the enemy guns. During a night counterattack, Lieutenant LAFFERTY braved intense enemy mortar fire and crawled to a position from which he could secure better observation on the enemy assembling in a ravine. His rapid artillery adjustment defeated the hostile attack and inflicted large losses on the enemy. Lieutenant LAFFERTY'S initiative and devotion to duty earned him the respect of the infantry troops and reflect high credit upon the military service. Home address: Mrs. Marcella Ann Lafferty, Wife, 4368 Wilma Avenue, Wichita, Kansas.

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Lieutenant Colonel ALBERT R. LARASON, 0269809, 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 9 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret L. Larason, wife, RFD #1, Fargo, Oklahoma.

Captain EDWARD C. MILLER, JR., 0351939, Field Artillery, 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 10 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie E. Miller, wife, 240 North 23d Street, Corvallis, Oregon.

Captain HARRY R. MILLS, 01174654, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January 1945 to 10 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Tracy F. Mills, mother, 403 South Third Street, Clinton, Missouri.

Captain WILLIAM S. MORRIS, 01168386, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lucile A. Morris, wife, 409 Shelby Street, Higginsville, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN C. MORROW, 36353561, (then Private First Class), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Marikina watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 February 1945 to 21 March 1945. Home address: Mr. John Galvin, Step-Father, Fargo, North Dakota.

Captain DONALD J. NATOLI, 0383830, 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 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lois M. Natoli, wife, 3885 Beechwood Blvd, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant HARVEY C. OLSON, 0445364, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 March 1945. Lieutenant OLSON'S precise artillery adjustment on enemy positions was so effective that hostile forces were forced to withdraw and assault troops, making a night attack, were able to seize their objective. After daylight the enemy began an intensive shelling, employing dual purpose anti-aircraft gun, knee mortar and rifle fire. Lieutenant OLSON, disregarding the enemy fire, crawled to an advantageous position on the crest of a hill and from this point placed accurate artillery fire on the enemy positions, silencing their guns. Home address: Mrs. Ingar Olson, Mother, 3211 Victory Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin.

Captain ARTHUR H. OTIS, JR., 01173735, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January 1945 to 10 April 1945. Home address: Mr. A. H. Otis, Father, Barden Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

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Technician Fifth Grade BEN J. POKRZYWINSKI, 37081373, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Sarah J. Pokrzywinski, Wife, 2635 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

First Lieutenant JAMES W. PORTER, 01174684, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945. When an infantry company to which he was attached as forward observer encountered strong enemy resistance during a night attack and was forced to dig in, Lieutenant PORTER fearlessly moved to a perimeter position. From this advantageous position he observed and placed artillery fire on the enemy who were attacking with hand grenades, knee mortar and rifle fire. Lieutenant PORTER'S precise adjustment of artillery completely disorganized the enemy and was greatly responsible for the repulsion of the enemy counterattack. His coolness, initiative and courage reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Eunice R. Porter, Wife, Barber, Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant WILLIS A. SHATTUCK, 01300868, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy enroute to and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 December 1944 to 18 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Willis A. Shattuck, Father, Ashland, Kansas.

Major HAROLD H. SHORT, 0375349, 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 6 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth G. Short, Wife, 1026 13th Street, Greeley, Colorado.

Private First Class JAMES E. SIMS, 34078227, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edna Mae Sims, Mother, Route #1, Box 285, Haynesville, Louisiana.

Technical Sergeant ARNOLD E. WITTE, 37057833, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 19 March 1945 to 27 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mildred Witte, Wife, 7604 Carondelet, Clayton, Missouri.

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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 (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:

Technician Fifth Grade W. F. BLANKENSHIP, 34329141, Medical Department, 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 11 April 1945. In the face of heavy enemy shelling and small arms fire, Technician BLANKENSHIP, with complete disregard for his personal safety, voluntarily advanced far beyond a battalion aid station over extremely rough terrain to administer first aid and to help evacuate several seriously wounded men. His courageous action and devotion to duty made possible the evacuation and treatment of the wounded men and saved several lives. Home address: Mrs. W. F. Blankenship, Wife, Beech Bluff, Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES A. BROWN, 33059692, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. During the initial stages of an enemy attack upon his battalion headquarters area, Technician BROWN, chief battalion switchboard operator, remained at his post of duty through a devastating concentration of enemy artillery. Though shells were bursting within ten yards of his switchboard, he kept regimental headquarters informed of the situation and, upon his own initiative, requested ambulances and litter bearers so that the casualties which his headquarters had sustained might be promptly treated and evacuated. Technician BROWN'S courageous and tenacious devotion to duty is worthy of high praise. Home address: Mr. Angus R. Brown, Brother, Wright Street, Hallstead, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class MARK W. BRUBAKER, 37038437, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 March 1945 to 10 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hazel M. Brubaker, Wife, Mountain Grove, Missouri.

Sergeant ATLAS H. BYRD, 37065612, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 March 1945 to 25 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Betty Byrd, Mother, Route #3, Hamburg, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant MANUEL W. CALDERON, 38454266, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Burgos, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 March 1945. Sergeant CALDERON was a member of a platoon engaged in the preparation of a strong-point in order to intercept an expected enemy attack. At dark a heavy concentration of enemy mortar fire directed upon their partially prepared positions caused many severe casualties. Disregarding all personal danger, Sergeant CALDERON left

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the protection of his slit trench, exposing himself to constant mortar fire, in order to assist in carrying wounded men to places of greater protection and in administering first aid. With improvised litters, he assisted in evacuating ten wounded comrades to a rear area. His courageous and unselfish devotion to duty was directly responsible for the saving of several lives. Home address: Mrs. Inez Calderon, Mother, 2201 Santiago Street, San Antonio, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade WENDELL H. CARTWRIGHT, 35105542, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 1 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Otho H. Cartwright, Father, Route #3, Dawson Springs, Kentucky.

Sergeant RALPH G. CROSS, 34142277, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On the night of 27 February 1945 the enemy staged an attack against our defensive positions. During the enemy artillery concentration which preceded their main attack, Sergeant CROSS, voluntarily left the safety of a dug-in emplacement in order to gain a position from which he could personally direct mortar fire upon the enemy. Sergeant CROSS' heroic efforts resulted in the immediate withdrawal of the enemy. Home address: Mr. Hubert D. Cross, Father, 2401 Bristol Highway, Kingsport, Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade TYRE A. DINWIDDIE, 37003818, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 March 1945 to 25 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Fannie L. Dinwiddie, Wife, 706 South Broadway, Salisbury, Missouri.

Sergeant THOMAS J. FORBUS, 37065683, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Burgos, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 March 1945. Sergeant FORBUS was a member of a platoon engaged in the preparation of a strong-point in order to intercept an expected enemy attack. At dark a heavy concentration of enemy mortar fire directed upon their partially prepared position caused many severe casualties. Disregarding all personal danger, Sergeant FORBUS left the protection of his slit trench, exposing himself to constant mortar fire, in order to assist in carrying wounded men to places of greater protection and in administering first aid. With improvised litters, he assisted in evacuating ten wounded comrades to a rear area. His courageous and unselfish devotion to duty was directly responsible for the saving of several lives. Home address: Mr. Rowley W. Forbus, Father, Route #3, Quitman, Arkansas.

Sergeant EMIL J. FUSEK, 35033247, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 March 1945 to 10 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Antonia Fusek, Mother, R.R. #2, Barnesville, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade DANTE GENIARI, 31056393, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 March 1945 to 10 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Geniari, Mother, 339 Waterman Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island.

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Staff Sergeant MELVIN H. HENDERSON, 17003784, Signal Corps, 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: Mr. Eric M. Henderson, Father, Route #2, Story City, Iowa.

Private First Class ALEXANDER J. HIBBARD, JR., 33668870, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 March 1945 to 10 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Thelma Hibbard, wife, 213 Smith Way, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class WAYNE L. HOLLAN, 36065291, 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. When no medical aid men were available, Private HOLLAN, a rifleman, in the face of heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire, assisted in evacuating a wounded comrade over five hundred yards of open ground. Even though continually fired upon, he succeeded in bringing the wounded man back to a covered position where he could be given first aid treatment. His courageous action in the face of enemy fire was an inspiration to the men of his company and his readiness to risk his life in behalf of a comrade saved the life of the wounded man. Home address: Mrs. Nellie Holman, Mother, Niota, Illinois.

Private First Class ROBERT O. HOWARD, 35216578, Medical Department, 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 11 April 1945. In the face of heavy enemy shelling and small arms fire, Private HOWARD, with complete disregard for his personal safety, voluntarily, advanced far beyond a battalion aid station over extremely rough terrain in order to administer first aid and to help evacuate several seriously wounded men. His courageous action and devotion to duty made possible the evacuation and treatment of the wounded men, thereby saving several lives. Home address: Mrs. Joseph E. Howard, Mother, 464 South 17th Street, Columbus, 5, Ohio.

Private First Class MARSHALL L. KAISER, 36318425, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 March 1945. In spite of physical exhaustion, and disregarding his own safety, Private KAISER volunteered to assist in a search for several men who were missing after his company had been forced to withdraw from their positions because of enemy mortar fire. Three seriously wounded men were found as a result of the search and were successfully evacuated over terrain swept by enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Home address: Mrs. Marguerite Jacobsen, Mother, 206 South Street, Elmhurst, Illinois.

Private First Class RAY KIRK, 35656924, Medical Department, 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 11 April 1945. In the face of heavy enemy shelling and small arms fire, Private KIRK, with complete disregard for his personal safety, voluntarily, advanced far beyond a battalion aid station over extremely rough terrain in order to administer first aid and to help evacuate several seriously wounded men. His courageous

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action and devotion to duty made possible the evacuation and treatment of the wounded men, thereby saving several lives. Home address: Mr. Pat Kirk, Father, Ferrelsburg, West Virginia.

Private First Class CLYDE C. LEE, 37030425, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 March 1945 to 10 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Fannie Lee, Mother, 315 West Lincoln Street, Springfield, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH W. LINNEMAN, JR., 37008551, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 March 1945 to 10 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ethyl E. Linneman, Wife, c/o Byrd Edwards, Route #1, Savannah, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant JOHN F. MAGER, 37031203, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 19 March 1945. A hill on which an observation post was located was shelled heavily by enemy artillery preceding an attack by enemy riflemen on the position. As the enemy soldiers charged the hill, Sergeant MAGER, a machine gun section sergeant, and another enlisted man armed with a machine gun proceeded to counterattack the enemy assaulting the hill. By moving forward under cover and displacing in a position from which effective fire could be brought upon the enemy, Sergeant MAGER and his comrade succeeded in neutralizing the enemy attack. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Mager, Mother, Meekinock, North Dakota.

Private First Class CLENDUS W. MILLER, 37008618, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 March 1945 to 10 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alice M. Miller, Mother, 1122 North Clark Street, Mexico, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT J. MINOR, 37007826, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. When a reinforced rifle company advanced against strongly fortified enemy positions located on commanding ground, the forward assault elements encountered heavy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire which impeded the advance. Sergeant MINOR, forward observer for an 81mm mortar platoon, promptly and efficiently ordered and registered in a concentrated counter-barrage and then called for a heavy 81mm smoke screen. The barrage and smoke screen enabled the assault company commander to reorganize his men, supervise the evacuation of numerous casualties, and continue the assault. Home address: Mrs. Rachel F. Minor, Wife, Richards, Missouri.

Private First Class WILLARD S. MUIR, 35521844, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 March 1945 to 10 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Muir, Mother, RFD #1, Farmdale, Ohio.

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Private First Class GORDON M. NIELSEN, 3702⁰¹00, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. When an estimated force of one hundred Japanese, supported by an intense enemy knee mortar and machine gun barrage, stormed forward at dawn in an assault on our defensive positions, all communication lines were severed by the barrage. The commander of our defensive position was having great difficulty in directing the efforts of his command. With disregard for his personal safety, Private NIELSEN, a messenger, fearlessly exposed himself to the withering enemy fire throughout the assault in order to relay the command post fire orders to front line assault platoons. His cool efficiency and devotion to duty under hazardous conditions played an important part in repulsing the enemy attack, thereby holding an important and strategic military objective. Home address: Mrs. Della E. Nielsen, Wife, R.R. #4, Box 19, Mansfield, Missouri.

Private First Class MICHAEL A. NORCE, 33602710, Medical Department, 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 11 April 1945. In the face of heavy enemy shelling and small arms fire, Private NORCE, with disregard for his personal safety, voluntarily, advanced far beyond a battalion aid station over extremely rough terrain in order to administer first aid and to help evacuate seriously wounded men. His courageous action and devotion to duty made possible the evacuation and treatment of the wounded men, thereby saving several lives. Home address: Mrs. Louise Norce, Wife, 363 La Salle Street, Berwick, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant JESSIE C. OLINGER, JR., 37007581, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 March 1945. Sergeant OLINGER aggressively led his patrol one thousand yards into Japanese-held territory despite the fact the patrol was lightly armed. Sergeant OLINGER discovered a well camouflaged field piece. He carefully plotted the position of the gun and as a result of his unhurried and accurate survey of the dangerous territory our artillery destroyed the enemy gun together with its crew. Home address: Mrs. Verona Olinger, Mother, Rt #2, Marceline, Missouri.

Private First Class HARRY K. PAGE, 37007858, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. At 0500 hours Private PAGE'S infantry rifle company was subjected to a severe barrage of enemy knee mortar, machine gun and rifle fire which completely pinned them down. The visibility was such that the enemy could not be seen as they stormed forward in an assault. Private PAGE, a heavy machine gunner, realizing the serious threat of our position and with disregard for his own safety, intentionally fired his weapon in the initial phase of the attack in order to attract the fire of the main force. After holding his fire a few minutes to bring enemy troops within lanes of fire, he placed devastating machine gun fire across the immediate area. Although his position was threatened several times, he staunchly held his ground and continued to cut the enemy down with fire from his machine gun. At the break of day more than fifty enemy dead were found on the perimeter. Private PAGE'S courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ollie Green, Mother, Route #2, Fordland, Missouri.

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Private First Class ROY A. PEARSON, 34134191, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 March 1945 to 10 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mallie R. Pearson, Mother, Route #4, Laurel, Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant NOVA L. PEART, 37008814, 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. Frances Peart, Wife, General Delivery, Salisbury, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant ORVILLE A. PETERSON, 37038902, 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: Mr. Henry C. Peterson, Father, RFD #5, Webster, South Dakota.

Captain LEON H. RAINVILLE, 0377137, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Baler Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 February 1945 to 14 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Joyce M. Rainville, Wife, 740 Western Avenue North, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant ELBERT L. SHORT, 37007822, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. After a rifle company had established defensive positions against enemy forces, its perimeter was stormed by enemy riflemen supported by mortar and machine gun fire. Sergeant SHORT, forward observer of an 81mm mortar platoon, held his position and efficiently directed a counter-barrage with such deadly accuracy that it completely demoralized and routed the confident enemy forces. His tenacious devotion to duty and efficiency in the face of intense enemy fire reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Maxine Short, Wife, Everton, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant BILLIE M. SMITH, 6295049, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 March 1945 to 10 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Selva J. Smith, Wife, Box 573, Rotan, Texas.

Chaplain (Captain) LUTHER L. SWYGERT, 0417218, Corps of Chaplains, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 13 January 1945 to 21 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Yodor J. Swygert, Father, RFD #2, Leesville, South Carolina.

Private First Class HARRY WONDRA, 37031162, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 March 1945. As a small enemy assault team attempted to infiltrate through a rifle company's perimeter which was reinforced by a heavy machine gun section, Private WONDRA,

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ammunition bearer on guard at the right of the gun position, spotted two Japanese rushing forward with demolition charges. Realizing that it was too late to warn the gun crew, he jumped from his concealed position in the face of enemy fire to obtain a firing position from which he killed both enemy who were within a few yards of the gun emplacement. Home address: Mrs. Bessie Wondra, Mother, Route #1, Montgomery, Minnesota.

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Section I - Awards of Bronze Star Medal - Posthumously

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, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class GAYLORD J. ANDERSON, 36116078, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 31 January 1945 to 15 March 1945. Next of kin: Mrs. Nellie I. Orvis, Mother, Route #10, Pontiac, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant MELVIN T. COPE, 37007756, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 March 1945. When a reinforced rifle company advanced against strongly fortified enemy positions located on commanding ground, the forward assault elements encountered heavy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire which impeded the advance. Sergeant COPE, forward observer for an 81mm mortar platoon, promptly and efficiently ordered and registered in a concentrated counter-barrage and then called for a heavy 81mm smoke screen. The barrage and smoke screen enabled the assault company commander to reorganize his men, supervise the evacuation of numerous casualties, and continue the assault. Sergeant COPE'S bravery and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Hattie Cope, Mother, Route #2, Neosho, Missouri.

Private First Class FELIX J. De GRAZIO, 36689183, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 31 January 1945 to 21 March 1945. Next of Kin: Mrs. Angeline P. De Grazio, Wife, 906 S. Racine Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class ROBERT J. LAWRENCE, 36122304, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 31 January 1945 to 30 March 1945. Next of kin: Mrs. Mattie Lawrence, Mother, 501 E. Damon Street, Flint, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant FLOY LONG, 37007586, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cuyapo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Next of kin: Mr. George Long, Father, Route #3, Crocker, Missouri.

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Technical Sergeant OLIVER G. MERCILLE, 17015146, 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 MERCILLE, platoon sergeant, organized half of his platoon into an assault group and led his men in a charge to gain an objective. The group under his leadership knocked out three enemy pillboxes with grenades, captured one machine gun and killed five of the enemy. His coolness and courage gave encouragement to his entire company. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Mercille, Mother, R.R. Box 39, Cadet, Missouri.

Private First Class VIRGIL W. WILSON, 37603642, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. While moving forward in an attack against strongly fortified enemy positions, Private WILSON'S platoon encountered heavy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire. Private WILSON, an automatic rifleman, observing that his platoon was endangered by a concealed enemy machine gun position, established himself in a good firing position and brought accurate automatic fire on the machine gun emplacement. Because of his heroic action his platoon was able to advance and seize their objective. During the entire period Private WILSON was under a heavy concentration of 150mm enemy mortar fire which resulted in his death. His devotion to duty was an inspiration to all with whom he served. Next of kin: Mrs. Gertrude Wilson, Mother, Route #1, Ava, Missouri.

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, APC 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant CAMERON F. ASHBY, 01173853, 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 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy F. Hart, Mother, 3403 Dakota Street, Oakland, California.

Private First Class ALEXANDER BOKONE, 35026054, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. Private BOKONE, a member of an anti-tank gun crew, was on perimeter guard when the enemy made a night attack against his company. Private BOKONE, voluntarily, took charge of the men in his sector of the perimeter, coordinated their rifle fire and directed mortar fire in such an effective manner that the enemy attack was quickly repulsed. His initiative and outstanding ability are worthy of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Verona Bokone, Mother, 805 Dana Street Northeast, Warren, Ohio.

Captain DONALD S. BROWN, 0372694, Field Artillery, 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 1 December 1944 to 12 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Everett E. Brown, Mother, 806 Wiltshire Avenue, San Antonio 2, Texas.

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Sergeant JAMES A. CATTON, 37061296, 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. Ephraim Catton, Father, Route #3, Benton, Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM CHRISTENSEN, 37029516, 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. Chris Christensen, Father, Luverne, North Dakota.

Technical Sergeant RENE P. CLAEYS, 17003411, 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 12 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Julius Claeys, Father, Longrove, Iowa.

Sergeant CLIFTON E. COLLINS, 37008611, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. Sergeant COLLINS, a battalion wire chief, was given the mission of establishing wire communications from his battalion observation post located at the base of a mountain to forward elements of his battalion on top of the mountain. To accomplish this mission it was necessary to lay field wire by hand over a distance of three miles. Without regard for his personal safety, Sergeant COLLINS led his men across difficult terrain under a heavy concentration of enemy sniper and mortar fire. When enemy shelling destroyed large sections of the line which was already completed, Sergeant COLLINS continued to lead his men in a return mission to make necessary repairs. Even though he was injured, he remained to service the wire until communication was restored. Home address: Mrs. Vivian E. Collins, Wife, Hannibal, Missouri.

Private First Class ARTHUR C. DALSAS, 33702902, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. Following a heavy barrage of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, the enemy launched a large scale counterattack against the positions of the rifle company to which Private DALSAS and a machine gun section were attached. During the barrage a number of riflemen were wounded, forcing a withdrawal from their positions. Private DALSAS, with disregard for his own safety, volunteered to remain at a machine gun even though he was without the protection of supporting riflemen. He brought withering fire to bear on the terrain over which the enemy was advancing. His actions forced the enemy to keep under cover and enabled other men to evacuate the wounded and reorganize a defensive perimeter. Home address: Mrs. Francis Dalsas, Wife, 132 Woodlawn Drives, New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JAMES V. Del MONTE, 35524516, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 March 1945 to 25 March 1945. Home address: Miss Mary Del Monte, Sister, 2604 Wade Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Captain THOMAS M. ESMOND, 0355366, 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 12 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marion W. Esmond, Wife, 1003 Douglas, Ottawa, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade ROLLIN J. FAHRENKAMP, 37019646, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Larlin Fahrenkamp, Brother, New Prague, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant BERNARD J. FEHELEY, 35506997, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 January 1945. Sergeant FEHELEY moved his machine gun across rugged, mountainous terrain from a flank position where his company was pinned down by enemy machine gun and artillery fire to a point from which he could bring the full fire power of his weapon into use. Though under a terrific artillery barrage, he succeeded in knocking out an enemy machine gun emplacement, thereby enabling his company to continue its advance. Sergeant FEHELEY'S ability and courage under enemy fire were a great inspiration to his men. Home address: Mr. Edward L. Feheley, Father, 62 Murray Street, Binghamton, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade CLIFFORD R. GITTINGS, 37039306, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 1 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Benjamin C. Gittings, Father, Yarmouth, Iowa.

Captain JAMES R. HAGERTY, 01168264, 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 12 April 1945. Home address: Mr. John Hagerty, Father, Rural Route #1, Wataga, Illinois.

Private First Class JAMES W. HEDGES, 35798172, 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. James W. Hedges, Wife, Route #3, Stamping Ground, Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES P. HOLDEN, 6131976, 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. James Holden, Father 128 Cove Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Captain JOHN D. JEFFRIES, 01174602, 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 12 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Fern Jeffries, Mother, 304 East Anthony Street, Corydon, Iowa.

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Technical Sergeant RICHARD A. JOHNSON, 17017610, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. After his infantry company had seized a high ridge, Sergeant JOHNSON, in command of a leading platoon, observed a large group of enemy soldiers gathering in a small ravine which was directly in front of the ridge occupied by his platoon. Immediately, Sergeant JOHNSON called for artillery fire and, from an exposed position, directed and adjusted artillery fire upon the enemy. His effective adjustments of such fire resulted in fifty-two enemy dead. Home address: Mrs. Betty I. Johnson, Wife, Dassel, Minnesota.

Sergeant RICHARD M. KESSLER, 36115956, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Wawa-Antipolo line on 27 February 1945. Upon nearing their company objective, Sergeant KESSLER'S platoon received cross-fire from two enemy pillboxes. Sergeant KESSLER voluntarily moved forward into position and neutralized one pillbox with his automatic rifle, thereby enabling a squad to outflank and destroy it. He then turned his fire on the other emplacement and it was also destroyed. Sergeant KESSLER'S courageous act saved the lives of many of the men of his platoon. Home address: Mr. Gus Kessler, Father, 36711 East Corse Rd., Wayne, Michigan.

Private First Class EUGENE R. KINSER, 37502431, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Marikina watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. Following an infantry attack on a strongly held enemy hill position, Private KINSER went forward to destroy enemy cave emplacements with demolition charges. Although fired upon by enemy snipers who were holding the emplacements, he succeeded in destroying several caves. When the enemy fired an artillery concentration upon the demolition party, Private KINSER refused to take cover and continued to destroy enemy emplacements until wounded by shrapnel from an exploding shell. His bravery and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Sina Kinser, Mother, 928 North Main Street, Independence, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade HAROLD C. KNIFFEN, 37026824, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Burnie W. Kniffen, Father, Route #1, Box 41A, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Captain EUGENE R. MOORE, 01172182, 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 12 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alice L. Moore, Wife, Tipton, Iowa.

First Lieutenant ANDRE J. WAGUESPACK, 01109728, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Marikina watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 March 1945 to 3 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Andre Waguespack, Father, Barton, Louisiana.

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Chaplain (Captain) ROBERT H. WARREN, 0512320, Corps of Chaplains, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 25 January 1945 to 30 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen V Warren, wife, 1414 Massachusetts Avenue, S.E., Washington, D. C.

Staff Sergeant MARSHALL L. WILLIAMS, 37057739, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at the Marikina watershed, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. Sergeant WILLIAMS' company was moving forward to take a key point when it was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. Maneuvering his squad around its flank, Sergeant WILLIAMS confronted the Jap pillbox and made a direct hit on it with his rifle grenade launcher. He then led his men in a rush against the position and succeeded in knocking out the machine gun and killing nine of the enemy. The remainder of the company was then able to move forward. Home address: Mrs. Gladys Williams, Mother, 526 Winter Street, Hannibal, Missouri.

Sergeant ANDREW E. WILLIAMSON, 37065901, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. Sergeant WILLIAMSON, a member of a 60mm mortar section, was attached to a platoon which was holding a tactically important hill. Just before dawn a Japanese force attempted to storm the hill and take our positions. When the action began, all members of his mortar crew were pinned down by small arms fire from enemy soldiers who had infiltrated to the rear of our positions. With disregard for his own safety, Sergeant WILLIAMSON, realizing the necessity for holding the hill, began firing a mortar unaided and effectively poured out enough fire to disorganize the enemy attack. Home address: Mrs. Ellen Williamson, Mother, Grubbs, Arkansas.

Section III - Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT J. BLIESATH, 36201394, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 21, dated 10 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT J. BLIESATH, 36201394, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Isidro, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alvina Bliesath, wife, 121 W. Atchison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant JAMES L. GIANGROSSO, 01293037, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

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First Lieutenant JAMES L. GIANGROSSO, 01293037, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 February 1945 to 28 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Paul Giangrosso, Father, 1707 South White Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class HARMON D. MATTHEWS, 38451667, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 5, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class HARMON D. MATTHEWS, 38451667, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Mataba on the night of 29 March 1945. Private MATTHEWS laid wire line over rough terrain during the hours of darkness while under heavy enemy fire to the post of his forward observer. Several times during the night, Private MATTHEWS, with no protection, went back to splice the wire line which had been broken by enemy mortar fire. Home address: Mrs. Eva M. Matthews, Mother, c/o State Hospital, Benton, Arkansas.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Master Sergeant HARRY J. WAGONER, 36150017, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 7, Section I, General Orders No. 27, dated 24 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Master SERGEANT HARRY J. WAGONER, 36150017, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 1 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marion S. Wagoner, Wife, 444-6th Avenue, Alpena, Michigan.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant WALTER R. WHITE, 37006959, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 2, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant WALTER R. WHITE, 37006959, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Marikina watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 March 1945 to 3 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Charles O. White, Father, Rush Springs, Oklahoma.

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Section IV - Amendment of General Orders

af So much of Section VI, General Orders No. 57, this headquarters, dated 23 April 1945 as reads "Technical Sergeant JOE H. HANKINS, 37182212" is amended to read "Technician Fifth Grade JOE H. HANKINS, 37182212".

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3 May 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER # 226

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

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 officers and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel RUDOLPH K. BRUNSVOLD, O24201, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. During an attack against a strongly fortified hill, Colonel BRUNSVOLD was continually with his leading assault elements maneuvering companies into covered routes of approach and directing supporting fires which made possible the steady advance of his infantry battalion with minimum casualties. By leading a night assault on the crest of a hill, Colonel BRUNSVOLD surprised the enemy to such an extent that they were decisively defeated, thereby securing his battalion objective and also enabling the successful advance of adjacent units. Colonel BRUNSVOLD'S tireless efforts, bravery and outstanding tactical ability reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy J. Brunsvold, Wife, 317 14th Street South, Fargo, North Dakota.

Technical Sergeant RUFUS A. BRYANT, 37066008, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On the night of 26 February 1945 the infantry company of which Sergeant BRYANT is a member was subjected to a heavy enemy artillery concentration suggestive of preparation for a strong counterattack. Sergeant BRYANT, voluntarily, went forward beyond his company command post to an observation post. On the way to this forward position he was twice knocked down and badly shaken-up physically as a result of concussion from large caliber shells exploding nearby; nevertheless, he continued to move forward under the intense shelling until he reached the observation post. From this hard-won point of excellent observation he skillfully spotted enemy positions and troop concentrations and directed such effective mortar fire on the enemy that any threat to our forces was dissipated. Sergeant BRYANT'S courageous and tenacious accomplishment of a hazardous mission, so costly to the enemy, was a source of inspiration to all the men with whom he serves and reflects high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lillie Bryant, Mother, Route #1, Nashville, Arkansas.

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Captain ISADORE E. GOLDBERG, 0304914, Medical Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 January 1945. After the infantry regiment with which Captain GOLDBERG was serving had seized a large hill, it was subjected to a terrific enemy mortar and artillery barrage which inflicted many casualties. Because of the difficult terrain, it was impossible to evacuate the casualties before administering first aid. Captain GOLDBERG, a battalion surgeon, organized a litter-carrying party consisting of approximately fifty men and proceeded up the rugged hillside, administering first aid and sending the casualties to the rear by carrying parties. Though under enemy fire, Captain GOLDBERG worked tirelessly, giving no thought to personal safety until all wounded men were treated and evacuated. Home address: Miss Libbie Goldberg, Sister, 3215 Wayne Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade ARTHUR J. KROETSCH, 37028879, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 22 March 1945. Technician KROETSCH volunteered to bring in a casualty who had fallen on a hill which was at a distance of four hundred yards. The only route of approach was through difficult ravines and over steep hills. Despite enemy patrols in the area, he reached the casualty and, after administering first aid, led a litter squad back in order to evacuate him. Technician KROETSCH'S gallantry and unselfish devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Rachell Kroetsch, Mother, RR #2, Wales, North Dakota.

Staff Sergeant EMERSON A. LUTZ, 37057865, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. When an intense enemy barrage of heavy 150mm mortar fire was placed on two rifle companies, severe casualties were incurred and the companies ordered to shift their location to a more tenable position. Sergeant LUTZ, supply sergeant of one of the companies, immediately and voluntarily organized litter teams and, with utter disregard for his personal safety, led the teams forward into the enemy fire in an attempt to rescue and evacuate his wounded comrades. Untiringly, he worked until after darkness, returning time and time again to the area which was under shelling. Although he had one litter shot from his hands during the course of the action, he gallantly carried on until the last casualty had been successfully evacuated. Sergeant LUTZ'S courageous devotion to duty was instrumental in saving the lives of many of his wounded comrades. Home address: Mrs. Emma Lutz, Mother, Maple Orchard, St. Louis County, Missouri.

First Lieutenant ROBERT J. RIDGWAY, 0533718, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Marikina watershed on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. As commander of an engineer platoon charged with constructing a supply road, Lieutenant RIDGWAY displayed gallantry in leading his platoon to the successful accomplishment of its mission. Despite frequent artillery and mortar concentrations, he reconnoitered the exposed route and then proceeded with the construction of the road which was absolutely necessary to the taking and holding of an infantry objective. Home address: Mrs. Mary Ridgway, Mother, 312 Russell Street, Sharon, Pennsylvania.

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First Lieutenant RAYMOND F. WILLIS, 01174744, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 30 March 1945. When the company with which Lieutenant WILLIS was serving as artillery forward observer suffered numerous casualties, he distinguished himself by assisting in the evacuation of wounded men and their equipment while under heavy enemy fire. His courageous action beyond the call of duty performed with utter disregard for his personal safety was an inspiration to all the men working with him and contributed greatly to the success of an operation. Home address: Mrs. Donnabella Willis, Wife, Route #3, Box 127, Atlantic, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE ZEBACK, 33172122, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. In the early morning three enemy riflemen attempted an attack against perimeter positions by close-in fighting using grenades and bayonets. Sergeant ZEBACK, a squad leader, occupied the foremost perimeter post. Realizing that the position had to be held at all costs, he stood fast and engaged the enemy in hand to hand fighting. Killing one of the enemy with a blow from the butt of his gun, Sergeant ZEBACK then rolled toward a foxhole, firing his weapon as he rolled and killed the second enemy and wounded the third. Sergeant ZEBACK'S determined and successful stand is worthy of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Mary Zeback, mother, 526 Thirteenth Street, North Braddock, Pennsylvania.

Section II - Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster) - Posthumously

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant TED L. EGBERT, 0407262, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, Section III, General Orders No. 40, dated 31 March 1945, 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 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant TED L. EGBERT, 0407262, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945. His company had been ordered to withdraw from the slopes of a mountain. During the withdrawal the enemy laid down a heavy 150mm mortar barrage against the company. One man in the company was critically wounded by the mortar fire. Ordering his platoon to take cover, and ignoring the continuous mortar fire, Lieutenant EGBERT, with the assistance of a medical aid man, crawled over open terrain to the wounded man and quickly administered first aid. Disregarding his personal safety, he and the aid man carried the wounded man to cover. Next of kin: Mrs. Rita D. Egbert, Wife, 318 Second Street, Sanalito, California.

Section III - Awards of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

: By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class RUSSELL CHIPPEWA, 36410702, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, Section II, General Orders No. 38, dated 29 March 1945, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

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Private First Class RUSSELL CHIPPEWA, 36410702, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. Private CHIPPEWA, gunner in a machine gun squad attached to a rifle company, contributed greatly to the successful repulsion of an enemy force which attempted to storm our hill position under cover of darkness. With disregard for his own safety, Private CHIPPEWA exposed himself to enemy fire in order to throw grenades in the area from which the enemy were attacking. He made several trips back to the command post to secure an additional supply of grenades for himself and the other men. His courage and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Eliza Jane Chippewa, Mother, Route #1, Box 22, Omena, Michigan.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain KEITH O. LEIGHOW, 01294327, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Captain KEITH O. LEIGHOW, 01294327, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 March 1945. Captain LEIGHOW'S company was ordered to make a night attack against two enemy-held positions which could not be feasibly attacked during daylight hours. The terrain was very hilly and interspersed with deep, wooded ravines where enemy troops were known to be operating. Enemy troops encountered enroute were silently killed and the objective taken without the loss of a man. Captain LEIGHOW'S planning and execution of this dangerous mission are worthy of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Eileen Leighow, Wife, 2124 North 29th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Colonel EVERETT M. YON, 05730, by the Commanding General, 93d Infantry Division, as published in General Orders No. 34, dated 2 November 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Colonel EVERETT M. YON, 05730, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. Colonel YON, commander of an infantry regiment, led his men in a night attack against enemy installations. By sending one of his battalions in an advance across four thousand yards of valley terrain, he surprised the enemy who were located at the base of an objective hill, split their forces and prevented them from removing supplies in their hasty withdrawal. Colonel YON then ordered a coordinated attack against the final objective. The enemy were driven from their positions with great losses and all resistance was shattered. Home address: Mrs. Catherine F. Yon, Wife, 2409 Broome Street, Gainesville, Florida.

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4 May 1945

- SECTION I - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR - POSTHUMOUSLY
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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 officer and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant DOLPH BARNETT, JR., O1300265, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 1 March 1945. During a fierce barrage of enemy artillery fire on a hill which was occupied by a friendly infantry rifle company, Lieutenant BARNETT, a mortar observer, immediately realized that a counter-barrage of mortar fire was necessary to silence the enemy guns. Though his observation post was under enemy sniper fire, Lieutenant BARNETT, with complete disregard for his personal safety, worked his way forward to a point from which he could secure a better view of enemy positions. While exposed to enemy observation and fire, he directed a mortar barrage on the enemy which was so accurate and intense that the guns were silenced and the enemy destroyed. Upon completing this gallant act, a sniper's bullet found its mark, mortally wounding Lieutenant BARNETT. His bravery and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all men with whom he served. Next of kin: Mr. Dolph Barnett, Sr., Father, Cambridge Apartments, Seattle, Washington.

Private LEON W. SHARP, 7060867, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Marikina watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 April 1945. Following an infantry assault on an enemy-held hill position, Private SHARP began destroying cave emplacements with hand-placed demolition charges. Before the last cave position could be sealed, the enemy placed a heavy mortar barrage on our troops, forcing them to take cover. The moment the barrage lifted Private SHARP, alone, went forward voluntarily to destroy the remaining emplacement. Braving enemy rifle fire he placed a charge at the entrance of the cave, destroying the enemy within. While attempting to withdraw Private SHARP was hit and mortally wounded by enemy sniper fire. Private SHARP'S exceptional bravery demonstrated in his unassisted attack on the strongly-held enemy position and his complete devotion to duty are worthy of the highest praise. Next of kin: Mrs. Bess Miller, Mother, 502 Grant Avenue, Neosho, Missouri.

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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 enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant WILBUR G. MAGES, 35125370, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Muno, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. During an enemy tank counterattack at night, Sergeant MAGES armed himself with rifle grenades and, accompanied by a two-man rocket-launcher team, moved forward through enemy and friendly fire to engage and destroy one of the enemy tanks. Although his position was revealed by the flames rising from the wrecked tank, Sergeant MAGES again moved into position and destroyed a second tank. Home address: Mr. Edward Mages, Father, 3316 Glenway Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Private First Class JIM O. TEDDER, 34580064, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Muno, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 February 1945. During an enemy tank counterattack at night, Private TEDDER, a loader of a rocket launcher, moved forward as part of a three-man team under both friendly and enemy small arms and machine gun fire to engage and destroy one of the enemy tanks. Although his position was revealed by the flames rising from the wrecked tank, Private TEDDER again moved into position and destroyed a second tank. Home address: Mrs. Hattie E. Tedder, Mother, RFD #4, Guntersville, Alabama.

Section III - Award of Silver Star (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Staff Sergeant EDWARD C. COMMERS, 38254728, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 44, 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 (Bull 43 WD 1918). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant EDWARD C. COMMERS, 38254728, (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 March 1945. Sergeant COMMERS' sector of a defensive perimeter was attacked several times by the enemy in attempts to overrun the company position. Completely disregarding personal danger, Sergeant COMMERS made several trips from the perimeter to his company command post to obtain ammunition for his men. Though wounded by a mortar burst, he went among his men encouraging them and giving helpful advice. Sergeant COMMERS' gallantry and initiative are highly commensurate. Home address: Mrs. Marie Commers, Mother, 19 Shiland Street, Guntersville, Alabama.

Section IV - Awards of Soldier's Medal

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1926 (Bull 3 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 No. 6, 27 October 1943, and paragraph 3g, USAFFE Regulations (AR 600-45), dated 17 August 1943, Subject: "Award of Decorations", a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

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Private First Class FLOYD E. STRUBLE, 38585939, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. When a gasoline stove in a kitchen tent caught fire and enveloped the tent and its occupants in flames, Private STRUBLE ran into the flaming tent to effect the rescue of those endangered by the accident. He assisted in wrapping a mattress cover about the body of one of the cooks whose clothing was in flames. His quick thinking and prompt action saved the life of the man. The heroism displayed by Private STRUBLE reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Irene Mae Struble, Mother, Route #2, Caldwell, Kansas.

Private First Class RALPH J. VENTO, 33269759, (then Private), Infantry, United States Army. For heroism at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. A gasoline stove in a kitchen tent in which Private VENTO was working caught fire, enveloping the tent and its occupants in flames. Private VENTO immediately ran to his bunk nearby, secured a mattress cover and ran back into the burning tent. He wrapped the mattress cover about the body of one of the cooks who was badly burned and whose clothing were on fire, smothering the flames. His quick thinking and prompt action saved the man's life. The heroism displayed by Private VENTO reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. John Vento, Father, 204 Omega Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade PAUL L. WILLIAMS, 37046598, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. A gasoline stove in a kitchen tent in which Technician WILLIAMS was working caught fire, enveloping the tent and its occupants in flames. Technician WILLIAMS, by rolling on the dirt floor, smothered the flames of his burning clothing. Although suffering from serious burns, Technician WILLIAMS remained in the tent and assisted in the rescue of another person who was badly burned as a result of the accident. The heroism displayed by Technician WILLIAMS reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. George H. Williams, Father, Route #1, Lacona, Iowa.

Section V - Award of Bronze Star medal - Posthumously

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, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following personnel:

Private First Class GEORGE B. SMITH, 34506435, Corps of Military Police, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 17 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Wilma H. Smith, Wife, General Delivery, Decaturville, Tennessee.

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Section VI - Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Colonel HAROLD G. MAISON, 0141515, by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published in General Orders No. 33, dated 6 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. 9417, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Colonel HAROLD G. MAISON, 0141515, (then Lieutenant Colonel), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 4 February 1945 to 14 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Zoe C. Maison, Wife, 910 Tamarack Street, Springfield, Oregon.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 12 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant BUDDY BELCHER, 35207532, Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 18 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Belcher, Mother, Mount Gay, West Virginia.

Private First Class LAWRENCE W. BRAUN, 35162721, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 3 March 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise Braun, Mother, Route #7, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Private First Class NORRIS R. BROOKS, 35363821, 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. The rifle company with which Private BROOKS was serving as aid man met stiff resistance from enemy emplacements and several men were wounded by enemy sniper and machine gun fire. One of the casualties, critically wounded, lay in an exposed position and needed blood plasma. Private BROOKS, with disregard for his own safety, volunteered to go alone and attempt to drag and carry the wounded man to safety. During the attempt, Private BROOKS was hit by sniper fire, but he continued his effort until he had removed the wounded man from danger. Home address: Mrs. Leawanna Brooks, Wife, 418 Indiana Street, Greenfield, Indiana.

Private First Class AUGUST E. CACINI, 36656344, Medical Department, 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 11 April 1945. In the face of heavy enemy shelling and small arms fire, Private CACINI, with disregard for his own safety, voluntarily advanced far beyond a battalion aid station over extremely rough terrain in order to administer first aid and to help evacuate several seriously wounded men. His courageous action and devotion to duty made the evacuation and treatment of the wounded men possible, thereby saving several lives. Home address: Mr. A. Cacini, Father, 737 Evergreen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Master Sergeant WILLER G. CHANDLER, 6264629, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 February 1945. Sergeant CHANDLER volunteered to lead a wire team over territory occupied by enemy snipers in order to establish wire communication between his regimental command post and battalion command posts. Although enemy snipers were numerous and the team was fired on several times, the communication line was rapidly and efficiently installed. Home address: Mrs. Anita L. Chandler, Wife, Turkey Ford, Oklahoma.

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Private First Class RICHARD W. COAN, 36679970, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945. Private COAN ran and crawled forward of our lines under intense rifle and machine gun fire in order to evacuate a seriously wounded soldier. The terrain over which he moved was open and without cover and the enemy was entrenched on high ground only two hundred yards from the wounded soldier. His courage was an inspiration to all men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Annabelle Coan, Wife, 929 Cornelia Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class RALPH W. DARINGER, 37197038, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Laseo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. During a heavy concentration of enemy artillery and sniper fire, communication lines between assault units and a battalion command post were severed. Though the shelling and sniper fire continued along the route he must follow, Private DARINGER volunteered to repair the broken lines. He moved forward in the face of great personal danger and remained exposed to the enemy fire until communication facilities were restored. Home address: Mrs. Grace Daringer, Mother, 544 North Street, SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade RALPH R. EATON, 36038450, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 5 March 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Ralph A. Eaton, Father, 309 East Clark Street, Champaign, Illinois.

**Awarded Medal of Honor by Malabon, Luzon, Philippines on 30 May 45*
Sergeant JOHN FEACHEN, 35412900, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945. Sergeant FEACHEN, without thought of personal safety, volunteered to assist with the evacuation of a wounded soldier. The area was under intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire. The route he had to follow was over open ground and offered no cover. During the process of evacuation of the wounded man, Sergeant FEACHEN was seriously wounded, but he succeeded in moving the casualty to a place of safety. Home address: Mrs. Susie Feachen, Mother, Barton, Ohio.

Private First Class MORTIMER GILBERT, 34162019, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Marikina watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 March 1945. When his platoon's radio was knocked out, Private GILBERT, platoon runner, volunteered to deliver messages to his company command post which was three hundred yards away over enemy-observed terrain. By maintaining communications in this manner, it was possible for his platoon to advance and gain its objective. Home address: Mrs. May Gilbert, Mother, Route #1, Adger, Alabama.

Private First Class RUSSELL D. HOLLEY, 6864297, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Laseo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. During a heavy concentration of enemy artillery and sniper fire, communication lines between assault units and a battalion command post were severed. Though the shelling and sniper fire continued along the route he must follow, Private HOLLEY volunteered to repair the broken lines. He moved forward in the face of great personal danger and remained exposed to the enemy fire until communication facilities were restored. Home address: Mrs. E. Krichboun, Sister, 3729 South Lockwell, Chicago, Illinois.

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Sergeant HERMAN P. HUDDERS, 36052958, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wawa-Antipolo, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 19 March 1945 to 1 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Hudders, Mother, Atkinson, Illinois.

Private First Class CECIL L. JORDAN, 34900219, Medical Department, 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 11 April 1945. In the face of heavy enemy shelling and small arms fire, Private JORDAN, with disregard for his own safety, voluntarily advanced far beyond a battalion aid station over extremely rough terrain in order to administer first aid and to help evacuate several seriously wounded men. His courageous action and devotion to duty made possible the evacuation and treatment of the wounded men, thereby saving several lives. Home address: Mr. C. J. Jordan, Father, Route #3, Gleason, Tennessee.

Private First Class BENNIE C. LUNDY, 34130774, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 5 March 1945 to 25 March 1945. Home address: Mr. John H. Lundy, Father, Route #1, Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Sergeant AUBREY N. LYNCH, 39081226, Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 18 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mattie C. Lynch, Wife, 224 H Street, Coalinga, California.

Private First Class EARL L. MAYBERRY, 37040174, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Fay Mayberry, Mother, Wyoming, Iowa.

Private First Class ROLAND B. MENGEL, 33622462, Medical Department, 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 11 April 1945. In the face of heavy enemy shelling and small arms fire, Private MENGEL, with disregard for his own safety, voluntarily advanced far beyond a battalion aid station over extremely rough terrain in order to administer first aid and to help evacuate several seriously wounded men. His courageous action and devotion to duty made possible the evacuation and treatment of the wounded men, thereby saving several lives. Home address: Mrs. Sadie Mengel, Mother, 1013 Spring Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade HAROLD F. PASSE, 37019588, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 3 March 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Frank J. Passe, Father, 701 West Fifth Street, Wabasha, Minnesota.

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Private First Class LAWRENCE H. SANDBRINK, 35365576, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Bataan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hazel Sandbrink, Wife, RFD #1, Dillsboro, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant CLIFFORD N. SWANSON, 37029758, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945. Sergeant SWANSON voluntarily crawled and ran under intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire over open terrain within sight of the enemy in order to evacuate a seriously wounded soldier. His courage was an inspiration to all men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Clara Swanson, Wife, Buffalo Springs, North Dakota.

Private First Class PAUL E. TAYLOR, 37057307, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at the Marikina Watershed, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945. Private TAYLOR volunteered to drive his vehicle forward with supplies for an isolated company. Carrying parties used just prior to his action had suffered several casualties from small arms fire and mortar concentrations. Although he was subjected to fire from automatic weapons, Private TAYLOR successfully completed several trips to the isolated company, thereby releasing carrying parties for other duties. Home address: Mr. Isaac R. Taylor, Father, Harris, Missouri.

Private First Class CLOYCE L. WARREN, 35162013, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 5 March 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary L. Warren, Wife, 3915 Spawn Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade VALERIAN J. WORATSCHKA, 6939947, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Kataba, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. In the face of heavy enemy shelling and small arms fire, Technician WORATSCHKA, with disregard for his personal safety, volunteered to advance far beyond a battalion aid station over extremely rough terrain in order to administer first aid and to help evacuate several seriously wounded men. His courageous action and devotion to duty made possible the evacuation and treatment of the wounded men, thereby saving several lives. Home address: Mr. Edward F. Woratschka, Father, Route #4, New Ulm, Minnesota.

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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 JACOB M. BECKMAN, 37030783, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. After a reinforced rifle company had seized a battalion objective and set up defensive positions, the entire company perimeter became subjected to accurate and prolonged enemy 150mm mortar fire which killed the company commander and caused numerous other casualties. With disregard for his own safety, Private BECKMAN, a cannoneer of an anti-tank gun crew, volunteered to assist the battalion surgeon in locating wounded men and administering much needed medical aid. While still under the unabated mortar barrage, he carried the wounded men to a jeep and succeeded in evacuating them from the severely contested area. Home address: Mrs. Florence M. Beckman, Mother, RFD #1, Ceres, California

Private First Class VIRGIL W. BOSTIC, 37059515, Medical Department, 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 two rifle companies supported by a heavy weapons platoon held high ground, enemy forces laid devastatingly heavy mortar concentrations on them, causing casualties. As the enemy counterattacked and artillery barrages increased in number, the order to shift to more favorable positions was received. Throughout the entire action, Private BOSTIC, a medical aid man, with disregard for his own safety, crawled among the forward platoons and administered much needed medical aid to the wounded men. He calmly and efficiently supervised litter squads and organized additional litter parties from rear elements. Home address: Mrs. Mary L. Bostic, Mother, 2758 Wilton Road, St. Louis, Missouri.

First Lieutenant NORMAN L. BUSH, 01304014, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Katuba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. In an assault by an infantry rifle company, the company was pinned down by enemy sniper and machine gun fire. Lieutenant BUSH, leading the forward rifle platoon, directed artillery fire on enemy machine gun nests, completely destroying them. In proceeding with the assault the lead scouts of his platoon were wounded. Lieutenant BUSH took their place and discovered a well concealed enemy ambush manned by eight men and defended by a strong cross-fire. By skillful maneuvering of his men, Lieutenant BUSH succeeded in destroying the ambush, killing two of the enemy and forcing the others to retreat. Later, when Lieutenant BUSH came up to an enemy cave from which his company was being pinned by strong enemy sniper fire, he, personally, destroyed the position and made. Home address: Mrs. Monta Bush, Mother, Cable Street, Salem, Oregon.

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Private First Class EVERETT J. CLARK, 37007884, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945. When a reinforced rifle company attacked a battalion objective, it encountered devastating machine gun cross-fire from a defensive strong point which temporarily halted their advance. Private CLARK, assistant automatic rifleman, then carrying ammunition over hazardous terrain to his automatic rifleman who was located on a forward slope, was informed that the gunner was wounded and the weapon was inactive. Immediately, Private CLARK rush forward and, after observing the terrain, carried the weapon to a new position which commanded a far better field of fire. From this position he brought devastating automatic rifle fire to bear upon an enemy strong point and succeeded in pinning down the enemy gunners and supporting rifle-men, thereby enabling a demolition team to crawl forward and demolish the enemy position. Home address: Mr. George H. Clark, Brother, La Junta, Colorado.

Private First Class LONEY H. COCHRAN, 18029672, (then Private), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Shimbu Line, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 February 1945. Private COCHRAN'S platoon was pinned down by machine gun fire from two enemy pillboxes located one hundred yards to their front. Under machine gun fire, Private COCHRAN moved from his place of cover to another position fifty yards away. Here he delivered fire against the pillbox on his right, enabling the platoon to flank it and complete its destruction. With this emplacement demolished, the men of his platoon were able to destroy the pillbox on their left. Home address: Mrs. Nora E. Cochran, Mother, Evening Shade, Missouri.

Private First Class NORMAN L. COLLINS, 35365541, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945. When an infantry rifle company was pinned down in its advance by intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire, Private COLLINS, an automatic rifleman, rapidly evaluated the precarious situation and, with disregard for his own safety, crawled from a sheltered position to within forty feet of enemy machine gun and mortar emplacements. From his hazardous location, he brought devastating automatic rifle fire upon the enemy positions, completely pinning them down, thereby enabling his demolition teams to advance and set off demolition charges. Home address: Mr. Leander Collins, Father, 507 Park Street, Rockville, Indiana.

First Lieutenant CHARLES W. CRUMP, JR., 01293920, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 13 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nancy Crump, Wife, 151 Swall Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM H. CRUMLINE, 01304183, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Bayangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. After two reinforced rifle companies established defensive positions to the objective, approximately sixty rounds of enemy 150mm mortar shells fell on the established positions causing heavy casualties. As strong enemy forces were about to flank, friendly troops commenced shifting to more tenable positions. Lieutenant Crumline, heavy machine gun platoon leader, maneuvered his company to the reverse slope of a hill so competently that only one casualty was

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suffered during the movement. With disregard for his personal safety, on his own initiative and alone, he returned through the continuous barrage and assisted in commanding the orderly withdrawal of forward elements. In addition, he supervised the evacuation of numerous casualties. During the completion of the maneuver, he was wounded by shrapnel in the back and ordered to report for medical attention. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Crumrine, wife, 225 Church Street, Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant SELVEY N. DECKER, 37008921, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. An enemy machine gun was holding up the advance of an infantry company. Sergeant DECKER, along with a squad leader from another platoon, crawled to within fifteen yards of the enemy machine gun position and knocked it out by using hand grenades. Sergeant DECKER and his comrade were wounded by a grenade thrown on the enemy from a nearby position. With the enemy machine gun silenced, the infantry company was able to advance and secure its objective. Home address: Mr. William M. Decker, Father, 11402 Worledge Street, Sugar Creek, Missouri.

Private First Class PHIL E. ELIASON, 19116237, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. With disregard for his own safety, Private ELIASON crawled twenty yards exposing himself to heavy small arms fire and grenades to reach a wounded man. He dragged him to a safe place where he administered necessary first aid. The heroic and courageous action of Private ELIASON saved the life of the wounded man and reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Ephriam J. Eliason, Father, Deseret, Utah.

Private First Class PAUL R. FAIR, 38517492, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 April 1945. As a member of a patrol approaching a small ravine, Private FAIR observed one of the enemy about to throw a hand grenade. With disregard for his own safety, Private FAIR gave the alarm and ran into the ravine exposing himself to the burst of the grenade while the remainder of the patrol maneuvered into position and cover. Although wounded by grenade fragments, he killed the Japanese soldier who had thrown the grenade. Other members of his patrol were then able to clear the area of the remaining enemy personnel. Home address: Mrs. Eugenia Fair, Mother, Box 103, Okolona, Arkansas.

First Lieutenant WALLACE W. FARNSWORTH, 01313084, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 April 1945 to 11 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Thelma A. Farnsworth, Wife, 2435 Browning Street, Berkeley, California.

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Staff Sergeant MASON FULKERSON, 37008933, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. As an infantry rifle company commenced establishing a strong defensive perimeter at dusk to hold its objective, it was pinned to the ground by a severe barrage of enemy mortar and artillery fire which caused heavy casualties. As enemy riflemen counter-attacked, the order to shift to a more tenable area was received. Sergeant FULKERSON, then acting as heavy weapons platoon leader, efficiently supervised the movement of his men. Upon reaching the new position and after directing the locations of new defensive gun emplacements, on his own initiative and alone, he returned to the vacated area in the face of unabated artillery and mortar fire in order to check the foxholes and emplacements for any wounded men who might have been overlooked during the change in positions. Home address: Mr. Roy M. Fulkerson, Father, 1121 1/2 Worledge Street, Sugar Creek, Missouri.

Private First Class CARLETON L. GILBERT, 17053600, Medical Department, 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. When forward assault rifle platoons were clearing hostile forces from commanding ground in mountainous terrain, they encountered a fierce barrage of machine gun, artillery and sniper fire. Numerous casualties fell in an exposed area subjected to further withering enemy fire. With disregard for his own safety, Private GILBERT, a medical aid man, crossed open terrain in the face of intense enemy fire in order to reach wounded men who were calling for help. He successfully administered medical aid. Immediately thereafter, he commanded a litter squad and evacuated the seriously wounded. His fearless, aggressive actions and intense devotion to duty inspired the assault platoons to further determined attack. Home address: Mr. Gerhard A. Gilbert, Father, 509 North Broadway, Watertown, South Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade PAUL A. HALE, 37007992, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Montalban-San Mateo sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. A wounded man, on the verge of death, was brought to a battalion trail bivouac from a forward Infantry company. The treatment that was needed could be obtained at a battalion aid station which was located ten miles away, accessible only over a treacherous and hardly discernible route. Without hesitation, Technician HALE volunteered to make the hazardous trip. His courage and initiative were instrumental in saving the man's life. Home address: Mrs. E. M. Hale, Mother, Route #6, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Private First Class HAROLD F. JORDAN, 37030812, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Urdueta, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. During an assault of an infantry rifle battalion against an estimated enemy force of two rifle companies and one tank company, six enemy tanks supported by fierce automatic weapons fire attacked elements of the forward friendly troops. At one point in the action an anti-tank gun crew engaged an enemy tank and suffered two men killed and three wounded. Hearing the call for a medical aid man, Private JORDAN, with disregard for his own safety, crawled forward one hundred yards in front of our main lines over exposed terrain and administered first aid to the wounded men. Home address: Mrs. Johanna Jordan, Mother, 3507 38th Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Private First Class DELBERT C. MALLOY, 37551553, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Iwawa-Antipolo sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. At dusk as an infantry rifle company endeavored to set up strong defensive emplacements around its area, it was suddenly pinned down by a heavy mortar and artillery barrage which caused severe casualties. Observing a wounded comrade lying in open terrain, Private MALLOY, an automatic rifleman, crawled from the safety of his fox-hole, dragged the wounded man to shelter and administered such needed medical aid. Home address: Mr. Percy A. Malloy, Father, Box 47, Holmquist, South Dakota.

Private First Class ROBERT J. MASSEY, 6955144, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayarbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945. When a reinforced rifle company was engaged in destroying enemy-held positions, the company suddenly encountered a severe barrage of mortar and machine gun fire which halted the advance and pinned the attacking force to the ground. Private MASSEY, gunner of an anti-tank rocket launcher, rapidly and competently evaluated the situation and then aggressively crawled over exposed terrain in the face of enemy fire in order to maneuver and secure a satisfactory firing position. Since the enemy mortar and machine gun emplacements offered no hard surface to detonate the rocket shell, he deliberately fired his weapon at nearby boulders, showering the enemy with shrapnel and pinning them down until a demolition team could knock out the position. Home address: Mrs. Maggie Massey, wife, 4208 Pickett Street, Greenville, Texas.

Staff Sergeant JAY P. MORGAN, 37059305, 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. When an infantry rifle company stormed strong, well-entrenched enemy forces, numerous casualties resulted from constant sniper, mortar, artillery and interlocking machine gun fire. As the forward assault platoons advanced, an enemy artillery gun position was discovered. Realizing the potential fire power and the commanding position of the weapon, Sergeant MORGAN, a rifle squad leader, with disregard for his own safety, crawled to the rear to summon counter-fire. Fearlessly walking upright before a self-propelled mount, he successfully maneuvered it to a firing position and through the use of his M-1 rifle and tracer ammunition revealed the camouflaged emplacement to friendly gunners, who fired point blank and demolished it. Home address: Mrs. Rosetta Morgan, Mother, Lewistown, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant ARNOLD F. OETTING, 37008976, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayarbayanan, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 April 1945. Crawling through enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant OETTING managed to reach a wounded comrade and pull him back to a defiladed position where first aid could be administered. The courageous and heroic act of Sergeant OETTING reflects great credit upon him and the military service. Home address: Mr. Adolph Oetting, Father, Route 1, Nevada, Missouri.

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Private First Class WILLIAM O OSBOURNE, 37003717, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945. When an infantry rifle company, commanded by a battalion assault team, was stopped in its advance by a severe mortar and machine gun cross-fire from enemy positions, on his own initiative and alone, Private OSBOURNE, a battalion assault team rifleman, fearlessly crawled to within throwing distance of a strongly fortified enemy emplacement and tossed three hand grenades. The enemy mortar crew discovered their immediate danger and began firing at him with supporting small arms. Calmly he returned accurate and sustained fire with his M-1 rifle, pinning the enemy down until a demolition team crawled forward and completed the destruction of the emplacement. Home address: Mrs. Dora M. Osbourne, wife, Monroe City, Missouri.

Captain BRWIST F. POFF, 024020, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the wum-antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. A fully loaded field artillery ammunition truck was approaching his company's perimeter when it suddenly hit an enemy lunge mine and exploded. Captain POFF hurriedly organized a four-man volunteer patrol and, personally, led them out of the perimeter to the burning truck, knowing that the enemy was in the immediate vicinity. Both the driver and his assistant were located and carried back to safety. Captain POFF'S rapid and decisive action, with disregard for his own safety, saved the lives of the two soldiers. Home address: Mrs. Retna M. Poff, wife, c/o John A. Hise, Gentry, Missouri.

Private First Class JACIL R. POPE, 35717635, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of San Mateo, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. When forward assault elements encountered devastating enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire, numerous casualties resulted and the evacuation problem became critical. Private POPE, with disregard for his own safety, crawled across ground swept by enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire to contact a medical aid man and litter squad. Three wounded comrades were evacuated under cover of darkness. After successfully maneuvering the squads in and out of the contested area and assisting in the evacuation of wounded personnel, though obviously fatigued and near a point of exhaustion, he volunteered to lead such needed reinforcements over the same treacherous route in order to relieve the hard-pressed unit. Home address: Mrs. Mary Pope, mother, Route #5, Sullivan, Indiana.

Private First Class HERMENILDO F. ROJAS, 3970714, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 9 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Francis Rojas, wife, Whittier's Ranch, Indiana.

Private First Class LEONARD G. SCHURMANN, 37029277, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 3 March 1945 to 31 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lucy Schurmann, mother, RR #2, Wabasha, Minnesota.

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Sergeant JONES SIMPSON, 39591203, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 7 April 1945. The company of which Sergeant SIMPSON is a member received a heavy and determined enemy counterattack. Preceding their attack with an intense mortar barrage, the enemy succeeded in creating a gap in the perimeter line of the company. Realizing the importance of immediately filling the gap in the line, Sergeant SIMPSON, an automatic rifleman, left a prepared defensive position and advanced in the face of intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire to a position affording an excellent field of fire. Laying down a heavy volume of fire with his automatic rifle, Sergeant SIMPSON killed six of the enemy and wounded others. Home address: Mrs. Julia Holland, Mother, 334 West 80th Street, Los Angeles, California.

Major ROBERT B. WELLS, 024275, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 April 1945 to 11 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Miriam M. Wells, Wife, 920 18th Street, Huntsville, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade CHESTER K. WESTMAN, 37030125, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945. While in charge of a civilian carrying party, Technician WESTMAN ran into intense machine gun and sniper fire which stopped the forward movement of the party. After seeing that his party had taken advantage of the sparse concealment available, Technician WESTMAN moved into the face of the sniper fire to a position from which he was able to kill one sniper and cause the remainder of the enemy to withdraw. By his heroism Technician WESTMAN enabled his carrying party to continue on its mission and move essential supplies to the front lines. Home address: Mrs. Anna Westman, Mother, General Delivery, Enfield, Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant JAMES H. WIGINGTON, 6864970, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 March 1945. When an infantry rifle company was engaged in destroying strongly fortified enemy caves and pillboxes, the forward assault platoon encountered devastating sniper and machine gun cross-fire which temporarily halted the advance and caused several casualties. Sergeant WIGINGTON, a weapons platoon sergeant disregarding his own safety, crawled forward in the direction of an enemy strong point and efficiently organized volunteer grenadiers and riflemen in order to make a fresh effort to rush and neutralize the fortification. During the ensuing action he killed four enemy riflemen and ordered a heavy barrage of fire across the mouth of the caves and pillboxes which enabled grenadiers and a demolition team to destroy the position. Home address: Mrs. Mary R. Wigington, Wife, 2528 South 10th Street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Sergeant JIMMIE WILDCAT, 38466157, (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 27 January 1945. As a rifle company set up defensive positions against enemy counterattacks, physical contact with their flank unit had not as yet been established. Sergeant WILDCAT, acting squad leader, maneuvered his squad over open terrain under intense

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enemy machine gun, artillery and sniper fire in order to gain contact with the flank of the adjoining unit. After accomplishing this mission without incurring casualties, he reported their position and then dispersed his squad, filling in the open perimeter and maintaining physical contact throughout the night. Sergeant WILDCAT, with disregard for his own safety, voluntarily acted as observer far in advance of his automatic rifle team. Home address: Mr. Maxey Wildcat, Father, Route #2, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Private First Class CHARLES D. WILKERS, 32752799, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Mount Mataba area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. The flank squad of an assault platoon in which Private WILKERS served as a rifleman sustained heavy casualties while attacking strongly fortified enemy positions. The squad was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire. Realizing that litter bearers were needed, he volunteered to lead them to the wounded. His route of travel was covered by heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Although severely wounded, he continued on until he located litter squads and directed them to the area containing the wounded men. The litter squads reached the casualties and evacuated them to a rear area. His courage was an inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Louisa Wilkers, Mother, 2812 Stevens Street, Camden, New Jersey.

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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 enlisted men:

✓ Sergeant LAWRENCE A. CARL, 37031208, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 April 1945. A machine gun squad led by Sergeant CARL was attached to an infantry rifle platoon advancing against enemy positions. The platoon was surprised in its operations by intense enemy machine gun fire which threatened to isolate and annihilate the platoon. Sergeant CARL placed his gun in position and directed fire on the enemy with such intensity that the platoon was able to withdraw to a place of safety, suffering only minor casualties. While covering the withdrawal of the platoon Sergeant CARL was fatally wounded. Sergeant CARL'S great courage and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mr. Andrew Carl, Father, Red Lake, Minnesota.

✓ Corporal FRANK J. TARZIA, 35334986, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945. An infantry company while advancing toward its objective was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire from enemy pillboxes. A self-propelled mount on which Corporal TARZIA was gunner was given the mission of placing direct fire on enemy positions. While taking the target under fire, the enemy placed anti-tank fire upon the self-propelled mount. Despite the heavy anti-tank fire, Corporal TARZIA remained at his post and completed his mission. Before the mount could be moved to an alternate position, it was struck by enemy 47mm fire, killing Corporal TARZIA instantly. His valor and devotion to duty were an inspiration to those with whom he served. Next of kin: Mrs. Carmella Tarzia, Mother, 239 Dayton Place, Akron, Ohio.

✓ Private First Class GLENN A. TRIPP, 37071646, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On the night of 26 February 1945, the Japs were laying an extremely heavy artillery barrage on our perimeter preparatory to an attack. This barrage knocked out all communication lines to our forward observation post. Private TRIPP, a mortar man, realizing the mortars would be unable to function without forward observation, left his place of safety to repair the lines. He had just finished putting

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in the last line when he was struck by shrapnel and instantly killed. At the sacrifice of his life, Private TRIPP accomplished his mission. His actions reflect the highest credit upon the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary L. Tripp, Mother, Route #5, Cameron, Missouri.

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 officers:

✓ Captain WILLIAM C. BEACHLER, 01280452, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. An infantry company commanded by Captain BEACHLER was one of the assault companies which attacked enemy-held Mount Mataba. The attack was made up a jagged and precipitous side of the mountain. During the entire attack against the strongly fortified and almost inaccessible positions, Captain BEACHLER personally led his company, continually exposing himself to enemy fire while reconnoitering routes of advance and enemy positions. His aggressive action enabled a battalion to take its objective. Home address: Mrs. Betty L. Beachler, Wife, 1119 Caswingham Road, Columbus 9, Ohio.

✓ Captain MILBURN W. BEITEL, 0386186, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. An attack against heavily fortified cave positions was made up the steep western slope of Mount Mataba. During the entire attack, Captain BEITEL, an infantry company commander, placed himself at the head of his company, locating routes of advance and spotting enemy positions. He led the final assault against a cave and trench position protected by barbed wire. After gaining ground on the mountain top, his company again was committed against other enemy positions on the mountain. One such position was manned by one hundred and fifty Japs, employing at least six machine guns and several mortars. Captain BEITEL led an assault on this position and took it. His coolness under fire and excellent leadership were an inspiration to his men during the entire action. Home address: Mrs. Emma E. Beitel, Wife, 1703 Roosevelt Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

✓ First Lieutenant J. H. CHILDS, 01305011, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. When his mortar platoon was subjected to a strong enemy counterattack and a 6.2 mortar barrage, Lieutenant CHILDS immediately moved his fire control center closer to his own mortars and ordered full fire on the enemy. The enemy barrage cut the communication lines between the fire control center and his mortars. Knowing that the repulsion of the counterattack depended on the operations of the communication lines, he left his foxhole in the face of intense enemy small arms and mortar fire and repaired the lines. Lieutenant CHILDS was seriously wounded, but he succeeded in restoring the vital communications. Home address: Mrs. Carolyn J. Childs, Wife, 1505 Ninth Street, Brownwood, Texas.

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Captain WILLIAM J. MORAN, 0410606, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. An infantry company commanded by Captain MORAN was committed during the second day of an attack against enemy-held Mount Mataba. Captain MORAN'S mission was to clear the remaining enemy strong points from the mountain which is one thousand three hundred and fifty foot high with precipitous slopes, deep gorges and narrow ridges. The enemy positions consisted of caves with connecting tunnels. These positions were manned by an estimated one hundred and fifty Japanese, employing six known machine guns. After the 15th attack Captain MORAN'S company overcame the enemy and found the various positions littered with enemy dead. During the entire action, Captain MORAN placed himself at the head of his company and, although shot twice during the last attack, he continued to lead his men until their mission was accomplished. Home address: Mrs. Jerry Moran, Mother, 408 1/2 South Minnesota Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Lieutenant Colonel BERNIE F. MORGAN, 0364443, (then Major), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. An infantry battalion commanded by Colonel MORGAN was given the mission of attacking and securing Mount Mataba. The mountain was defended by numerous enemy emplacements, caves, and foxholes, some of which were woven in with barb wire. In spite of these obstacles, Colonel MORGAN made his plan of attack and led his assault companies in the initial attack. When the objective was taken, he personally organized his men for mopping-up operations, repeatedly exposing himself to enemy sniper, machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. His aggressive and cool leadership, excellent planning and coordination inspired his troops and were instrumental in gaining the battalion objective with a minimum of casualties. Home address: Mrs. Eloise C. Morgan, Wife, 810 S 10th Street, Laramie, Wyoming.

First Lieutenant WELFORD L. PEDERSON, 01821003, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy over Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 16 April 1945 when his field artillery battalion was engaged in supporting ground combat against the Japanese in the Montalban area, Lieutenant PEDERSON, a field artillery liaison pilot, returning to an airstrip after a patrol mission, observed that accurate enemy artillery fire was falling in his battalion area. His plane was low on gasoline, however, Lieutenant PEDERSON elected to return to the mountainous area from which the enemy artillery was firing. In order to observe ground activity in the limited visibility of dusk, he descended to such a low altitude that his slow moving liaison plane was vulnerable to the enemy anti-aircraft and machine gun fire directed at his plane. With disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant PEDERSON continued to search until he located flashes from the enemy gun. He then adjusted counterbattery fire and destroyed the enemy position. When the fire mission was completed he returned to the airstrip in darkness with only sufficient gasoline to reach the strip. Home address: Mrs. Ruth B. Pederson, Wife, 107 E. 4th Street, Morris, Minnesota.

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Section III - Award of Silver Star (Oak-Leaf Cluster) - Posthumously

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Private First Class ROBERT F. DUCKLOW, 37029003, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 12, Section II, General Orders No. 28, dated 24 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 the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull 43 WD 1918). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class ROBERT F. DUCKLOW, 37029003, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. When heavy enemy mortar shelling forced the infantry company to which Private DUCKLOW was attached as aid man to maneuver to cover, he volunteered to remain and treat a casualty. While administering aid to the wounded man, a mortar shell landed nearby, killing Private DUCKLOW. His gallant devotion to duty and outstanding courage exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Ducklow, Mother, 3311 Oakland Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Section IV - Award of Silver Star (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Technical Sergeant LESLIE S. COLLIER, 37059120, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 47, dated 7 April 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 (Bull 43 WD 1918). The citation is as follows:

Technical Sergeant LESLIE S. COLLIER, 37059120, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy along the Antipolo trail, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 March 1945. Sergeant COLLIER, a rifle platoon sergeant, was moving ammunition to a forward defense platoon when he saw a Japanese knee mortar shell knock out a light machine gun and its squad. As soon as the machine gun position was silenced, Japanese troops stormed forward. Noting the critical situation and the serious threat to the perimeter as the supporting riflemen were forced to shift their positions to meet the attack, he commanded his men to hold their ground and then fearlessly rushed to the knocked-out emplacement. While automatically throwing hand grenades and firing his rifle at the foremost elements of the enemy, he skillfully repaired the damaged light machine gun under a hail of enemy hand grenades and severe sniper fire. During the last moments of repairing the weapon, several Japanese rushed his position. With his supply of ammunition and grenades completely exhausted, he feinted a hand grenade throw which succeeded in holding the enemy down for a few minutes. Before they discovered the ruse he completed the repair of the weapon and laid devastating machine gun fire across the entire front. Home address: Mr. Oscar H. Collier, Father, Route #1, Cuba, Missouri.

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Section V - Awards of Bronze Star Medal - Posthumously

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, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted man:

↓ Second Lieutenant ROBERT BRUCE, 01303337, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 18 January 1945. When the assault of an infantry battalion against a strongly held enemy hill was held up by several heavy enemy artillery pieces, Lieutenant BRUCE, on his own initiative, went forward to lead his self-propelled 105mm howitzer mount to a position from which effective fire could be brought to bear on the enemy guns. While he was designating the firing position, he was killed by enemy sniper fire, but his men went on with their preparations for firing and immediately knocked out the gun positions, enabling the infantry troops to continue their assault. By his action, against strong odds, Lieutenant BRUCE enabled his unit to complete its mission with honor to his unit and to himself. Next of kin: Mrs. Virginia L. Bruce, Wife, 3611 Linden Avenue, Long Beach, California.

↓ Second Lieutenant RAYMOND M. FLYNN, 02007725, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 January 1945. When the advance of an infantry battalion to which Lieutenant FLYNN was attached as forward observer was held up by strong enemy emplacements located on high ground, Lieutenant FLYNN went forward to the front lines to observe and direct the fire of his 105mm howitzers. His expert direction of fire knocked out a number of enemy positions and killed many of the enemy, but he was unable to discover a few of the remaining guns which were well concealed. Lieutenant FLYNN volunteered to stay in the forward outpost during the night in order to observe enemy gun flashes and make plans for knocking out the guns in the morning. Under direct enemy sniper fire all night, Lieutenant FLYNN observed the gun flashes and by his direction in the morning the guns were knocked out and the enemy personnel killed, enabling the battalion to complete successfully its mission. Next of kin: Mr. Edward M. Flynn, Father, Kimball, South Dakota.

↓ Private First Class OLIVER H. SEARCY, 38405842, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945. When an infantry rifle company supported by artillery fire advanced to seize and secure a hill objective, approximately thirty dug-in enemy positions were rapidly destroyed and four automatic weapons captured in the initial phase of the attack. As the friendly troops rushed forward to take the last held enemy positions, a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire, sniper and interlocking machine gun fire from an estimated force of two hundred entrenched Japs halted the advance, killing two and wounding all members of our forward assault platoon. With disregard for his own safety, Private SEARCY, a rifleman, crawled from a comparatively safe position to cover the withdrawal of wounded personnel and while shouting encouragement to supporting rifleman was instantly killed by a direct hit by enemy artillery. Next of kin: Mrs. Etta G. Searcy, Mother, 320 NW 16th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Section VI - 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:

✓ Technician Fifth Grade DONALD C. BURKMAN, 39040989, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. Volunteers were called for in order to reestablish communication lines which had been severed by enemy mortar fire. The lines crossed an area infested by snipers and under an unabated mortar barrage. Technician BURKMAN, a switchboard operator, left his comparatively safe emplacement in the midst of the barrage and reported to the volunteer wire party. He fearlessly aided in locating and splicing the numerous severed communication wires. The mission was completed after darkness. By means of the reestablished communication system, fire and battalion command orders were transmitted which halted an enemy counterattack threat from both flanks. Home address: Mrs. Claire B. Burkman, Wife, 1021 West 11th Street, Grand Island, Nebraska.

✓ Second Lieutenant ARDEN W. EMERICK, JR., 01177379, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Maude W. Emerick, Wife, 1713 Regina Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

✓ Private First Class ROBERT M. FAVORITE, 35120411, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. Volunteers were called for in order to reestablish communication lines which had been severed by enemy mortar fire. The lines crossed an area infested by snipers and under an unabated mortar barrage. Private FAVORITE, a switchboard operator, left his comparatively safe emplacement in the midst of the barrage and reported to the volunteer wire party. He fearlessly aided in locating and splicing the numerous severed communication wires. The mission was completed after darkness. By means of the reestablished communication system, fire and battalion command orders were transmitted which halted an enemy counterattack threat from both flanks. Home address: Mrs. Francis S. Favorite, Wife, 768 South Wayne Street, Piqua, Ohio.

✓ Private First Class VAN T. FOUNTAIN, JR., 34162084, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Mount Mataba area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. One of the men of an attacking infantry company was seriously wounded and lay exposed to heavy enemy fire in an isolated position. Private FOUNTAIN, a rifleman in an assaulting platoon, unhesitatingly volunteered to go to the aid of the wounded man. Crawling across the open and rough terrain swept by enemy mortar and small arms fire, he reached the side of his wounded comrade. With the assistance of three other men who had similarly volunteered, Private FOUNTAIN helped lift the wounded man onto an improvised litter. Before a position of cover could be reached, only he and one other of the volunteers remained. Private FOUNTAIN and his comrade carried the wounded man to safety. Home address: Mrs. Rosie Fountain, Mother, New Castle, Alabama.

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Private First Class BERNARD H. GILBERT, 39202990, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. Volunteers were called for in order to reestablish communication lines which had been severed by enemy mortar fire. The lines crossed an area infested by snipers and under an unabated mortar barrage. Private GILBERT, a wireman, left his comparatively safe emplacement in the midst of the barrage and reported to the volunteer wire party. He fearlessly aided in locating and splicing the numerous severed communication wires. The mission was completed after darkness. By means of the reestablished communication system, fire and battalion command orders were transmitted which halted an enemy counterattack threat from both flanks. Home address: Mr. Charles F. Gilbert, Father, 2697 Telford Avenue, New Westminster, B.C., Dominion of Canada.

Staff Sergeant JAMES G. McCLURE, 37089024, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Mount Mataba area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. One of the men of an attacking infantry company was seriously wounded and lay exposed to heavy enemy fire in an isolated position. Sergeant McCLURE, a squad leader of an assaulting platoon, unhesitatingly volunteered to go to the aid of the wounded man. Crawling across the open and rough terrain swept by enemy mortar and small arms fire, he reached the side of his wounded comrade. With the assistance of three other men who had similarly volunteered, Sergeant McCLURE helped lift the wounded man onto an improvised litter. Before a position of cover could be reached, only he and one other of the volunteers remained. Sergeant McCLURE and his comrade carried the wounded man to safety. Home address: Mrs. Kella H. McClure, Wife, 183 East Winifred Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade VICTOR PETERSON, 36262157, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emily Peterson, Wife, 1950 W. Prospect Street, Racine, Wisconsin.

Private First Class CECIL E. PIGG, 37058968, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. Volunteers were called for in order to reestablish communication lines which had been severed by enemy mortar fire. The lines crossed an area infested by snipers and under an unabated mortar barrage. Private PIGG, a switchboard operator, left his comparatively safe emplacement in the midst of the barrage and reported to the volunteer wire party. He fearlessly aided in locating and splicing the numerous severed communication wires. The mission was completed after darkness. By means of the reestablished communication system, fire and battalion command orders were transmitted which halted an enemy counterattack threat from both flanks. Home address: Mr. George R. Pigg, Father, Handy, Missouri.

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Private First Class EDWARD SIGAFOOS, 33101691, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. When two rifle companies seized and began establishing a strong defensive perimeter on a newly gained battalion objective, the area was subjected to a severe barrage of 150mm mortar and artillery fire which inflicted severe casualties. Upon receiving an order to shift to a more tenable position, Private SIGAFOOS, cannoneer of an anti-tank gun crew, realizing that the 37mm and heavy machine guns could not be withdrawn under the accurate barrage, on his own initiative and alone, moved rapidly forward, removed the breech blocks from the anti-tank guns and the bolts from the machine guns, thereby rendering them incapable of use by the enemy against friendly troops. Home address: Mrs. Ester Sigafos, Wife, 212 East Court Street, Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class WOODROW W. WELCH, 34776097, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Minien, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 January 1945. During an attack by a rifle company against deeply entrenched enemy troops and well fortified machine gun emplacements, the assault platoons met fierce sniper, mortar and enemy machine gun cross-fire which completely stopped the advance. With disregard for his own safety, Private WELCH, scout and observer, fearlessly exposed himself to the enemy fire to continue reconnoitering and locating enemy positions. He then withdrew to battalion headquarters and gave a detailed report of his findings to the battalion intelligence officer. The vital and accurate information secured by Private WELCH materially aided in directing counter-fire and released friendly troops to complete their assigned mission. Home address: Mrs. Melinda Q. Welch, Mother, Box 22, Cherokee, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant ZUEL S. YARBERRY, 35488009, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. One of the men of an attacking infantry company was seriously wounded and lay exposed to heavy enemy fire in an isolated position. Sergeant YARBERRY, a squad leader in the assaulting platoon, unhesitatingly volunteered to go to the aid of the wounded man. Crawling across the open and rough terrain swept by enemy mortar and small arms fire, he reached the side of his wounded comrade. With the assistance of three other men who had similarly volunteered, Sergeant YARBERRY helped lift the wounded man, onto an improvised litter. As they crossed the open terrain carrying the wounded man, Sergeant YARBERRY was seriously wounded by a sniper's bullet. His valiant effort to save the life of his fellow soldier was an inspiration to all the men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Edna Yarberr, Mother, Absher, Kentucky.

Section VII - Awards of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant ROBERT R. CATRON, 01183672, by the Commanding General, 37th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders No. 50, dated 13 March 1945, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1918). The citation is as follows:

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Second Lieutenant ROBERT R. CATRON, 01183672, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Ernest G. Catron, Father, RFD #1, Pierce, Nebraska.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant HINTON 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 second 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

√ First Lieutenant HINTON P. ELMORE, 01686160, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. Prior to an attack against strong enemy emplacements, Lieutenant ELMORE went forward and made a detailed reconnaissance of the objective area and route of advance. While so occupied he came under enemy sniper, artillery and mortar fire. After the attack was launched, Lieutenant ELMORE skillfully and aggressively led his company over route to the objective missing much of the enemy fire. After securing the objective, Lieutenant ELMORE reorganized his company, dug in and held his area under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Home address: Mrs. Ruby R. Elmore, Wife, Franklin, Missouri.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain WILLIAM C. MARR, 0435323, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 4 Section I, General Orders No. 34, dated 25 March 1945, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

√ Captain WILLIAM C. MARR, 0435323, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 April 1945 to 11 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary W. Marr, Wife, 3929 Cloverhill Road, Baltimore, Maryland.

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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 (Ball 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:

Technician Fifth Grade ROY F. BACHMAN, 37296665, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. When two reinforced rifle companies suddenly encountered a fierce and devastating enemy 150mm mortar barrage, forward assault platoons were pinned to the ground and the advance was temporarily halted. Numerous casualties fell from the first bursts of shrapnel and lay helpless in open areas. At great personal risk, Technician BACHMAN, medical aid man, crawled from his sheltered position and answered the call of the wounded. After administering medical aid and pulling the wounded men to shelter, he supervised litter parties and assisted in moving the seriously wounded over one thousand yards of difficult mountainous terrain. Upon returning to the contested area, Technician BACHMAN was seriously wounded, but refused to be evacuated for medical attention until he had given the exact location of other wounded men who were awaiting evacuation. Technician BACHMAN'S devotion to duty at the cost of his own life exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Olga M. Bachman, Mother, 5928 Lyndale Avenue, South, Minneapolis, 9, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant FRED R. HOORMAN, 37057880, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 16 March 1945. After his company had seized its objective, the enemy started shelling the area with 150mm mortars. During this heavy shelling, Sergeant HOORMAN, with complete disregard for his own safety, left his foxhole and went to the aid of a wounded man. While administering first aid, Sergeant HOORMAN was fatally wounded. Sergeant HOORMAN always first considered the welfare of his men and gave his life while gallantly trying to aid a fallen comrade. His courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mr. John R. Hoorman, Father, Route #1, Box 817, Florissant, Missouri.

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Private First Class ALBERT T. LEWIS, JR., 37059173, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. When two reinforced infantry rifle companies seized and began to establish strong defensive emplacements and fortifications on commanding ground, the area was subjected to a concentrated 150mm mortar and artillery barrage which inflicted heavy casualties. As enemy forces reorganized for a counterattack, Private LEWIS, a cannoner, voluntarily manned a .50 caliber machine gun which was set up in an exposed position and killed five Japanese attempting to infiltrate through our lines. As the main counterattack force struck our defenses, he was severely wounded but gallantly refused to withdraw for medical attention until the first attack was repulsed. While crawling to the rear under the unabated barrage, he was instantly killed by an enemy artillery shell. His intrepid display of devotion to duty was a great inspiration to all friendly troops. Next of kin: Mr. Albert E. Lewis, Father, RFD #1, St. Charles, Missouri.

Private First Class DOUGLAS R. SONNER, 36651219, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Rabon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. Despite heavy grenade and knee mortar fire, Private SONNER succeeded in reaching the crest of a ridge and from this point held the enemy pinned down by firing his sub-machine gun until the remainder of his platoon moved up the ridge to a position from which they made a bayonet assault on the enemy. Because of Private SONNER'S action, his platoon was able to capture its part of the company objective. Later, Private SONNER was killed by a grenade while helping repulse an enemy counterattack. Next of kin: Mrs. Janie Sonner, Mother, 2120 Cicero Avenue, Cicero, Illinois.

Second Lieutenant REGIS C. WANCHECK, 02037105, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945. When a reinforced infantry rifle company advanced against an estimated enemy force of two hundred in heavily fortified positions which could not be flanked, Lieutenant WANCHECK, platoon leader, efficiently oriented his command and ordered a direct frontal assault across open terrain. The terrain was swept by enemy artillery, machine gun and sniper fire. As the friendly troops stormed forward he was seriously wounded, but he refused to be evacuated or relinquish his command and continued to lead the assault platoon. Upon reaching their objective, the platoon encountered a second enemy artillery barrage which resulted in Lieutenant WANCHECK'S death. His gallant devotion to duty was a great inspiration to all his men and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Florence M. Wancheck, Wife, Box 45, West Bronsville, Pennsylvania.

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 officers and enlisted men:

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Private First Class JAMES D. BRIDGEMAN, 36454726, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 March 1945. When an infantry rifle company was engaged in attacking and destroying strongly fortified enemy caves and pillboxes, the forward assault platoon encountered devastating mortar and machine gun cross-fire which impeded its advance. Private BRIDGEMAN, a gunner of a light machine gun, with disregard for his own safety, picked up his machine gun, walked upright, and while advancing in the face of the enemy fire, fired the weapon from his hip. His intense and accurate fire completely pinned down the enemy forces giving grenadiers and riflemen an opportunity to advance and knock out several strongpoints. Private BRIDGEMAN'S courageous and daring action inspired surrounding riflemen to greater effort and aided in his platoon's successful completion of an important mission. Home address: Mrs. Joan Bridgeman, mother, 1915 Jefferson Street, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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~~Private First Class DONALD E. EBERT, 36907940, Infantry, United States Army.~~
For gallantry in action against the enemy in the wawa-Antipolo sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. As an infantry rifle company advanced against stubborn enemy forces, Private EBERT and a comrade scouted and patrolled a short distance in advance of the main attacking troops and killed a Japanese soldier. Immediately thereafter the entire company was raked by devastating mortar and machine gun fire from both flanks, the front, and from an enemy light machine gun crew which had slipped behind the advancing friendly troops. As Private EBERT and his comrade began to withdraw to the main force, his comrade was seriously wounded by a burst of enemy machine gun fire. Private EBERT gallantly crawled to his side and then dragged him to a position of concealment and administered much needed medical aid to the mortally wounded man. Although he realized that his company might not be able to advance as far as his position because of the fierce enemy resistance, he refused to leave the side of his wounded comrade until he died several hours later. After removing the credentials and personal effects of the dead man, he crawled to a deep protective draw, still in enemy territory, and remained there until morning. Under cover of a concentrated friendly artillery barrage and smoke screen, he infiltrated through enemy held positions and reported to his company. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth B. Ebert, mother, 2151 N. Bell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

First Lieutenant WOODROW E. FLETCHER, 01284313, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. When two infantry rifle companies seized a strategic hill objective and commenced to set up defensive emplacements and fortified positions, they were suddenly subjected to a devastating barrage of enemy mortar and artillery fire. Both company commanders were killed by the first bursts of enemy fire and the coordinated defensive became disorganized and threatened to collapse. Lieutenant FLETCHER, executive officer of one of the companies, realizing the precarious position of the troops, moved rapidly forward and aggressively directed the efforts of all platoon leaders by moving from position to position under con-

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concentrated enemy fire, issuing instructions and instilling new confidence into the men. Upon receiving orders to shift to a more tenable position under a mortar smoke screen barrage, he quickly ordered and directed the organized movement of both companies, supervised the evacuation of numerous casualties and, with a number of volunteers, led a reconnaissance group through the contested area to insure the evacuation of all personnel. Home address: Mrs. Velma J. Fletcher, wife, 2305 Johnson Avenue, San Luis Obispo, California.

Technician Fifth Grade ROSE ROBIN, 37003026, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Montalban area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. The infantry platoon to which Technician ROBIN was attached as medical aid man underwent a severe shelling by heavy enemy mortar fire. Despite the fact that he was one of the first casualties and was bleeding profusely from shrapnel wounds, Technician ROBIN did not take time to treat himself but rushed first position to position giving aid to the wounded men, some of whom were less seriously wounded than himself. He then organized emergency litter squads and had the wounded men carried to a battalion aid station. By this time, he had lost so much blood from his wounds that he passed into a state of unconsciousness. Technician ROBIN'S gallantry was instrumental in saving the lives of several of his comrades. His display of courage and outstanding performance of duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Jacob Robin, Father, Route #4, Box 422, Vancouver, Washington.

Staff Sergeant CLARENCE T. SMITH, 37058054, (then Sergeant) Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945. While his company was engaged in combat, Sergeant SMITH voluntarily ran and crawled forward of our lines under intense rifle and machine gun fire to assist in the evacuation of a seriously wounded soldier. After the first wounded soldier was evacuated, he immediately returned to evacuate a second casualty. The terrain over which he moved was open and without cover. The enemy was entrenched on high ground within two hundred yards of the wounded men. Sergeant SMITH'S gallant acts reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lillian P. Smith, wife, 5346 Helen Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Captain HAROLD J. SNIDER, 01294210, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 January 1945. After a careful reconnaissance and a preparation of mortar and artillery fire, Captain SNIDER led his company in an attack against the enemy who were located in dug-in positions along a ridge. His company took the ridge, killing twenty-three of the enemy. Then, advancing six hundred yards, he led his company in seizing another ridge. While digging in defensive positions on the crest of the ridge, his company was subjected to an intense barrage of mortar and grenade fire. Ordering his troops to fix bayonets, Captain SNIDER led them into hand-to-hand combat with the enemy troops along the slope of the ridge. The attack was successful with thirty-one of the enemy killed and their positions destroyed. While continuing the preparation of defensive positions, his company was counter-attacked but quickly repulsed the attack, killing five of the enemy and suffering no casualties of their own. Captain SNIDER'S superior leadership and gallantry are worthy of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Meredith M. Snider, Wife, 122 N. Lightburne, Liberty, Missouri.

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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 officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant JOSEPH F. BRATKO, 01633090, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea from 23 October 1944 to 25 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Antoinette Bratko, Mother, 540 Lockwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant PETER J. BRECLAW, 36225770, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Albert Breclaw, Father, Box 86, Bolcan, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant CECIL C. BULEN, 20719231, Quartermaster Corps, 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: Mr. Verne C. Bulen, Father, Route #1, Aurora, North Dakota.

Captain HOWARD J. CAMP, 01106038, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Marikina watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 25 February 1945 to 17 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise B. Camp, Wife, 2922 Harper Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM FEINBERG, 31059667, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 21 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Bernard M. Feinberg, Father, 298 Crescent Street, Brockton, Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade ALFRED H. FURRER, 37059903, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mr. John J. Furrer, Father, 1942 Provenchere Place, St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class HOSEA V. JACKSON, 17013557, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 February 1945. Home address: Mr. Benjamin R. Jackson, Father, c/o Root Petroleum Company, El Dorado, Arkansas.

Private First Class WILSON A. JAEGER, 37059350, 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 April 1945. Home address: Mr. August Jaeger, Father, RFD #1, Glencoe, Missouri.

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Staff Sergeant HAROLD L. LANG, 17003507, Quartermaster Corps, 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: Mr. Claude Melvin Lang, Father, 801 Linn Street, Atlantic, Iowa.

Private First Class JOHN M. MARTINEZ, 38077811, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Julianita Martinez, Mother, Friona, Texas.

Captain JAMES O. MILLOTT, 0371759, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 23 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Millott, Wife, 1662 Cordova Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade GRAFTON F. POAGE, 37059211, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. When an infantry rifle company attacked strongly fortified enemy hill positions, the forward assault platoon encountered a fierce barrage of mortar and machine gun cross-fire which killed one enlisted man and seriously wounded several others. Although the platoon was completely pinned down by devastating machine gun fire, Technician POAGE fearlessly crawled to the side of the exposed wounded personnel, dragged them to a comparatively safe shelter and administered much needed medical aid. Under the unabated enemy fire, he organized a litter party and successfully supervised the evacuation of the wounded men to rear installations. Home address: Mrs. Jessie E. Poage, Wife, Ilasco, Missouri.

First Lieutenant EDWARD ROBERTSON, JR., 01312391, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 April 1945. Through skillful employment of his leading assault platoon, Lieutenant ROBERTSON, platoon leader, seized a strategic hill objective without incurring casualties and, during the aggressive assault, personally killed three enemy riflemen. After gaining the objective, a strong enemy force employing knee mortars, grenades and demolition charges counterattacked. Lieutenant ROBERTSON ordered his men to hold the ground and he, himself, proceeded to direct mortar fire. He accurately registered in 60mm and 4.2 mortar fire from a completely exposed position. This heavy concentration of mortar fire disrupted the attacking enemy forces and broke their advance. Home address: Mrs. Eddie S. Kizziar, Mother, 234 South Thomas Street, Pomona, California.

Private First Class CHARLES W. SEVIER, 34329083, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gladys S. Sevier, Mother, 125 Enloe Street, Jackson, Tennessee.

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Corporal KEITH K. SWEANEY, 37035375, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ethlyn Sweaney, Mother, Belvidere, Nebraska.

Section IV - Amendment of General Orders

So much of page 3, Section I, General Orders No. 56, Headquarters 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, dated 22 April 1945 as pertains to Colonel WASHINGTON M. IVES, 015696, 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 Colonel WASHINGTON M. IVES, by the Commanding General, 38th Infantry Division, as published in paragraph 1, General Orders No. 9, Headquarters 38th Infantry Division, dated 9 March 1945, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded."

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Section I - 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 DOUGLAS J. BREWSTER, 37059199, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945. Private BREWSTER, battalion assault team rifle grenadier, on his own initiative and alone, crawled ahead of our forward elements, located a carefully camouflaged enemy position and launched several rifle grenades into the emplacement. The grenades completely disrupted the enemy fire on his assault platoon. By the accurate launching of the grenades and relentless fire from his M-1 rifle he pinned down all members of the emplacement until a demolition team could advance and complete the destruction of a mortar, enemy gunners and supporting riflemen. Home address: Mrs. Rolla V. Brewster, Wife, Minnith, Missouri.

Private First Class ALFRED C. CRUM, 37008827, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945. When a reinforced rifle company advanced against strongly fortified enemy positions, it encountered devastating enemy machine gun and mortar fire, impeding its advance. Private CRUM, a rifle grenadier, fearlessly crawled forward in advance of friendly troops, located a cleverly camouflaged emplacement and launched rifle grenades into the position. Despite intense enemy rifle fire, Private CRUM held his hazardous position and successfully pinned the enemy down by rapid rifle and grenade fire until an assault demolition team went forward and knocked out the emplacement. Home address: Mr. Carl H. Crum, Father, RFD #3, Mexico, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE F. FAWKES, 36319506, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. An observation post was subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire which pinned all personnel to the ground. Technician FAWKES, radio operator, refused to leave his radio which was mounted in a jeep and continued to relay vital operation reports and orders to a battalion command post throughout the barrage. Home address: Mrs. Marie E. Fawkes, wife, 939 Gunnison, Chicago, Illinois.

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Private First Class **ELLER W. FREY**, 33077796, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. Private FREY, an automatic rifleman, was a member of a squad which was making an assault against an enemy-held hill. While under machine gun and sniper fire, two of his comrades who were advancing in front of him were wounded by machine gun fire. Private FREY, accompanied by two other enlisted men, crawled forward under devastating fire to evacuate the wounded men. After dragging the wounded men out of the danger area, he took up a position from which he could observe enemy emplacements and cover his men while first aid was administered. Home address: Mrs. Helen Frey, Wife, 1604 N. Bailey Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class **HENRY GAROLA**, 39040781, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 15 April 1945. Home address: Miss Esther Santos, Sister, 878 8th Street, Richmond, California.

Private First Class **CLEVE JONES**, 34147710, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. Private JONES, a rifleman, was a member of a squad which was making an assault against an enemy-held hill. While under machine gun and sniper fire, two of his comrades who were advancing in front of him were wounded by machine gun fire. Private JONES, accompanied by two other enlisted men, crawled forward under devastating fire to evacuate the wounded men. After dragging the wounded men out of the danger area, he took up a position from which he could observe enemy emplacements and cover his men while first aid was administered. Home address: Mrs. Addie C. Jones, Mother, Route #3, Greenville, Tennessee.

Private First Class **ARTHUR O. LARSON**, 37038917, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. After a reinforced rifle company had established a defensive perimeter, the entire company was subjected to an accurate and prolonged 150mm mortar barrage. Private LARSON, a truck driver, with disregard for his own safety, volunteered to assist with the evacuation of wounded men. During the three hour barrage, he made frequent trips to a battalion aid station. While so engaged in evacuating the wounded, artillery shells burst as close as ten feet from his vehicle. Private LARSON returned again and again to the contested area to continue his work. Home address: Mrs. Bernice E. Larson, Wife, 822 East 8th Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Private First Class **CHARLES D. MAJORS**, 17019757, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945. Private MAJORS, battalion assault team rifleman, with disregard for his personal safety, crawled to within throwing distance of an enemy emplacement and threw three grenades into the enemy position. He then laid rapid and relentless M-1 fire across the position, pinning any survivors down until a demolition team could advance and complete the destruction of the emplacement. Home address: Mrs. Ruth M. Majors, Wife, 262 East Jackson Street, Shelbyville, Indiana.

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Private First Class JOHN B. MENZIA, 37031512, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Mary Menzia, wife, Roscoe, South Dakota.

Private First Class NORBERT W. MEYER, 36254920, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945. Private MEYER, battalion assault team rifle grenadier, on his own initiative and alone, crawled ahead of our forward elements, located a carefully camouflaged enemy position and launched several rifle grenades into the emplacement. The grenades completely disrupted the enemy fire on his assault platoon. By the accurate launching of the grenades and relentless fire from his M-1 rifle he pinned down all members of the enemy emplacement until a demolition team could advance and complete the destruction of a mortar, enemy gunners and supporting riflemen. Home address: Mr. Art Meyer, Father, 2902 West Wright Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class JAMES O. PLYMAN, 34160129, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 February 1945. After a reinforced rifle company had established a defensive perimeter, the entire company was subjected to an accurate and prolonged 150mm mortar barrage. Private PLYMAN, a truck driver, with disregard for his own safety, volunteered to assist with the evacuation of wounded men. During the three hour barrage, he made frequent trips to a battalion aid station. While so engaged in evacuating the wounded, artillery shells burst as close as ten feet from his vehicle. Private PLYMAN returned again and again to the contested area to continue his work. Home address: Mrs. Mary V. Plyman, Wife, R.R. #1, Fayette, Alabama.

First Lieutenant LOUIS T. REITER, 01303028, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 8 April 1945 to 11 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Thomas A. Reiter, Father, 37 Nopperhan, Westchester, New York.

Captain PAUL W. STRAIN, 01294036, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 5 February 1945. Captain STRAIN led his company with one platoon of medium tanks attached, in an attack against an enemy strongpoint, consisting of concrete and earth emplacements, dug-in tanks and six 47mm guns. Mortars and enemy machine guns supported the strong point. Captain STRAIN and his men moved forward within seventy-five yards of shell bursts from supporting artillery fire, and, when the barrage lifted, advanced so aggressively the enemy's forward position were overrun. By night fall the enemy strongpoints were reduced and the entire enemy defensive system penetrated. Troops following the attacking force easily mopped up the remaining disorganized Japanese who were bypassed and cut off by the well planned and aggressively executed assault. Home address: Mrs. Lillian M. Strain, wife, 2137 Washington Avenue, Granite City, Illinois.

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Private First Class HOMER SUTTERFIELD, 17014698, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945. As forward assault elements attacked cleverly camouflaged enemy emplacements, they encountered devastating machine gun cross-fire which temporarily halted their advance. Private SUTTERFIELD, assault team automatic rifleman, on his own initiative and alone, crawled in the face of intense machine gun fire to a position behind and overlooking enemy machine gun nests. From this position he laid down accurate and relentless bursts of automatic rifle fire, completely pinning down enemy machine gunners and supporting riflemen so that a demolition team was able to advance and destroy the emplacements. Home address: Mr. Ben E. Sutterfield, Father, Route #1, Box 337, Camden, Arkansas.

Section II - Awards of Air medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

In addition to the Air medal awarded to First Lieutenant THOMAS J. CHALLONER, 01175073, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, Section IV, General Orders No. 40, dated 29 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. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25 WD 1942) as amended by Executive Order No. 9242 - A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49 WD 1942). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant THOMAS J. CHALLONER, 01175073, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 10 April 1945. As air liaison pilot, Lieutenant CHALLONER made daily observation and patrol flights over enemy installations. In order to accomplish his mission it was often necessary for him to fly at low altitudes over enemy territory, subjecting himself to enemy ground fire. His accurate artillery fire direction and outstanding technical ability contributed much to the success of ground operations. Home address: Mrs. Olivia Challoner, Mother, Fargo, North Dakota.

In addition to the Air medal awarded to First Lieutenant WILLIAM D. C. JONES, 0508196, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, Section III, General Orders No. 42, dated 31 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. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25 WD 1942) as amended by Executive Order No. 9242 - A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49 WD 1942). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant WILLIAM D. C. JONES, 0508196, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 10 April 1945. As air liaison pilot, Lieutenant JONES made daily observation and patrol flights over enemy installations. In order to accomplish his mission it was often necessary for him

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to fly at low altitudes over enemy territory, subjecting himself to enemy ground fire. His accurate artillery fire direction and outstanding technical ability contributed much to the success of ground operations. Home address: Mrs. William D. C. Jones, Wife, 905 North 7th Street, Temple, Texas.

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SECTION I - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR
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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 3918) a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class LESTER W. DAVIDSON, 34710416, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Cauringan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 January 1945. When an infantry company was engaged in an attack against entrenched enemy gun positions. Private DAVIDSON, with complete disregard for personal safety, worked his way over rugged terrain which was under heavy enemy machine gun fire to within a few yards of an emplacement containing a 37mm gun. From this vantage point he employed his submachine gun with such deadly accuracy that other troops were able to move in safely and destroy the position. Later, Private DAVIDSON led a squad in destroying two enemy pillboxes with grenades. Though wounded, he did not report his wound until the next morning after his company had secured its objective. Private DAVIDSON'S gallant devotion to duty was an inspiration to all men with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Amelia M. Davidson, Mother, 1014 West Delmas Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

Private First Class TRINIDAD J. DIAZ, 38454553, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945. While his company was engaged in combat, Private DIAZ voluntarily ran and crawled forward of our lines for a distance of two hundred yards under intense rifle and machine gun fire to assist with the evacuation of a seriously wounded soldier. He then returned a second time to aid in recovering two more casualties. Private DIAZ'S demonstration of courage was an inspiration to all members of his company. Home address: Mrs. Petra S. Diaz, Mother, 1716 San Eduardo, Laredo, Texas.

Private First Class BURNIE NAPIER, 35206199, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. During an enemy night attack against his battalion command post, Private NAPIER and a guard were observing from a crouched position on the side of their foxhole when an enemy grenade landed beside them. Private NAPIER immediately recovered the grenade with his hand and attempted to throw it away, but in so doing, the grenade exploded taking off all the fingers on his right hand and wounding him in the neck. His quick and decisive action saved the guard and other members of his squad who were nearby from probable death or serious injury. Private NAPIER'S gallantry exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Nannie Napier, Mother, East Lynn, West Virginia.

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Sergeant ROBERT C. SCHWAGER, 37029932, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945. During an attack against a firmly entrenched enemy position, Sergeant SCHWAGER'S company was forced into a temporary retreat, leaving several casualties lying in an open field which sloped down from the enemy emplacement. Enemy machine guns were in full command of the field and were instantly trained on Sergeant SCHWAGER and another man as they made a daring run into the open field to recover a casualty. Exhausted and thoroughly spent after the first rescue mission, Sergeant SCHWAGER went forward a second time and, unassisted, returned with another wounded man. His gallantry and quick thinking saved the lives of two of his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Matilda Schwager, Mother, Blue Earth, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant DAVID C. SIMS, 38067675, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Mount Baytangan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 28 March 1945, with many machine guns and rifles in full command of an open field, Sergeant SIMS went forward of our lines twice and rescued two seriously wounded soldiers. Sergeant SIMS' gallantry far beyond the call of duty, reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Alma Sims, Mother, Route #1, Post, Texas.

Section II - Awards of Bronze Star Medal

By direction of the President, under the provision 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:

Captain FREDERICK H. BACKHAUS, 0264419, 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 18 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy C. Backhaus, Wife, 1127 Garfield Street, Davenport, Iowa.

Corporal DEAN G. BAIR, 37046663, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills on 20 January 1945. When several cargo trucks loaded with high explosive ammunition, entered the area of a front line command post, the drivers were suddenly pinned down by an intense enemy artillery barrage. Realizing the danger of all personnel in the immediate area, Corporal BAIR, truckmaster, rushed to a truck, ordered other drivers to follow and while under intense enemy fire speedily evacuated the ammunition to a rear position. Home address: Mr. Harry P. Bair, Father, 1017 Audubon Street, Sac City, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant PAUL J. BALZER, 37030504, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. When a strong enemy force rushed forward in an attack on a company perimeter, Sergeant BALZER, light machine gun section sergeant, with utter disregard for his own safety, crawled from one position to another under a fierce enemy mortar and artillery barrage to coordinate mortar and machine gun fire. During the height of the battle he spotted an enemy soldier preparing to fire a knee mortar into the company command post and mortar emplacement. Fearlessly he grabbed a captured enemy shotgun, jumped from his concealed position and killed the enemy before effective fire from the knee mortar could be registered. Home address: Mrs. Mary A. Balzer, Wife, Ivrope, Minnesota.

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First Lieutenant FAULKNER A. BLANKS, 01295306, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Pacawagan, Rizal Province, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 April 1945. Lieutenant BLANKS and a patrol consisting of four enlisted men volunteered for the extremely hazardous mission of reconnoitering an enemy-held ravine to determine the nature of enemy defense. Enemy small arms fire was encountered from ten pillboxes located in the ravine and their positions accurately determined. This valuable information made possible a successful assault which was started the following morning. Home address: Mr. J. W. Blanks, Father, Central Fire Department, Monroe, Louisiana.

Private First Class MORDALL F. BLIMLINE, 33130192, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Pacawagan, Rizal Province, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 April 1945. Private BLIMLINE volunteered to be a member of a patrol consisting of one officer and four enlisted men which was given the extremely hazardous mission of reconnoitering an enemy-held ravine to determine the nature of enemy defense. Enemy small arms fire was encountered from ten pillboxes located in the ravine and their positions accurately determined. This valuable information made possible a successful assault which was started the following morning. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Blimline, Mother, Dundalk, Maryland.

Staff Sergeant RUDOLPH C. BROCKMANN, 37030376, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 March 1945. When a strong enemy force rushed forward in an attack on a company perimeter, Sergeant BROCKMANN, a 60mm mortar section sergeant, crawled from the shelter of a fox-hole in order to distribute ammunition to his mortar section and, thereafter, efficiently coordinated machine gun and mortar fire. During the height of the battle he was wounded by enemy mortar shrapnel but refused to be evacuated from his command until the attack was completely disrupted and repulsed. Home address: Mr. William M. Brockmann, Father, Fairmont, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLARD J. EXUM, 37009862, 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 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Wilma Exum, Wife, Chetopa, Kansas.

First Lieutenant ARSENIO GONSALVES, 01293243, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 April 1945 to 11 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Adelino Gonsalves, Father, P.O. Box 137, Ludlow, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant EVART R. HENRY, 36107931, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Pacawagan, Rizal Province, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 April 1945. Sergeant HENRY volunteered to be a member of a patrol consisting of one officer and four enlisted men which was given the extremely hazardous mission of reconnoitering an enemy held ravine to determine the nature of enemy defense. Enemy small arms fire was encountered from ten pillboxes located in the ravine and their positions accurately determined. This valuable information made possible a successful assault which was started the following morning. Home address: Mrs. Flo Henry, Mother, Gloucester, Ohio.

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Captain WILLIAM L. HOLSTUN, 0396214, Field Artillery, 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 1 December 1944 to 28 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mildred G. Holstun, Wife, Dixon, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade MELVIN E. HORNE, 13167560, (then Private First Class), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands. On the night of 7 April 1945, an infantry platoon made a charge on a hill which was stubbornly defended by a well entrenched enemy force. During the charge, one of the sergeants leading a squad was seriously wounded by shrapnel from a hand grenade, and, because of the intense enemy small arms fire, the platoon was forced to take cover. Technician HORNE, an aid man attached to the platoon, with disregard for his own safety, crawled forward to the wounded sergeant. He administered first aid and dragged the wounded man back to safety despite the fact that the enemy was firing rifles, machine guns, and throwing hand grenades in the area through which he had to pass. Home address: Mrs. Pearl Horne, Mother, 13 D Woodland Terrace, Clairton, Pennsylvania.

Captain ELVIN G. JONES, 0387529, 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 27 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Beverly P. Jones, Wife, 974 S. Gramercy Pl., Los Angeles, California.

Sergeant JOHN D. LAGAN, 33793033, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. Sergeant LAGAN, a scout, exposed himself to murderous machine gun fire in order to protect the right flank of his platoon. He pinned down with rifle fire and hand grenades enemy snipers who, otherwise, would have inflicted heavy casualties on his comrades. From his position, Sergeant LAGAN knocked out one pillbox and spotted a gun emplacement which was impeding the advance of friendly troops. His accurate report on the enemy gun position soon resulted in its destruction by mortar fire. Home address: Mrs. Minerva Lagan, Mother, 362 E. Upsal Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class DARRELL M. LAGERSTROM, 39212944, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. Private LAGERSTROM, a rifleman, was advancing with his squad in an assault on an enemy-held hill. Two of his comrades, who were advancing in front of him, were wounded by machine gun fire. As there were no aid men available, Private LAGERSTROM, accompanied by two other men from his platoon, crawled forward under devastating fire to evacuate the wounded men. Dragging them out of danger, he then took up a position from which he could observe enemy emplacements and cover his own men while the wounded men were being given first aid. Home address: Mr. Leon E. Lagerstrom, Father, 2839 West 57th Street, Seattle, Washington.

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Technician Fifth Grade FRANK M. LARA, 38001403, 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 9 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Maria Navarro, Mother, Cartarro, Arizona.

Technician Fourth Grade RICHARD W. NOAH, 34709661, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Pacawagan, Rizal Province, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 April 1945. Technician NOAH volunteered to be a member of a patrol consisting of one officer and four enlisted men which was given the extremely hazardous mission of reconnoitering an enemy-held ravine to determine the nature of enemy defense. Enemy small arms fire was encountered from ten pillboxes located in the ravine and their positions accurately determined. This valuable information made possible a successful assault which was started the following morning. Home address: Mrs. Bessie Noah, Mother, Glencoe, Alabama.

Private First Class JOHN A. PITEO, 32173737, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills on 20 January 1945. Private PITEO, a truck driver, was walking from his vehicle when the area became subjected to a fierce enemy artillery barrage. As personnel ran for cover, he, with disregard for his personal safety, fearlessly rushed to his truck and successfully maneuvered it out of the danger zone without damage. When assault companies and battalion headquarters received an order to withdraw to more tenable positions, kitchens and stores of supplies were of a necessity abandoned. After requesting and receiving approval, he voluntarily drove his truck through enemy territory and with the aid of several men, succeeded in evacuating all kitchen equipment before hostile forces discovered his mission. Home address: Mrs. Mary Piteo, Mother, 426 College Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Captain RALPH A. RATCLIFF, 0296559, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 23 February 1945 to 27 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret H. Ratcliff, wife, 448 N. 3d Avenue, Canton, Illinois.

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* Private First Class FREDERICK T. RIECHELDERFER, 35553178, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mount Pacawagan, Rizal Province, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 April 1945. Private RIECHELDERFER volunteered to be a member of a patrol consisting of one officer and four enlisted men which was given the extremely hazardous mission of reconnoitering an enemy-held ravine to determine the nature of enemy defense. Enemy small arms fire was encountered from ten pillboxes located in the ravine and their positions accurately determined. This valuable information made possible a successful assault which was started the following morning. Home address: Mrs. Dora Riechelderfer, wife, Cedarsville, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant JEROME S. STICHA, 36038333, 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 9 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Louise Sticha, Mother, 3206 W. Dickons, Chicago, Illinois.

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Private First Class EVERETT N. THOROUGHMAN, 35441684, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayanbayan, Rizal, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. Private THOROUGHMAN, a scout, exposed himself to murderous machine gun fire in order to protect the right flank of his platoon. He pinned down with rifle fire and hand grenades enemy snipers who, otherwise, would have inflicted heavy casualties on his comrades. From his position Private THOROUGHMAN knocked out one pillbox and spotted a gun emplacement which was impeding the advance of friendly troops. His accurate report on the enemy gun position soon resulted in its destruction by mortar fire. Home address: Mr. Otis Thoroughman, Father, Charters, Kentucky.

Section III - Amendment of General Orders

So much of page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 67, Headquarters 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, dated 6 May 1945, as pertains to Sergeant JOHN FEACHEN, 35412900, Infantry, as reads: "a Bronze Star Medal is awarded" is deleted and the following substituted therefor: "in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded by Sergeant JOHN FEACHEN, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 7, Section I, General Orders No. 27, Headquarters 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, dated 24 June 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded."

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- SECTION I - AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS
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- SECTION III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)-POSTHUMOUSLY

Section I - Amendment of General Orders

So much of Section VII, General Orders No. 71, this Headquarters, dated 8 May 1945, as pertains to Second Lieutenant ROBERT R. CATRON, O1183672, Field Artillery, is revoked.

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 CARLY M. ALLEN, 20515200, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 April 1945. Private ALLEN, member of a wire party was laying wire to a forward position. His group was fired upon by an enemy machine gun from ambush, wounding one member of the party. Private ALLEN immediately took up a position from which he brought fire on the enemy position, thereby enabling a member of the party to assist the wounded man from the line of fire. Home address: Mrs. Lydia D. Allen, Mother, 2248 Parkwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

First Lieutenant ARNOLD H. ASCHENBECK, O1680258, 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 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruby Lee Aschenbeck, Wife, Box 86, Marlow, Oklahoma.

Sergeant ALVIN W. CABE, 34430229, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. While in the execution of a firing mission, enemy mortar and artillery fire was concentrated on the mortar positions of Sergeant CABE'S mortar platoon. During this concentration, three of Sergeant CABE'S companions were wounded by shrapnel from enemy mortar shells. Hearing a call for help, Sergeant CABE, without regard for his personal safety, rushed to aid the wounded soldiers. After medical treatment had been administered to the wounded men, he remained in the impact area which was being intensely shelled by the enemy until his comrades could be removed to a rear position. Home address Mrs. Dora S. Cabe, Mother, Dillsboro, North Carolina.

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Private First Class CHRISTOPHER A. COOPER, 17075639, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 April 1945. Private COOPER, a member of an artillery forward observer party, while extending wire communications to a forward position was fired on by an enemy machine gun from ambush and one member of his party was wounded. Private COOPER displayed extreme courage when he went to the aid of the wounded man and carried him from the line of fire under a covering fire from another member of his party. Home address: Mrs. Lola Cooper, Mother, 561 W. Morgan Street, Marshall, Missouri.

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#1st Lt. ~~Captain~~ HAROLD E. HAYES, 03612452, (~~then First Lieutenant~~) Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Erna L. Hayes, Wife, Route #3, Comanche, Oklahoma.

Major WILLIAM S. HYDE, 0307354, 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 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Sue S. Hyde, Wife, c/o T. F. Smalling, 1021 Mary Ellen Street, Pampa, Texas.

Private First Class ELMER L. JACKSON, 35392886, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. While in the execution of a firing mission, enemy mortar and artillery fire was concentrated on the mortar positions of two friendly chemical mortar platoons. During this concentration of enemy fire, several enlisted men were seriously wounded by shrapnel from bursting mortar shells. Under a heavy barrage, Private JACKSON, of his own volition and with disregard for his personal safety, rushed to the aid of the wounded. After giving first aid to the more seriously wounded man, Private JACKSON carried him to a rear position, returned to the impact area and efficiently administered first aid to the other wounded men. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Jackson, Mother, 1338 W. 85th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class ORLANDE A. KIDWELL, 37413514, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. While in the execution of a firing mission, enemy mortar and artillery fire was concentrated on the mortar positions of his chemical mortar platoon. During this concentration of enemy fire Private KIDWELL was wounded by shrapnel from a mortar shell. While first aid was being administered to him, one of his companions was also wounded by shrapnel. Disregarding his own injuries, Private KIDWELL, with disregard for his own safety, rushed to the aid of his companion and assisted in rendering first aid to his wounded comrade. Home address: Mrs. Meriam J. Kidwell, Wife, 2230 S.W. 16th Terrace, Miami, Florida.

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Corporal RALPH R. KLINKER, 6939379, 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 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Luella E. Klinker, wife, 508 South Newton, Springfield, Missouri.

First Lieutenant LAMAR H. LANGFORD, 0467207, 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 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Elmer Langford, Father, RFD #1, Greenfield, Missouri.

Private First Class DUO J. MARTINELLI, 36344825, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. While in the execution of a firing mission, enemy mortar and artillery fire was concentrated on the position occupied by Private MARTINELLI'S chemical mortar platoon. During this concentration, three of his companions were wounded by shrapnel from enemy mortar shells. Hearing a call for help, Private MARTINELLI, with disregard for his own safety, rushed to the aid of the wounded soldiers and assisted in rendering first aid. After medical treatment had been given, Private MARTINELLI remained in the impact area, still being shelled by the enemy, until the wounded men could be moved to a rear position. Home address: Mrs. Rose Martinelli, Mother, 2413 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Major DONALD B. McCUE, 01168365, 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 8 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. D. B. McCue, wife, 120 Locust Hill Avenue, Yonkers 2, New York.

Private First Class EVERETT W. MINCK, 32912826, 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 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Minck, mother, 521 16th Street, Union City, New Jersey.

Corporal WILLIAM O. OSTERMANN, 36002322, 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 30 April 1945. Home address: Mr. William Ostermann, Father, 604 So. 6th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.

First Lieutenant THOMAS A. ROMANO, 01179597, 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 4 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eva Romano, wife, Route #1, Soso, Mississippi.

Captain CLARK RUDDER, 0316718, 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 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Carolyn Patterson Rudder, wife, Dothan, Alabama.

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Private First Class FRANK A. RUPP, JR., 12198303, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 April 1945. While in the execution of a firing mission, enemy mortar and artillery fire was concentrated on the mortar positions of a chemical mortar platoon of which Private RUPP was attached as a medical aid man. During this concentration of enemy counter-battery fire, Private RUPP was wounded by shrapnel from enemy mortar shells. While first aid was being administered to him two of his companions were wounded by shrapnel. Disregarding his own injuries, Private RUPP, with disregard for his own safety, rushed to the aid of the wounded soldiers, administering first aid to them until he fell completely exhausted. Home address: Mrs. Sylvia Rupp, Mother 1403 Grant Boulevard, Syracuse, New York.

Captain CHARLES G. WATTS, G305765, 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 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Louise Watts, Wife, 401 S. 12th Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant ROBERT A. WILSON, O1794891, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Hazel Shue, Mother, 2426 Rosewood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

Captain EMIL ZVONIK, O1168537, 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 27 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Roba May Zvonik, Wife, Washington, Arkansas.

Section III - Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)-Posthumously

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant ROBERT R. CATRON, O1183672, by the Commanding General, 37th Infantry Division, as published in General Orders No. 50, dated 13 March 1945, 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 1944 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant ROBERT R. CATRON, O1183672, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 April 1945. Next of kin: Mr. Ernest G. Catron, Father, RFD #1, Pierce, Nebraska.

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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, 15 July 1918) a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class DONALD CLERK, 36738097, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. As a member of a reconnaissance patrol Private CLERK, Battalion intelligence scout, was engaged in obtaining vital information in preparation for a battalion offensive. As lead scout he advanced far ahead of the main force of the patrol. Upon reaching a comparatively open area, he noted excellent possibilities of ambush and after signaling the patrol to move to a position of safety, on his own initiative and alone, he fearlessly advanced to make further reconnaissance of the area and was instantly killed by a burst of enemy machine gun fire from a well-established strongpoint. His gallant display of courage and supreme effort to insure the safety of his patrol, at the cost of his own life, reflect highest credit upon the military service and is deserving of high praise. Next of kin: Mrs. Marion F. Clerk, Mother, 6423 Ingleside Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class MELTON WASHINGTON, 34311955, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo sector, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. As a twenty-four man assault platoon advanced to seize and secure an objective, it encountered severe mortar and machine gun fire from a cleverly camouflaged strongpoint. Private WASHINGTON, a lead scout on his own initiative and alone, crawled from his shelter and, as he discovered the enemy position, was mortally wounded by a mortar shell. With utter disregard for his own welfare, he gallantly refused to be evacuated until after he had clearly defined the exact location of the strongpoint, thereby enabling his platoon to knock it out. Private WASHINGTON'S gallant aggressiveness at the cost of his own life is deserving of high praise and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Ethel E. S. Washington, Mother, Route 2, Medowee, Alabama.

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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:

Private First Class ROBERT L. FARLEY, 36645445, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 29 March 1945. As a battalion assault team supported an infantry rifle company in attacking fortified enemy positions, it encountered fierce machine gun and rifle fire from a camouflaged emplacement. Private FARLEY, assault team rifleman, on his own initiative and alone, crawled to a flank position near the emplacement and at separate intervals threw two grenades and a demolition charge into the position, but the occupants managed to throw them beyond their emplacement before they exploded. Although knocked part way down a hill by the force of their concussion, Private FARLEY again crawled forward in the face of intense enemy fire, pulled a pin on a third grenade, held it beyond the safety time and throw it into the emplacement. As enemy soldiers hastily crawled from the position, he killed them with accurate pistol fire. Private FARLEY'S gallant devotion to duty is deserving of highest praise. Home address: Mrs. Ronelvia B. Farley, Mother, RFD #3, Box 156, Murphysboro, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant MARVIN G. RICKETT, 20705710, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. When an infantry rifle company was engaged in attacking and destroying fortified enemy positions, it encountered devastating machine gun, mortar and sniper fire which pinned the troops to the ground and seriously wounded two men who fell in exposed areas. With utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant RICKETT, platoon leader, crawled forward under a continuous hail of sniper fire, dragged the wounded to a shelter and administered much needed medical aid. Realizing the precarious position of the wounded men and the entire company, he withdrew to the rear, guided tanks to a vantage point and directed their combined firepower on the enemy's strongpoints. Although wounded while directing the tank fire, he refused medical attention until the company was ordered to shift to more tenable positions and the safety of his command was assured. Upon receiving a second order to assault the same objective, he again assumed command of the platoon and led it to a successful completion of the mission. Sergeant RICKETT'S intrepid actions inspired his men to greater effort and his gallant devotion to duty is deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Sharlot E. Rickett, Wife, 506 East Elm Street, Centerville, Iowa.

Section III - Awards of Bronze Star Medal

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9417, 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:

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Private FIRST CLASS HARLAN BAIN, 37214411, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 11 March 1945. As forward assault platoons stormed up a steep incline to seize and secure a fortified enemy position, they encountered intense sniper and machine gun fire which pinned the platoons to the ground, killing one man and wounding four others. Private BAIN, a medical aid man, with disregard for his own safety, crawled over an open area to drag the wounded men to shelter. He then withdrew under intense machine gun fire in order to bring up a litter team which evacuated the seriously wounded personnel. Home address: Mr. James H. Bain, Father, RR #1, Shawnee, Kansas.

Private First Class ALBERT CAPPANNELLI, 31295222, 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. When two riflemen fell wounded in a completely exposed area subject to deadly sniper fire, Private CAPPANNELLI, a rifleman, with disregard for his own safety, crawled a proximately fifty yards in the face of intense enemy fire to the side of the wounded men and succeeded in dragging both from the enemy lanes of fire. Immediately thereafter he administered much needed medical aid and supervised their evacuation to a rear installation. Home address: Mrs. Alvira Cappannelli, Mother, 30 Neptune Road, Boston, Massachusetts.

Private First Class JOSEPH B. CHERVENKO, 33350925, 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. Upon receiving a call for volunteer litter bearers, Private CHERVENKO, an orderly, volunteered and crawled with a litter team through an area raked by devastating machine gun fire. He assisted in pulling wounded men to a draw, administering first aid and evacuating them to a rear medical installation. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Chervenko, Mother, Ebervale, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade RUSSELL A. FAY, 36122433, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sonsopon, Dutch New Guinea and on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 2 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Frank Fay, Father, 4513 North S. Jones Street, Flint, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant MAX E. HARRIS, 34033370, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Flora S. Harris, Mother, 125 North Cherry Street, Centralia, Illinois.

Private First Class KENNETH S. JOHNSON, 37003966, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 12 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mr. John S. Johnson, Father, Route #1, Gilliam, Missouri.

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Sergeant DONALD F. PERKINS, 3700226, 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. Upon receiving a report that his infantry battalion was sustaining heavy casualties, Sergeant PERKINS, reconnaissance sergeant, volunteered to lead litter teams into a severely contested area. Upon arriving at the forward positions, he crawled through areas raked by constant machine gun fire to the side of numerous wounded men and assisted in dragging them to a point of safety. Then Sergeant PERKINS efficiently supervised their rapid evacuation to a battalion aid station. Home address: Mrs. Eunice M. Perkins, Wife, Boonville, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant LAWRENCE H. REAVIS, 37008977, (then Sergeant) Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Boyanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. When an infantry rifle company received heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, a strong combat patrol was ordered to advance against the enemy positions. Three hundred yards from the company's perimeter the patrol encountered devastating machine gun fire which killed two men and wounded several others. Although the entire patrol was pinned down in a narrow ravine which contributed little shelter and was constantly raked by enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant REAVIS, squad leader, with disregard for his own safety, crawled over a small open area to several wounded men, rendered much needed medical aid and succeeded in evacuating them to a place of safety. Home address: Mr. John H. Reavis, Father, 917 Arlington, Kansas City, Missouri.

Captain DONALD K. RICHARDS, 0377393, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Doris B. Richards, Wife, Chadbrook, Iowa.

Private First Class JAMES W. RILEY, 36365256, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Boyanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. In the absence of an aid man, Private RILEY, a messenger, with disregard for his personal safety, fearlessly crawled forward through a mortar barrage to the side of numerous casualties, pulled them to a shelter and administered much needed medical aid. When his company was ordered to shift to a more tenable position, he voluntarily supervised the evacuation of the wounded to rear installations. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Riley, Mother, Rt #1, Tower Hill, Illinois.

Sergeant HEROLD L. ROGERS, 37359179, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Frank D. Roger, Father, 2999 Kentucky Avenue, Overland, Missouri.

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Master Sergeant HARRY ROSENBERG, 35023164, Infantry, 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 2 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, Mother, 1 East Reynolds Street, New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade GEORGE F. SCOTT, 33034043, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Scott, Mother, 2090 Bridge Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Captain MORRIS J. SELLIGAN 0136150, Medical 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 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Israel L. Selligan, Father, 67 Pillsbury Street, Concord, New Hampshire.

Technician Fifth Grade EMER L. TAMER, 37003619, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie L. Tamer, Wife, Shelbiana, Missouri.

Private First Class ARDICE G. TATE, 36644701, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cobaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 January 1945. When an infantry battalion assaulted hostile positions, it encountered devastating machine gun fire and a fierce knee mortar barrage which inflicted heavy casualties and temporarily impeded the advance. As the problem of evacuating casualties became critical, Private TATE, a rifleman, voluntarily entered the severely contested area. He successfully assisted in pulling two wounded men from a machine gun lane of fire, administered much needed medical aid and later assisted a volunteer litter team in evacuating the wounded to a battalion aid station. Home address: Mrs. Le'Dorie E. Tate, Wife, Box 111, Cleaton, Kentucky.

Master Sergeant CHARLES VOLLMAN, 6695797, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Henrietta Vollman, Wife, Laramie, Wyoming.

Section IV - Award of Air Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded First Lieutenant MARVIN F. LECHER, 01821002, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 3, Section IV, General Orders No. 40, dated 29 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 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25 WD 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242 - A 11 September 1942 (Bull 49 WD 1942). The citation is as follows:

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First Lieutenant **HERVIN F. LECHER**, 01821002, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over enemy territory on Luzon, Philippines Islands from 9 January 1945 to 6 May 1945. Lieutenant LECHER exhibited a high degree of initiative and technical skill in conduct of artillery fire and in obtaining information of enemy movements and dispositions in daily operational flights at low altitudes over enemy installations. His accurate adjustment of artillery fire upon the enemy contributed greatly to the success of our infantry and artillery. Home address: Mrs. Lillian Lecher, Potosi, Pringle, Iowa.

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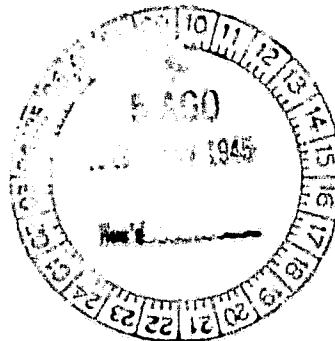
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-Section I - Awards of Bronze Star Medal

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:

Staff Sergeant HARRY W. AUNGST, 35023638, 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 an infantry company advanced it encountered severe machine gun and sniper fire from an estimated enemy force of seventy-five men. A critical shortage of ammunition was reported to rear installations. Sergeant AUNGST, supply sergeant, voluntarily organized and assumed command of a supply carrying party, successfully maneuvered them through the severely contested area under intense sniper fire, and supervised the rapid distribution of ammunition to the hard-pressed troops. Immediately thereafter he returned to the kitchen area and, under cover of darkness, fearlessly brought forward hot food to exhausted men and replenished their low water supply. Home address: Mrs. Frances Shenberger, Mother, 312 West 6th Street, Mansfield, Ohio.

Captain LEONARD M. BAREND, 01580600, Transportation 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 25 October 1944 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rheba F. Barend, Wife, 100 Riverside Drive, New York 24, New York.

Staff Sergeant VICTOR J. BECKER, 37056719, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Sylvia A. Stock, Sister, 4138 Taft Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND W. BELTZ, 37038602, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marie C. Beltz, Mother, Randolph, Nebraska.

Sergeant JOSEPH H. BROOKS, 11048555, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 4 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nadene C. Brooks, Wife, 229 Madison Street, New York, New York.

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Staff Sergeant CARREL A. CREWS, 37057053, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Clevey G. Crews, Father, Route #1, Bernie, Missouri.

Lieutenant Colonel RICHARD J. DARNELL, 024159, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 24 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Betty J. Darnell, Wife, 715 East 38th Street, Spokane, Washington.

Major ROBERT F. DELAY, 0413524, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bonnie C. DeLay, Wife, Westington Springs, South Dakota.

Lieutenant Colonel REGINALD A. ELLIOTT, JR., 0352223, General Staff Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Geraldine A. Abbott, Wife, 900 West 27th Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

First Lieutenant GAYLE A. FINLEY, 01012592, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 19 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Finley, Wife, 2019 East 7th Street, Long Beach, California.

Major (Chaplain) STEVE P. GASKINS, JR., 026392, Corps of Chaplains, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Geraldine F. Gaskins, Wife, Gurnee, Illinois.

Captain DONALD F. HAYES, 01291816, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 22 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary C. Hayes, wife, Route #2, West Terre Haute, Indiana.

Technical Sergeant CARL S. HERMAN, 36117318, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rose Herman, Mother, Coler Street, Jackson, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant DELPHIN H. HOHENSTEIN, 37019717, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayan, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 19 March 1945 to 20 March 1945. Sergeant HOHENSTEIN, acting platoon sergeant, skillfully and aggressively led a two-day attack against enemy positions. On the second day of the attack he was wounded but refused to be evacuated for medical care until he had supervised and assisted with the evacuation of two seriously wounded men to a battalion aid station. Sergeant HOHENSTEIN'S tenacious devotion to duty was an inspiration to surrounding troops and is deserving of high praise. Home address: Mrs. Martha P. Hohenstein, mother, Vernon Center, Minnesota.

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Major JOHN D. HUMPHREY, 0376773, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 7 February 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eugenia Humphrey, wife, Rienzi, Mississippi.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES W. KELLEY, JR., 37008591, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 20 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Doris L. Kelley, wife, 817 Main Street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Private First Class AMOS J. LANDIS, 33504655, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. During an attack to secure a difficult objective in mountainous terrain an assault rifle company was subjected to concentrations of heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire and suffered several casualties. Private LANDIS, company medical aid man attached to the assault company, though wounded in the initial enemy barrage, remained in the forward area administering medical aid to his wounded comrades until ordered to return to a battalion aid station for treatment of his own wound. While there he continued to assist the personnel in the aid station with the incoming casualties until he was evacuated. Home address: Mrs. Mabel H. Landis, Mother, RD #1, Stevens, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant DONALD S. LEDZIANOWSKI, 35016836, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Stella Dowling, Aunt, 3931 Buell Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Private First Class WILLIE H. MATLOCK, 37008791, 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 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Melba C. Matlock, wife, Owensville, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant MARVIN G. PORATH, 37038535, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 28 March 1945 to 14 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alma A. Porath, Mother, Box 462, Valentine, Nebraska.

Private First Class BYRON C. REID, 37038415, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 20 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Gertrude L. Reid, Mother, Herman, Nebraska.

Technician Third Grade CHESTER V. RISBRUDT, 37030745, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Chris Risbrudt, Father, Dalton, Minnesota.

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Private First Class HENRY BOUMAN, 37038461, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 20 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. LaVon Lorraine Bowman, Wife, Ruthton, Minnesota.

Private First Class DENVER R. SANDERS, 37628163, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bambang, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 March 1945. When a forward assault company advanced against strong Japanese forces, it encountered intense machine gun and sniper fire which pinned friendly troops to the ground and caused many casualties. Private SANDERS, a medical aid man, noted the plight of exposed wounded personnel and fearlessly crossed an open area to pull them from the enemy lane of fire. Home address: Mrs. Letha Sanders, wife, Wentzville, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade FREDERICK W. SCHRADER, 35023150, (then Technician Fifth Grade), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea from 30 July 1944 to 26 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. Bessie Schrader, Mother, 1003 Logan Street, New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Captain WILLARD A. SORENSON, 0409126, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lillie W. Sorenson, wife, Viborg, South Dakota.

Technical Sergeant VERNON J. STEARNS, 17011095, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bertha W. Stearns, wife, Star Route, Rochert, Minnesota.

Master Sergeant CHARLES J. TIANO, R-41149, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dora C. Tiano, wife, 2623 West Travis Street, San Antonio, Texas.

Sergeant ROBERT G. WILLIAMS, 6891128, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Village, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 24 January 1945. When an assault rifle company encountered several well fortified enemy pillboxes which momentarily halted the advance, Sergeant WILLIAMS, communications sergeant, located the enemy positions. Then he led two supporting tanks forward to a position from which, under his efficient direction, they successfully neutralized three enemy pillboxes thereby enabling the attack to move forward. Immediately thereafter, though exposed continually to sniper and automatic weapons fire, he recruited litter teams and evacuated two of his wounded comrades. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Williams, wife, 4411 East 27th S Kansas City, Missouri.

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Sergeant FRANK D. WYRICK, 39009767, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea from 20 December 1944 to 29 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Pauline A. Wyrick, wife, R.R. Box 23, San Juan Bautista, California.

Staff Sergeant GERALD L. YOUNG, 37008666, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Cabaruan Hills, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 January 1945. When an infantry rifle company advanced to attack a strong enemy force, it encountered devastating machine gun fire from the right flank which completely disorganized the advance and caused several casualties. Sergeant YOUNG, platoon guide, noting the plight of the wounded personnel exposed to intense sniper fire, hastily ordered and directed riflemen to a strategic firing position and then crawled to the side of the wounded men and successfully dragged them from the enemy lane of fire. Immediately thereafter he supervised their rapid evacuation to a battalion aid station. Home address: Mr. John Young, Father, RR #2, Cowgill, Missouri.

Section II - Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Lieutenant Colonel, WILLIAM E. ROBERTS, 0283371, by the Commanding General 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 2, Section II, General Orders No. 34, dated 23 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM E. ROBERTS, 0283371, General Staff Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary W. Roberts, wife, 505 E. Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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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 7 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 enlisted men:

Private First Class BURRESS ELLIOTT, 35652567, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. During a fierce engagement with the enemy, Private ELLIOTT voluntarily took command of his squad and led his men against the enemy in a superior manner. When his squad was pinned down and his first scout fell mortally wounded, Private ELLIOTT, with complete disregard for his personal safety, rescued his wounded comrade. He then proceeded to the opening of an enemy cave where he, alone, killed enemy personnel who were offering stubborn resistance. As he led his men forward against other enemy positions, Private ELLIOTT was killed by shrapnel from a bursting enemy mortar shell. His gallantry and outstanding leadership were a great inspiration to all men with whom he served. Next of kin: Mr. Daniel P. Elliott, Father, 4219 Rhodes Avenue, New Boston, Ohio.

Private First Class FRANK E. PHILLIPS, 37009449, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. Private PHILLIPS' platoon was held up in its advance by enemy machine gun fire coming from the reverse slope of a hill. On his own initiative, Private PHILLIPS crawled to the crest of the hill and threw hand grenades into the machine gun positions, completely silencing them. He then motioned his comrades forward and led his platoon in the continuation of the attack. While rushing an emplacement, he was mortally wounded by supporting enemy machine gun fire. Private PHILLIPS' gallantry was a great inspiration to all members of his platoon. Next of kin: Mr. Clayton D. Phillips, Father, Route #1, Barnett, Missouri.

Section II - Awards of Silver Star

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 7 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 man:

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Private First Class CLYDE N. COOK, 30110910, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 13 April 1945. Private COOK, with disregard for his own safety, fired his machine gun so fiercely that he kept three enemy pillboxes covered with fire. Although the enemy's attack was concentrated on him, he continued to hold his position so effectively that an encircled patrol was able to withdraw to a place of safety. He stayed by his gun until his mission was completed despite the fact that he was wounded during the action. Private COOK'S gallantry and outstanding devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Delbert Cook, Father, General Delivery, White Cloud, Michigan.

Captain EUGENE M. SOCHA, 0109935, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Mount Maruyuan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 April 1945. Captain SOCHA, while leading a reconnaissance patrol, moved forward from the main body with another officer in order to observe a critical area. Both officers were wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Captain SOCHA at once gave first aid to his wounded fellow officer and removed him to safety. Then, instead of leaving for medical aid for himself, he remained on duty to insure the prompt delivery of vital information which he had obtained. Later, as he proceeded to an aid station, he encountered two enemy soldiers whom he killed by firing from the hip. His courage and devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Michael Socha, Father, 816 West 21st Street, Lorain, Ohio.

Section III - Awards of Bronze Star Medal - Posthumously

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, posthumously, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

Sergeant CLAUDE CLARK, 37009165, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayan-Luzon, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. While making a flanking assault on strong enemy positions, Sergeant CLARK, at great risk to himself, went forward under sniper and automatic fire to assist a fellow soldier who had been fatally wounded. Sergeant CLARK dragged him to a defiladed position and then exchanged fire with the enemy to draw attention to himself and thus permit the safe retreat of a litter party. Sergeant CLARK was killed the night of 7 April 1945 while assisting in repelling an enemy counterattack. His heroic service was an inspiration to all men with whom he served. Next of kin: Mrs. Alice M. Clark, Mother, Route #3, Galena, Missouri.

First Lieutenant JAMES W. MERIWETHER, 01293088, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 25 January 1945. Next of kin: Mrs. Aldine M. Meriwether, Wife, 9 Reese Street, Newton, Georgia.

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Section IV - 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, 5th Infantry Division, APO 6, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class JACK A. BROOKLAND, 32843540, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. Private BROOKLAND, acting as a lead scout, with disregard for his own safety, purposely exposed himself to enemy sniper fire in order to locate the snipers' positions. After having located the snipers, Private BROOKLAND took advantage of all available cover in approaching their positions and killed one sniper by rifle fire and drove back several others. Home address: Mr. Arthur Brookland, Father, 2235 Weston Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM V. CARROLL, JR., 01643716, Signal 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 1 December 1944 to 10 January 1945. Home address: Mr. William V. Carroll, Father, 267 Pacific Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Private First Class ALFRED L. EARLE, 31085357, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Mataba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. Private EARLE, a rifleman, realizing that aid for a wounded man was dependent upon covering enemy positions in order that aid men could reach him, rushed the enemy positions with rifle fire and hand grenades. Working with his assistant squad leader, he was instrumental in smothering the enemy fire and created such a diversion that it was possible to evacuate the wounded man without sustaining casualties. Home address: Mrs. Delia M. Earle, Wife, West Main Street, Webster, Massachusetts.

Private First Class FELIX P.L. GAUTHREUX, 38259231, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Mount Mataba area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. Private GAUTHREUX, a rifleman in the flanking squad of an assault platoon, observed that a rifleman who had been dispatched to bring litters went down under heavy enemy machine gun fire. Private GAUTHREUX, with disregard for his own safety, volunteered to go through heavy enemy fire and bring up the litters. Under heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire he contacted the litter squads and guided them forward to the wounded. Private GAUTHREUX made five trips to guide litter squads over this route which was constantly swept by enemy machine gun fire. Home address: Mrs. Ophelia Gauthreaux, Mother, RFD Box 246, Labadieville, Louisiana.

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Staff Sergeant GORVIN T. HARDIN, 37066075, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Montalban area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. Despite the fact that heavy shells from enemy mortars were landing in the immediate area, Sergeant HARDIN, along with a gunner from his squad, gave up the protection of his cover and manned a mortar which was located in an exposed position. He threw a heavy concentration of mortar fire on the area over which the enemy was launching a counterattack. Because of the demoralizing effect and the number of casualties caused by the accurate mortar fire laid down by Sergeant HARDIN, the enemy became disorganized and the counterattack was broken up. Home address: Mrs. Addie J. Hardin, Mother, Route #2, Bismarck, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD J. KALUZA, 37032264, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayabuyan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. Sergeant KALUZA, while manning his sector of a defensive position, by his outstanding leadership broke up and completely disorganized a Japanese attack. Sergeant KALUZA had his men keep up a steady volley of fire, and by his fire orders, made certain that the fire was continuous. His squad inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. Home address: Mr. Jacob Kaluza, Father, 46 Meyers Location, Chisholm, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant DWIL LANE, (ASN: not yet assigned), (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bayabuyan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. Lieutenant LANE, while leading his platoon in an advance across an open slope, was met with a terrible concentration of enemy mortar fire. Since there was no cover available, Lieutenant LANE ordered his platoon to withdraw to a covered position lower down the hill. He, meanwhile, remained where he was, directing the evacuation of the wounded although under incessant mortar fire. Then, returning to his platoon, he reorganized it, and, though wounded himself, led it by a covered route to the right flank of the enemy positions. There, forming a skirmish line, Lieutenant LANE led his men in a flanking assault on the enemy, taking them by surprise and completely routed them. Home address: Mr. Will W. Lane, Father, Route #4, Harrison, Arkansas.

Private First Class DONALD H. MAY, 39201637, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. Private MAY, acting as a scout for his infantry company, located and, by using grenades, destroyed an enemy machine gun nest, killing two Japs and forcing three others to abandon their light machine gun. Private MAY continued on, throwing hand grenades into Jap fox holes along the trail of advancement, and succeeded in keeping the enemy pinned down while others came up to destroy them. Through his aggressive scouting and display of initiative his company was able to proceed forward and carry out its mission. Home address: Mrs. Luona Lyles, Mother, 7143 13th South West, Seattle, Washington.

Staff Sergeant TORRY J. RIPPEL, 37008315, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 23 January 1945 to 30 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Carl Rippeel, Father, RR #3, Hoberly, Missouri.

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Sergeant CLARENCE SPEARMAN, 3819007, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mount Natuba, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 6 April 1945. Sergeant SPEARMAN, an assistant squad leader, realizing that aid for a wounded man was dependent upon covering enemy positions in order that aid men could reach him, rushed the enemy positions with automatic rifle fire and hand grenades. Working with a member of his squad, he was instrumental in smothering the enemy fire and created such a diversion that it was possible to evacuate the wounded man without sustaining casualties. Home address: Mrs. Oma Spearman, Mother, Box 419, Rodessa, Louisiana.

Private First Class POYCE R. STALNAKER, 38503000, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Mateo, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 April 1945. Private STALNAKER, an ammunition bearer in an ammunition pioneer platoon, was performing duty as guard for a bulldozer which was cutting a supply road near San Mateo. The bulldozer came under heavy enemy mortar fire and was forced to take cover and in so doing caught a communication wire and broke it. Private STALNAKER noticed this break and with disregard for his personal safety, moved forward and remained under fire until he had repaired the line and restored vital communication. Home address: Mrs. Birdie V. Stalnaker, Mother, 1711 East 5th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Major DONALD F. STARR, 0455912, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Sierra Madre Mountains, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 16 April 1945 to 22 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jean E. Starr, Wife, 539 South 31st Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska.

Corporal NOELAN W. STOFFER, 37009009, (then Private First Class), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 6 April 1945 to 9 April 1945. Home address: Mr. George Stouffer, Father, Route #1, Marshall, Missouri.

Corporal WARFRED U. WARVI, 36186030, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Montalban area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 26 February 1945. Despite the fact that heavy shells from enemy mortars were landing in the immediate area, Corporal WARVI, along with his squad leader, gave up the protection of his cover and manned a mortar which was located in an exposed position. He threw a heavy concentration of mortar fire on the area over which the enemy was launching a counterattack. Because of the demoralizing effect and the number of casualties caused by the accurate mortar fire laid down by Corporal WARVI, the enemy became disorganized and the counterattack was broken up. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Warvi, Mother, 462 Houk Street, Ironwood, Michigan.

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Technical Sergeant TATE V. ZYTKOSKEE, 37030593, (then Technician Third grade), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Novaliches, Luzon, Philippine Islands. During the hours of darkness on the morning of 25 February 1945, one of our men suffered a severe leg injury from an enemy demolition charge. Sergeant ZYTKOSKEE, without thought of personal danger and under direct fire from enemy machine guns and snipers, went to the aid of the wounded man and applied a tourniquet to his leg. While the enemy was firing at him, Sergeant ZYTKOSKEE dragged the man to a safe place and proceeded to administer blood plasma. At daybreak he supervised the evacuation of the casualty to a rear medical installation. Home address: Mr. Salisbury Zytkoskee, Brother, Homer, Minnesota.

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SECTION I - AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL
SECTION II - AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)
SECTION III - AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS

Section I - 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 enlisted men:

Sergeant CLINTON L. ANDERSON, 37081383, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 April 1945. Sergeant ANDERSON evacuated a wounded man who had fallen about twenty-five hundred yards to his front in an area which was under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. With the help of another enlisted man, he succeeded in removing the casualty to the safety of a rear installation. Home address: Mrs. Maude Anderson, Mother, Route #2, Hayward, Wisconsin.

Second Lieutenant ELMER W. BERN, 02023638, (then Technical Sergeant) Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at the Novaliches Watershed, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 April 1945 to 14 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Orleen Bern, wife, Traer, Iowa.

Private First Class WILLIAM J. BRINDLEY, 35104313, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Wawa-Antipolo line, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 12 March 1945. Private BRINDLEY volunteered to lead a carrying party over a three thousand yard route of very mountainous terrain in order to supply front line companies which were surrounded by enemy infiltration parties. A number of times the party narrowly escaped making contact with groups of the roving enemy. Private BRINDLEY returned after providing much needed ammunition which insured the success of an attack. Home address: Mrs. Verda Brindley, Mother, Route #4, Very, Indiana.

Corporal BERNARD P. BURKE, 37029209, 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 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Joyce A. Burke, Wife, Belmont Apts, 14-A; Hibbing, Minnesota

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Private First Class ROBERT J. FORD, 39711683, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Novaliches watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 April 1945 to 14 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rigena Ford, wife, 217 North Oxford Avenue, Hollywood, California.

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Private First Class REUBEN H. FRALEY, 37066447, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 March 1945. Private FRALEY volunteered to evacuate casualties with his ambulance while under enemy 150mm mortar and sniper fire. With disregard for his personal safety, he continued the evacuation of the wounded until all had been removed to a place of safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. R. H. Fraley, wife, Gentry, Arkansas.

Private First Class LEROY FURNISH, 38516481, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 March 1945. When fire from 150mm enemy mortars inflicted a number of casualties among our front line troops, Private FURNISH volunteered to drive his ambulance for a distance of one thousand yards beyond a battalion aid station in order to expedite the evacuation of wounded men. The route over which he traveled was under enemy observation and fire but, with disregard for personal safety, Private FURNISH succeeded in removing many casualties to rear installations. Home address: Mr. P. W. Furnish, Father, Route #1, Lake City, Arkansas.

Private First Class FRANCIS E. HOOVER, 38326551, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Novaliches Watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 April 1945 to 13 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alvan Hoover, Mother, Valliant, Oklahoma.

Sergeant LLOYD G. HUBBARD, 36040611, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Novaliches watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 11 April 1945 to 14 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Hubbard, Mother, 406 West 12th Street, Rock Falls, Illinois.

Private First Class FRANK HUFFMAN, 36040473, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Montalban, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 April 1945. Private HUFFMAN while on his enlisted man volunteered to take a stretcher forward a distance of approximately twenty-five hundred yards in order to evacuate a wounded comrade. In the face of enemy mortar fire which landed close by, they succeeded in moving the wounded man to a place of safety. Home address: Mrs. Gordie Huffman, Mother, Route #1, Stever, Missouri

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Sergeant NORMAN C. LAMOUREUX, 31056782, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Marikina Watershed area, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 25 March 1945 to 30 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Lamoureux, Mother 165 Norwood Avenue, Norwood, Rhode Island.

Staff Sergeant ARTHUR M. RENNA, 37030737, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 April 1945. Sergeant RENNA volunteered to assist with the evacuation of wounded men by driving a jeep a distance of two thousand yards forward of an aid station. Despite the fact that 150mm mortar shells were bursting along the route he must follow, Sergeant RENNA made five trips over this dangerous trail in order to expedite evacuation of the wounded. Home address: Mrs. Edward Reseland, Sister, 220 12th Street No., Moorhead, Minnesota.

Private First Class CLARENCE C. WIERMAN, 37057494, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wawa-Antipolo area, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 27 February 1945. Five hundred yards from its objective, Private WIERMAN'S company was pinned down and communications were disrupted by enemy fire. Private WIERMAN, lineman at a forward observation post, traced the line of communication toward the rear, and, while subjected to enemy small arms, automatic and mortar fire, succeeded in repairing the break. Home address: Mrs. Amanda K. Wieman, Mother, Route #1, Troy, Missouri.

Corporal WILLARD M. WILSON, 37057267, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 25 March 1945 to 30 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Ross Wilson, Father, Route #1, Eolia, Missouri.

Private First Class FRANK E. WRIGHT, 34547335, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 March 1945. In the face of enemy machine gun fire, Private WRIGHT continued the evacuation of wounded men until he himself became a casualty. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Henry Lee Wright, Father, Route #1, Greenwood, Florida.

Section II - Awards of Bronze Star medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain EDWIN J. BRANDENBURG, 0451501, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 4, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

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Captain EDWIN W. BRANDENBURG, 0451501, 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 20 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Brandenburg, Wife, Deep River, Iowa.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain (Chaplain) FRANCIS T. DIETZ, 0491021, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 6, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Captain (Chaplain) FRANCIS T. DIETZ, 0491021, Corps of Chaplains, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 10 January 1945 to 7 February 1945. While the infantry battalion to which Chaplain DIETZ was attached was engaged in an assault, Chaplain DIETZ was constantly with the foremost combat elements and refused to go to the rear area to rest until the assault was completed. Under heavy enemy sniper and mortar fire, he administered the last rites to the dying and bolstered the morale of badly wounded soldiers. His presence there under the most trying of combat conditions was a great morale factor to the men, and his unflinching attention to duty under intense enemy fire inspired all those with whom he serves. Home address: Mrs. Frank S. Dietz, Mother, 3271 Tullamore Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fourth Grade FRANKLIN W. LEET, 37028977, by the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, as published on page 4, 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 (Sec II Bull 3 WD 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technician Fourth Grade FRANKLIN W. LEET, 37028977, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Munoz, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 2 February 1945. While his company was heavily engaged with the enemy, Technician LEET, with three other men, carried a casualty back to our lines with enemy 47mm projectiles bursting around them. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Franklin W. Leet, Wife, Parshall, North Dakota.

Section III - Amendment of General Orders

✓ So much of page 17, Section III, General Orders No. 50, Headquarters 6th Infantry Division, APO 6, dated 11 April 1945, as pertains to Colonel HENRY A. BOCCI, 020374, Infantry, as reads: "A Bronze Star Medal is awarded" is deleted.

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and the following substituted therefor: "in addition to the Bronze Star medal awarded to Colonel HENRY A. MUGGE, 020374, by the Commanding General, Sixth Army, APO 442, as published in Section III, General Orders No. 257, Headquarters, Sixth Army, APO 442, dated 29 December 1944, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded".

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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 (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:

First Lieutenant THOMAS E. ALLEN, 01287812, (then Second Lieutenant), 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. When a heavy weapons company supported an infantry battalion in clearing hostile troops from commanding ground, severe casualties were inflicted by intense enemy sniper and machine gun fire. Lieutenant ALLEN, platoon leader, with disregard for his own safety, crawled along the lines of forward elements to make personal checks to see that all wounded personnel had been evacuated to a battalion aid station. He personally aided in carrying several wounded men out of the lanes of enemy fire and back to waiting litter teams. Home address: Mr. James E. Allen, Father, 4955 Lakeview Drive, Miami Beach, Florida.

Private First Class EDWARD A. BLUTH, 36449494, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 9 March 1945. The enemy, employing rifle and automatic weapons fire supported by mortars, staged a determined counterattack during which a knee mortar shell landed in a foxhole nearby Private BLUTH'S position, seriously wounding one of his platoon members. Fully exposed to enemy fire, Private BLUTH moved to the side of the wounded soldier and applied a much needed tourniquet. Unassisted he carried his wounded comrade to a place of safety from which he could be evacuated by litter teams. Home address: Mrs. Barbara Bluth, Mother, 1116 Walnut Street, Ottawa, Illinois.

First Sergeant CHARLES J. BOYER, 6803233, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jessie L. Boyer, Wife, Box 415, Pismo Beach, California.

First Sergeant WELDON C. BROOKS, 18033064, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 25 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Effie Mae Brooks, Wife, Route #2, Bellevue, Texas.

Staff Sergeant TRAVIS I. BUSHONG, 37007725, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands from 9 January 1945 to 21 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Lander Bush, Father, West Plains, Missouri.

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Private First Class ROBERT CANTER, 35652322, 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 an infantry rifle company advanced against deeply entrenched and strongly fortified enemy machine gun and knee mortar emplacements, it encountered devastating fire from a dug-in enemy armored car. Private CANTER, an automatic rifleman, crawled through the severely contested area to contact a friendly tank and guide it to a firing point. Then, from a completely exposed position through the use of his automatic rifle, he fearlessly and accurately directed fire from the tank until the armored car and several supporting emplacements were demolished. Home address: Mrs. Molly Canter, Mother, Sissonville, West Virginia.

Private First Class LESTER C. CARROLL, 36040623, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the town of Urdeneta, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 January 1945. Private CARROLL, a truck driver, was hauling ammunition between a regimental ammunition dump and an advance command post of an infantry battalion when a report was received stating that forward assault elements were running low in ammunition. Private CARROLL, disregarding his own safety, voluntarily drove his truck loaded with ammunition through a heavy enemy artillery barrage and succeeded in supplying the company command post with much needed ammunition. Home address: Mr. Ervin Carroll, Father, 746 1st Avenue, Morris, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant ASTOR DOBSON, 6986515, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bayanbayanan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 10 March 1945. Prior to an attack Sergeant DOBSON, acting assistant squad leader, fearlessly volunteered to lead a four-man reconnaissance patrol deep into enemy territory to seek satisfactory routes of approach and discover and plot the position of enemy emplacements. Upon noting the position of a strong enemy force, he returned for additional reinforcements, carefully oriented his men, outlined the plan of attack and fearlessly led his command against the prepared positions. By skillful employment of the patrol and the timely and efficient use of automatic weapons, the fire of enemy gunners was completely disrupted and their command helplessly disorganized. After the rapid surprise assault, sixty-one enemy dead were counted without casualties to our reinforced patrol. Home address: Mr. Calloway W. Dobson, Father, Route #1, Milan, Indiana.

Private First Class WILLIAM HALLOWELL, 37038405, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Mataoa, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 17 April 1945. When a rifle platoon was defending a newly-gained hill position, it was attacked by approximately twenty Japanese soldiers employing grenades, knee mortars and small arms fire from a plain slightly higher than the defensive position. Realizing their precarious position, Private HALLOWELL, acting squad leader, courageously crawled from the emplacement and rapidly went forward to flank the enemy's position. Upon arriving at a vantage point, he brought devastating fire to bear on the grouped enemy force and so relentlessly maintained rapid and accurate fire that their command was completely disrupted and their attack routed. Home address: Mr. Silas Hallowell, Father, Macy, Nebraska.